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THE TRANSLATOR TO THE READER

This translation was begun during a time of Theological Doctoral studies in 1971, and was not completed until this year, 2002. Each key word in the original language is transliterated and translated so that the orthodox Jewish meaning will shine through. These key words are listed in a glossary for the benefit of the reader who will thereby be able to pour over every key word of the Hebrew Bible, even rather exhaustively through *The Orthodox Jewish Bible*.

Those who read the Bible with Gentile spectacles need to take another look. It took a lifetime to do this translation because of the research involved. Moreover, the problem with Bibles translated by a committee is that usually none of the committee members actually studies every single word in the original languages. Being led by G-d to spend 31 years doing exactly that, always in Jewish communities, always in the midst of Chasidic Jews, and always surrounded by the finest array of scholarly and rabbinic books—this was a divinely provided, unique advantage. Consequently, part of the OJB is already being translated into Hebrew and Yiddish and Russian, and is available online even now in Spanish and Ladino.

But why another translation? Why the OJB? To answer that question, let’s look at the OJB rendering of Isaiah 7:14. “Therefore Hashem Himself shall give you an ot (sign); hinei (behold), Ha-Almah (The unmarried young Virgin) shall conceive, and bear Ben (Son), and shall call shmo (his name) Immanu-El (G-d is with us).

From Isaiah’s writings we learn that stubborn and unteachable people like the proud religious leaders in Isaiah chapter 28 and proud King Ahaz in chapter 7 don’t lower themselves to “factor in” signs, but a sign of tongues will be given to the unbelievers in Isaiah chapter 28; and, to Ahaz and the House of David, a sign will be given of the unmarried young virgin conceiving (a potentially scandalous sign, wouldn’t you say, when we think of teenage unwed mothers?). Furthermore, this sign will be given, whether Ahaz wants it or not. (Judging from their “young woman” rendering of Ha-Almah, apparently many “Ahaz” Bible translators have not wanted it). When we think of “the” virgin, the only other times in the entire Tanakh that we see the expression ha-Almah (the virgin), is that unmarried young virgin Rikvah (Rebekah) in Genesis 24:43 who is preparing in that passage to conceive the nation of Israel; and that young unmarried virgin Miryam, who is preparing to bring forth the Savior of the Exodus (Ex 2:8). So let’s begin our discussion by pointing out that there are only three ha-Almah virgins in Scripture: the mother of Moshiach (Isa 7:14) and the mother of the Nation of Israel (Gn 24:43) and Miryam the virgin pointing us to the Savior of the Exodus (Ex 2:8).

But in this passage, Isaiah 7:14, Moshiach is promised. What is at stake in this one word ha-Almah? The answer is: simply everything. If, according to the Hebrew Scriptures, Moshiach was not born of the Almah virgin, then he is not Ben HaElohim, he is not Moshiach, and we are not delivered from death’s eternal judgment by the one who is ‘G-d with us.’ [See p. 1222 for a long list of places where the word almah occurs in the OJB Index].

So, to say the least, it is worth probing the Scriptures to study this and related words. A passage in Judges chapter 8, mentions royal bearing (verse 18) and also the word pilegsh (concubine, verse 31). See also Shir Hashirim (Song of Songs) chapter 6 verse 8, where that passage infers the royal bearing in the harem of the pilegsh as concubine and the royal bearing of malkah (queen) as legitimate royal wife and the royal bearing of almah (who in the harem has the royal bearing of betulah or virgin, not merely ‘young woman’ since a merely young woman would throw a question on hereditary rights to the throne in that any young woman who was only that, only a woman, only young, and then introduced into the harem other than a virgin could destabilize the dynastic
heirdom for the reason that in dynastic monarchy the child would normally be of the king's body begotten and there can be no question about this fact; so in this matter the three classes of women in the harem—[1] malkah, [2] pilegesh and [3] almah–betulah, Song of Songs 6:8—are crucial technical terms having to do with not only sexual matters vis-a-vis the king but political matters vis-a-vis the succession government of the dynastic monarchy. This matter of royal bearing of the almah as betulah or virgin is decisive in translating Isaiah 7:14 'ha-almah' as 'the virgin' particularly here since the context of 'Bais Dovid' (verse 13) shows that a royal almah, not just any almah, is in view; see Shir Hashirim 6:8 'there are threescore melakhot (queens), and fourscore pilagshim (concubines), and—without number—alamot (virgins, singular—almah; alam—young man 1Sm 20:22; 17:56).’ [Note: alamot is plural of almah, 'virgin,' alamot, 'virgins. ’] See Shir Hashirim 1:3; Yeshayah 7:14; Bereshis 24:43; Shemot 30:19 where the word means explicitly or implicitly 'virgin' and where 'young unmarried woman' is not an adequate rendering, in this case, since the king was hardly interested in only 'young unmarried women' in his harem, but demanded 'virgin unmarried maidens'; the older Jewish translations like Harkavy's in fact translated the word as 'virgin' in Song of Songs 6:8 until it became 'politically incorrect' to do so in later, more liberal Jewish translations into English.

See Joel 1:8 where betulah is used of a married woman; almah is always a young unmarried betulah in Scripture. We have no word in English to differentiate an unmarried from a married virgin. One might say, we have no word in English to differentiate a young horse from a younger horse—so what? Not so, in English we have a very precise nomenclature for horses. We have 'filly' (a young female horse), or 'mare' (a fully mature female horse) or 'foal' (a horse not yet one year old), or 'yearling' (a horse one year old dating from January 1 of the year after the year of foaling). So 'young horse' is crudely inadequate in the world of the stables, just as 'young woman' is crudely inadequate in the world of the Bible. And just as modern racetrack enthusiasts require more precision in their 'horse' vocabulary, so too the Hebrews did with their 'woman' vocabulary. An almah is an unmarried, virginal, sexually ripening young woman (all these notions in the definition are crucial); a betulah is a virginal married or unmarried woman, and she may be old, she does not have to be young; a na'arah is a girl or young woman; a zonah is a non-virginal harlot or prostitute; a noefet is an adulteress; an agunah is a woman whose husband's whereabouts are unknown [see Ro 7:2 OIBC]; a pillegesh is a concubine; an isha is a woman/wife; a gerushah is a divorcee; a gevireh is a noble woman or queen mother; a malkah is a queen, etc. Notice all these terms for women are defined vis-a-vis the man, since, according to the opening chapters of Genesis, woman was made for man. 'Young woman' is as crudely out of place in Hebrew nomenclature as 'young horse' is in racetrack nomenclature; 'young woman' is oddly and jarringly imprecise. There is a perfectly good Hebrew word for "young woman" which Boaz says twice in reference to Ruth—"na'arah" ("young woman"), which Boaz uses in Ruth 2:5 and again in Ruth 4:12. Here virginity is not implicit and in fact Ruth is a young widow who had been married before and for some time. Notice the precision of language: Song of Songs 6:8 does not say “ne’arot” without number (ne’arot—young women plural, na’arah—young woman singular); Song of Songs 6:8 says “alamot” without number (alamot—virginal young women, plural of almah). Proverbs speaks of the derech gever (way of a man) with an almah (Prov. 30:19), but when this is referenced in Scripture in Genesis 24:65, the derech (way) of the almah Rivkah (Rebekah) and the gever Yitzchak (Isaac) shows the young woman still a virgin (Gn 24:65). The virgin whose seed (Moshiach) crushes Satan’s head (Genesis 3:15) is the almah whose supernatural conception of Moshiach is a sign to the House of David.

One more point, in Genesis chapter 24, almah and betulah (in 24:43 and 24:16) are used nearly synonymously. Now, to illustrate, if we say the 'lad' sat by the well and then if we say the 'boy' walked around the well, and if we are talking about the same person, then obviously we
are using 'lad' and 'boy' in some synonymous fashion and it is only our tendentious bias that would have us try to make some vast distinction between the terms. In Genesis chapter 24, Rivkah (Rebekah) is called an 'almah' and in the same breath she is also called a 'betulah,' showing some kind of interchangeable connection between the words. In our illustration, the semantic freight which both 'lad' and 'boy' carry is youth and also maleness, making it possible to use the terms 'lad' and 'boy' of the same person interchangeably. One could not seriously, for example, use the term 'geezer' (elderly eccentric man) and 'lad' interchangeably of the same person, and one could not use the Biblical Hebrew word 'zonah' (a non-virgin harlot, prostitute) and 'betulah' of the same person interchangeably (the Hebrew Bible never uses zonah and almah regarding the same person); but the Hebrew Bible does in fact use 'almah' and 'betulah' in Genesis 24:43 and Genesis 24:16 of the same person (Rebekah) because both terms carry the common semantic freight of femaleness and virginity. In Genesis chapter 24, Rivkah is called an almah and she is also called a betulah, showing that, if not virginal, an almah would not be an almah. In Genesis chp 24 HaAlmah is used as a synonym for na'arah-betulah. Virginity is at least implicit in the term “almah” or an almah could not be called a betulah. It would never do in Hebrew, for example, to say that the pilegesh (concubine) approached the well and then say the betulah sat by the well and yet be talking about the same person. Virginity is definitely not implicit in the term pilegesh (concubine). Moreover, as a translation for 'almah,' 'young woman' destroys the virginal conception of the Moshiach, without which he is not Ben HaElohim Moshi'a (Savior) of adam's rebellious, sin-blinded progeny. So we see the verse proves true that says 'some twist the Scriptures to their own destruction (2K 3:16).'

Those who delude themselves that there is no distinction between “na’arah” (young woman) and “almah” (young virgin) have Biblical usage and context arguing in concert against them.

Finally, in Isaiah 7:14 the Jewish rabbis and scholars, who translated the Targum Hashivim [Septuagint Hebrew Bible Greek translation] in the Third Century B.C.E. for the Hellenistic synagogue, translated the Hebrew word 'almah as the Greek word 'parthenos'—which Greek word can only mean, according to the standard lexicon, 'female of marriageable age with focus on virginity' [see F.W.Danker Greek-Engish Lexicon, page 777]. Notice other times parthenos (‘virgin’) is used in the Greek NT: Mt 25:1,7,11; Lk 1:27; 1C 7:25; Ac 21:9. The Septuagint translators also translated 'haalmah' in Genesis 24:43 as 'parthenos' showing that both Rivkah the almah and the mother of the Moshiach, Moshiach who is G-d with us, are both 'haalmah' and both ‘parthenos’ and both 'the virgin'. Let it be said rather bitingly that perhaps these ancient rabbis understood the word 'almah' somewhat better than we moderns do. J.A. Motyer writes, 'In Song of Solomon 6:8, the alamot [plural of almah], contrasted with queens and concubines, are unmarried and virgin' (The Prophecy of Isaiah, Inter-Varsity Press, Leicester England, 1993). In conclusion, Isaiah was speaking of the unmarried young virgin. This translation is 'orthodox' because it is both true to the Scriptures and it preserves the supernatural entrance (virgin) and exit (empty tomb) of the Ben Dovid Ben Elohim Moshiach, the Savior (Goel, Oisleizer) of the World.

'G-d-with-us' cannot be Hezekiah because Hezekiah had already been born. Moshiach is called not only 'G-d-with-us' but 'mighty G-d' [compare Isaiah 9:5[6] and 10:21] and more than once is called Ben HaElohim. (see the OJB translation). Just as Moshiach had a real presence in the wilderness (Num 21:16-18; 1C10:4), Moshiach’s real presence in the Bais Dovid forms an eschatological time line: his coming is in the future when the Bais Dovid will suffer subjugation indicated by the fact that desert food, thickened milk and honey, will be the future oppressive diet (see Isaiah 7:22) because of the capitulation of Ahaz to Assyria, with Assyria’s imperial despotic evil having various future manifestations from Babylonian to Roman Imperial kingdoms, until the prophecy to the dynasty of the Bais Dovid is literally fulfilled in Moshiach. When this prophecy achieves its fulfillment, history would finally confirm that the time line here covers more than 700 years, with only a handful of years set apart to describe the brief time before Judah’s enemies, Syria and the northern kingdom of Israel, will pose no more threat to Judah (see Isaiah 7:16).
The OJB translates Proverbs chapter 30:1-19 and should include a comment that helps to explain how, in spite of teenage unwed mothers, the Isianic unmarried young virgin conceiving is not as scandalous a sign as may at first appear. The reason is that in conceiving she is still the unwed "virgin," (not an unwed zonah worthy of stoning), and the one conceived is called "G-d" or "El" in Hebrew, even "G-d with us," giving a clear derivative clue to his paternity.

Let it be said as another comment on Proverbs (Mishle) chapter 30 that the Devar Hashem, the Chochmah (Wisdom) that Hashem used to create the world (Psalm 33:6; Prov 8:30), is called here Ben HaElohim (Prov 30:4); thus this title "Ben HaElohim" used also of Moshiach (Psalm 2:7) introduces the revelation that Moshiach is the Chochmah of Hashem, even the very Ben HaElohim, the Seed of the Woman who will crush the head of the cunning Serpent Satan (Genesis 3:15). See verse Proverbs 30:4: “Who hath ascended into Shomayim, or descended? Who hath gathered ruach in the hollows of His hands? Who hath bound the mayim in a cloak? Who hath established all the afsei aretz (ends of the earth)? What is Shmo (His Name), and what is Shem Bno (the Name of His Son), if thou canst tell?” Then we move on to Prov 30:19, “The derech hanesher (way of the eagle) in the sky; the derech nachash (way of a snake) upon a tsur (rock); the derech oniyah (way of a sailing vessel) in the midst of the yam (sea); and the derech gever (way of a man) with an almah (unmarried young virgin—see Gn 24:16, 43, 63-65).” In short, it would be hard to see these crucial teachings in the text of most other translations; thus the raison d’etre for the OJB version.

Finally, a word needs to be said about the translation of the Messiah’s name in the OJB. We know that at least one of the languages our Moshiach spoke was a dialect of Western Aramaic (note TALITHA CUMI, GOLGOTHA, MARANATHA). YESHUA is the Aramaic form of YEHOBSUAH. Anyone who questions this should look at the Aramaic dictionary at the end of the standard Brown, Driver and Briggs Lexicon where the word YESHUAH can be found listed as an Aramaic word. And YEHOBSUAH (Hebrew for JOSHUA) is the Hebrew form of YESHUA (יוֹסֵף in Greek).

Parts of the Tanach are written in Aramaic (e.g. Ezra 4:8-6:18; 7:12-26; Dan 2:4-7:28; Jer 10:10-11; Gn 31:47). This is important because the infallible Bible settles all arguments. To the question ‘What is the Hebrew translation of the Aramaic word YESHUA?’ the Bible tells us the infallible answer by translating the Aramaic word YESHUAH in the Aramaic passage in Ezra 5:2 with the Hebrew word YEHOBSUAH in the Hebrew passage in Zechariah 6:11-12, which also says that this Yehoshua is a ‘sign’ man and his name is TZEMACH ‘BRANCH’ [of Dovid], a code name for the soon to come and sprout up [even suddenly, out of dry ground] Moshiach. So the Moshiach’s name is YEHOBSUAH/YESHUA (not an ‘either/or’ but a ‘both/and’) and in the OJB the decision was made to use the Hebrew form of Moshiach’s name rather than the Aramaic form. In the Greek NT the very same Greek word Yoh-tah ee-tah seegh-mah oh-mee-krone eeps-ece-lone final seegh-mah is used for Yehoshua/Yeshua/Joshua Ben Nun in Acts 7:45 and for Yehoshua/Joshua/Yeshua Ben Elohim in Acts 7:55, showing that both Joshua and Yeshua are exactly the same as far as the Greek is concerned, meaning either translation (Yehoshua or Yeshua) is acceptable in faithfully rendering the Greek NT into English.

Moshiach’s half-brother Yehuda wrote of the emunah (faith) which was once for all time handed down and transmitted to the Kadoshim. The document Yehuda wrote [p. 1118] is one of the most important ever written. Why? Because it is written by one of the Zekeinim (Elders, Leaders) of the Messianic Edat Bnei Yisroel in Yerushalayim and is early and authoritative, having been written by Yehuda, one of the brothers of Ya’akov the Shliach, himself one of the “Ammudei HaKehillah” (Pillars of the Kehillah) in the early period of pre-Churban Bayis Sheni Judaism of the Kehillah of Moshiach in Yerushalayim. Ya’akov died in 62 C.E. al kiddish ha-Shem for the sake of his Martyr’s Eidus as an Emissary of the Zera Dovid Moshiach and as an eye-witness to the Techiyas

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HaMoshiach. Both of these, Yehuda and Ya’akov, were half-brothers of Moshiach and, like Moshiach, could indeed claim King Dovid as their direct ancestor. In referring to “the faith which was once for all handed over and transmitted to the Kadoshim,” Yehuda is speaking of the body of objective truth which has been handed down as Massorah (universally binding, authorized Jewish teaching of the Zekenim of Israel, that is, Messianic Massorah HaZekenim, Authoritative Jewish Teaching of the Elders of Israel to be passed down from generation to generation). As such, this requires Messianic Shomrim to guard the orthodox Jewish faith (orthos = right, doxa = belief) and contend for it and accurately transmit it through the generations. It is for the purpose of equipping such Shomrim that the OJB version was translated, a work which really began only four years after the Six Day War, when a revived Jewish interest in the Messiah began world-wide, because, prophetically, Jerusalem was no longer trodden down by Gentiles (Lk 21:24) and the Fig Tree, replanted in 1948, was beginning to blossom (Lk 21:29-31). Over two decades before, preparations had begun for the publication of the New English Bible, the first major new translation of the Bible into English since Tyndale. As Benson Bobrick has said, “Next to the Bible itself, the English Bible was (and is) the most influential book ever published” (Wide As the Waters, Penquin Books, p.11). Commenting on the uniqueness of the OJB, the Jewish, yeshiva-trained, Israeli scholar and author, Yosef Shulam wrote favorably, “It is like nothing I have seen before…”

We lift up his favorable assessment to G-d and say to Hashem be the glory, and may the Hebrew shine forth in this English version to every believer on earth!

On a more personal note, let me say that this translation reflects the Holy Bible as a well-worn treasure map that I have been studying nearly all my adult life. Without this infallible map, we sit in darkness, without hope and without G-d in the world (Mt 4:16; Ep 2:12). What is the treasure that the Bible maps toward? Joseph had treasure put in the sacks of his brothers (Gn 43:23), treasure that did not bring them joy because they didn’t know their Savior (Gn 43:18). There is a veil over the eyes when the unregenerate person gazes at Scripture (2C 3:14-16), an idol stands at the door of his “inner gate” (Ezek 8:3), and, as long as the “scales” of unregenerate uncircumcision (Ac 9:18) have not been removed, the Scriptures are unfathomed (1C 2:14), and there is no turning to the L-rd, no craving for the pure milk of the Word (1K 2:2), not even a taste for it (Jer 6:10).

Some believers stop looking for treasure in their Bibles after a while. They don’t stick to the map, don’t rely on the Word to chart their course, and after a while they get detoured into a maze of self-help books, psychology, intellectual speculation, philosophy, materialism, educational title-mongering, mass media punditry, or motions of empty religiosity. In His mercy, from the Read-More Bookstore in Hollywood, California, unto this present hour, G-d has been trying to keep me from blundering into any of those sad “rich young Ruler (Mt 19:22)” dead-end streets. Instead, He beckoned me to pursue after the true silver and gold (Prov.3:13-14), for the joy of which a man will go and sell all that he has to purchase that treasure (Mt 13:44, Lk 14:25-30, 33, Pp 3:8). So many times in a bookstore the Bible would cost all I had, and buying it would mean going without food for a time. But G-d was testing me: did I want Him and His Word more than anything in life? Was I willing to turn my back on the treasures of Egypt (MI 11:26)? Sometimes I let Him down. Other times, trouble, not just poverty, would come in open-air preaching (Jon 3:4), because of the Word (Mt 13:21). Would I encourage myself in the treasure chest of Scripture (1Sm 30:6)? Will you? Dt 28:12 promises that the L-rd will “open up unto thee His good treasure.” I know that is true for all who love the truth (2Th 2:10-11; I Yn 4:6)! Mere religion can be unmasked (see Lk 22:52-23:38); beyond mere religion, as one who has examined it, I can assure you the Bible is true to the core.

Robert Lewis Stevenson started with an imaginary map and developed a novel called Treasure Island. However, there is a treasure map that is not imaginary, and that map I happened upon as a young professional film actor browsing in Read-More Bookstore on Hollywood Blvd in 1970. That bookstore no longer exists, buried in the sands of time. But the treasure map is still today in my
hands, the map I happened upon in the mercy and ministry call of Hashem as a young man, the treasure map that is real, and eternal, and leads us to the buried Pearl of Great Price.

Mt 13:44 is a parable about a treasure buried by someone in a field, then found by someone else, who immediately reburies or hides it in that field so he can go and sell everything he has in order to purchase that priceless field, the great worth of which he has just discovered. The treasure I found in 1970 I have not reburied but, in the mercy of G-d, the eternal treasure once found in the New English Bible in 1970, is now eternal treasure rediscovered in The Orthodox Jewish Bible in 2002. And what a treasure it is! It is worth more to me now than then, a treasure of such weight of glory, a priceless matmon (Hebrew for “treasure” in Genesis 43:23). Is it true that it costs you everything? Yes, I have known poverty as an open-air minister for 30 years; but I was being tested during that pre-publication “trial period” to see how priceless the Bible was to me before G-d would grant me the privilege and trust me with translating it. Trials can be tests before privileged promotion.

And what a privilege! And how unworthy we are. As we prepare to publish, I have begun to go over every verse, making sure not one is missing from the OJB. And as my eyes and fingers go over ancient Bible manuscripts, I have the feeling a miser must have when he counts his gold coins. But we are not being miserly with the Word of G-d; we are making it available free-of-charge on the Internet at http://www.afi.org to enrich the whole world and you are helping us.

G-d checked this Bible Society ministry into that afi.org Website on Labor Day weekend 1995, just as He checked me into the Wishing Well Motel in Boynton Beach Florida on Labor Day weekend 1978, even though I was homeless and had only 23 cents. After that, G-d checked this ministry into its first New York City office on Labor Day weekend 1981. Now this weekend, Labor Day weekend 2010, I am writing this as an updated Preface to the OJB. Some might say that our afi.org Bible Society's Bible, the Orthodox Jewish Bible, is entitled with deception. However, there are many adherents of a sect of Hasidim in Brooklyn, New York, who claim that their Rebbe is G-d and that they are still part of Orthodox Judaism, demanding to have it both ways, as it were. This is basically what is going on in the Beis HaMikdash (Jerusalem Temple) with Paul and James in Acts chapter 21 (see p.996), the two of them wanting to have it both ways. Don’t blame afi.org for this; we didn’t write the Bible; we just translate it. The fact is, Paul submits his Gospel to a Torah-observant (Ac 21:20) Jewish community deserving of religio licita protection, a Temple-attending (Luke 24:53) synagogue-based (James 2:2, see Greek NT) sect (Ac 24:14) of Judaism who live a Torah-observant life in Jerusalem even though they are Spirit-filled Jewish believers (Ac 2:4, see www.nationaljewishfellowship.org); and in Acts chapter 21 Paul the rabbi from Tarsus submits to their authority and goes into the Jerusalem Temple to show that he too is an ‘Orthodox’ Jew and has not repudiated his Orthodox Jewish faith (Ro 9:1-5), preaching the Good News of Redemption in shul every Shabbos, circumcising the Jewish boy (with a Jewish mother) Timothy (Ac 16:3) and preaching as a rabbi in Shul every Shabbos as long as he was permitted to do so. In Romans Paul built up messianic Torah observant Jews who were weak in justifying faith (Ro 5:1) in believing (Ro 15:13) that Moshiach is the Mesharet Bnei HaMilah (Ro 15:8) just as some uncircumcised were weak in justifying faith (Ro 5:1) in terms of the righteousness of faith that Abraham had in his uncircumcision (see Ro 4:11). The hard center of Rav Shaul's 'Besuras HaGeulah' (Good News of Redemption) came from this sect of Judaism. Study this sect of Judaism (Ro 9:1-5) with its teaching which is ‘orthodox’ ['straight teaching' is the meaning of the word ‘orthodox’], and you will see that no one is being deceived by the title of our Orthodox Jewish Bible translation. Also see Walter Elwell’s definitive EVANGELICAL DICTIONARY OF THEOLOGY, Second Edition p.765-766, the article ‘Messianic Judaism,’ which refers to my book on the subject.

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BERESHIS

1 In the beginning Elohim created hashomayim (the heavens, Himel) and haaretz (the earth).
[2] And the earth was tohu vavohu (without form, and void); and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Ruah Elohim was hovering upon the face of the waters.
[3] And Elohim said, Let there be light: and there was light (Tehillim 33:6,9).
[4] And Elohim saw the light, that it was tov (good); and Elohim divided the ohr (light) from the choshech (darkness).
[5] And Elohim called the light Yom (Day), and the darkness He called Lailah (Night). And the erev (evening) and the boker (morning) were Yom Echad (Day One, the First Day).
[6] And Elohim said, Let there be a raki'a (expanse, dome, firmament) in the midst of the mayim (waters); and let it divide the mayim from the mayim.
[7] And Elohim made the raki'a, and divided the waters under the raki'a from the waters which were above the raki'a; and it was so.
[8] And Elohim called the raki'a Shomayim (Heaven). And the erev and the boker were Yom Sheni (Day Two, the Second Day).
[9] And Elohim said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the yabashah (dry land) appear; and it was so.
[10] And Elohim called the yabashah Eretz (Earth); and the mikhvah (gathering together of the waters) called He Seas; and Elohim saw that it was tov.
[11] And Elohim said, Let the earth bring forth vegetation, the herb yielding zera (seed), and the fruit tree yielding pri (fruit) after its kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth; and it was so.
[12] And the earth brought forth vegetation, and herb yielding zera (seed) after its kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after its kind; and Elohim saw that it was tov (good).
[13] And the erev and the boker were Yom Shlishi (Day Three, the Third Day).
[14] And Elohim said, Let the waters bring forth living creatures, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open raki'a of heaven.
[15] And Elohim created great sea creatures, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth in abundance, after their kind, and every winged fowl after its kind; and Elohim saw that it was tov.
[16] And Elohim blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
[17] And Elohim made the beast of the earth after its kind, and every winged fowl after its kind, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth.
[18] And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and Elohim saw that it was tov.
[19] And the erev and the boker were Yom Revi'i (Day Four, the Fourth Day).
[20] And Elohim said, Let the waters bring forth an abundance of living creatures, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open raki'a of heaven.
[21] And Elohim created great sea creatures, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth in abundance, after their kind, and every winged fowl after its kind; and Elohim saw that it was tov.
[22] And Elohim blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.
[23] And Elohim made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; He made the kokhavim (stars) also.
[24] And Elohim said, Let Us make man in Our tzelem, after Our demut: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon ha'aretz (the earth).
[25] So G-d created humankind in His own tzelem, in the tzelem Elohim (image of G-d)
created He him; zachar (male) and nekevah (female) created He them.  

[28] And G-d blessed them, and G-d said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.  

[29] And G-d said, Hinei, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of kol ha’aretz (all the earth), and every etz (tree), in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food.  

[30] And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every living thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life, I have given every green herb for food; and it was so.

T.N. BERESHIS (in the beginning) begins the first fifth of the book of the Law of Moses (SEFER TORAT-MOSHE 2Kgs. 14:6). In view of the watchword “Sola Scriptura” (the Bible alone is authoritative for faith), we must allow inerrantly inspired Scriptural texts to give us our normative interpretation of Scripture. For example, Genesis chps 1-11 is about the creation of the inhabited world. And the book begins with Adam, who is told to govern the world as the son of G-d, being a type of ‘the one who is to come’ (see Gn 5:1; 1Chr 1:1; Lk 3:38; Ro 5:14; Gn 3:15; 49:10), as expectation begins to build regarding a promised eschatological Redeemer-Ruler, a Moshi’a (Savior) from sin and death, a Great ‘Descendant’ or ‘Seed’ (ZERA). In Genesis we see the ‘fall,’ that is, ‘creation being subjected to futility’ (Ro 5:20) and the whole human race being brought under the bondage of the law of sin and death (Ro 6:23). Ro 5:12 tells us how to exegete (interpret) Gn 3. Adam is an epochnal figure whose failure and fall determines the character of all encompassed in his epoch; that is, all of Hashem-aliated humanity in need of the epoch of the second Adam, the New Man, the Moshiach, and especially in need of the new life that flows from the Kingdom of G-d and G-ds great King, Hebbe Melech HaMoshiach. When we look at the first man lying on the ground dead (Gn. 5:5), the Bible is showing us the first sinner of a sinning/dying epoch which only the Moshiach’s death brings to an end (2C 5:14). But the point here is that humankind in Gn 1:27 is “HaAdam” in Hebrew, and that verse shows Man as having both singularity and plurality (oto and otam, Gn 1:27), thus reflecting his Maker, Elohim, Who also has singularity and plurality in His complexity (compare echad in Gn 2:24 and Dt 6:4). Gn 1:26 uses a majestic plural but the Doctrine of Hashem’s Kedushah Meshuleshet (Threefold holiness, Isa 6:3).  

Grant, Genesis answers all kinds of questions that only get raised for the reader later in the Bible. So it is only when you read Obadiah and Malachi that you really start asking, Who are the Edomites and when do we first hear of their patriarch Esau? So Genesis should be read last as well as first. Similarly, when Gog and Magog are mentioned in Ezekiel, when Javan (Greece) is mentioned in Zechariah (Zechariah), when Babylon (Shinar) and the book of the Law of

creation. When we look at the original language in Zohar Vol.3 Ha’azinu page 288b, we see the text which comments on Daniel 7:13, where the Bar Enosh Moshiach comes to the Ancient of Days. The Zohar says, The Ancient One is described as being two (TAV-RESH-YUD-FINAL NOO, Aramaic for ‘two’). G-d and the Moshiach, called by Daniel ‘the Ancient of Days’ and ‘the Son of Man’ are obviously a picture of G-d as ‘two’ in the Bible, and the Zohar opens up to this fact, calling G-d ‘two.’ Two sentences prior to that on the same page, the original language of the text of the Zohar says, The Ancient Holy One [i.e. G-d, Daniel 7:13] is found with three (TAV- LAMMED-TAV, Aramaic for ‘three’) heads or chiefs (RESH-YUD-SHIN-YUD-FINAL NOO Aramaic for ‘heads’), which are united in One (CHET-DALET Aramaic for ‘one’). Here we have a picture in the Zohar of the raz (mystery) of G-d’s unity, the distinct harayot (subsistences, modes of being) in Adonoi Echad. G-d is echad,one, but a complex one, not three g-ds, only Hashem, One, but with Hashem’s Kedushah Meshuleshet (Threefold holiness, Isa 6:3).  

[31] And G-d saw every thing that He had made, and, behold, it was tov me’od (very good). And the erev and the boker were Yom Shishi (Day Six, the Sixth Day).

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Thus HaShomayim and HaAretz were finished, and all the tzava of them.

And on Yom HaShevi’i Elohim finished His work which He had made; and He rested on the Yom HaShevi’i from all His work which He had made.

Vayevarech Elohim et Yom HaShevi’i, and set it apart as kodesh: because that in it shavat (He had rested) from all His work which bara Elohim (G-d created) and made.

These are the toledot of HaShomayim and of HaAretz when they were created, in the Yom that Hashem Elohim made Eretz v’Shomayim, and every plant of the sadeh was not yet in ha’aretz, and every herb of the sadeh had not yet

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(Get 14:1) is mentioned in Isaiah, when the Canaanites and the Moabites and the Amorites (Noah’s son Ham is the father of the Amorites) are discussed in the rest of the Scriptures, Genesis is the place to turn to get the Bible's theological introduction and overview of their significance and determinative character. Genesis introduces us theologically to all the major questions of life. What is mankind? What is marriage? What is work and rest from work in relation to G-d? In Proverbs it says that wine is a mocker (20:1). How does the Bible first introduce us to that fact? (Hint: see Gn. Chp 9; Ro. 14:21.) How did the evil of polygamy begin? (Note Gn. 4:19 and Lamech’s overweening desire for both women and violence—see Gn. 2:24 on monogamy.) What is sin? What is guilt? Does man have to sin? (See Gn. 4:7). How in the human heart did wickedness begin and proliferate over the earth? How did it happen that the life-blood was set apart as holy in the beginning, when G-d began to institute blood sacrifice as a necessary aspect of the faith of Abraham? Where did Moshe Rabbeinu and Yosef and the Bnei Yisroel come from? How did bondage, especially bondage in Egypt, come about? How can spiritual bondage be circumcised and rolled away from the human heart so that we might be awakened to personal da’as of G-d and become his true sons? Adam, Abel, Seth, Enosh, Enoch, Noah, Shem, Arphachshad, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah and Abraham show us sons of G-d, whereas the sons of the Serpent become a brood of Lamech’s swallowed in a flood of wrath. The coming Descendant is the ‘zera Halsha (the seed of the woman)’ and is also part of the promise given to Abraham. Ga 3:16 interprets in this Messianic sense Gn 12:7; 13:15; 17:7; 22:18 and 24:7. G-d promised many descendents but the fact that the word ZERA or SPERMA is singular Rav Sha’ul takes as a Messianic reference, not merely a reference to the nation. Rav Sha’ul sees the notion of promise, including a promised eschatological covenant (Gn 17:2), as central to the book of Genesis, because the Exodus from Egypt, the conquering of the land of Israel, the coming of the King Moshiach, and his inheritance of the nations are all an unfolding of the promise that has its beginning in Genesis (the word ‘Genesis’ is from a Greek word meaning ‘origin’). Since a gracious promise from a sovereign G-d who creates out of nothing negates any notion of salvation through meritorious works-righteousness, Rav Sha’ul relies on Moses and Habakkuk to say ‘amen’ when Rav Sha’ul teaches that righteousness was credited to Abraham’s faith when Abraham became the father of all Jewish people and Gentiles alike (see Gn 15:6; Dr 7:7-8; 9:4-6; Habakkuk 2:4). This is the teaching of Moshiach in Yn 6:28-29. Although the book of Genesis tells us the origin of everything from marriage to polygamy and from the Edomites to the Sodomites, Rav Sha’ul shows us the most important doctrine that originates from Genesis, the doctrine of justification by faith alone (Ro 3:28). Important prophecies in Genesis are these: one descendent of Abraham will bless the nations (see Gn 12:1-4; Isa 49:5-6); Abraham’s descendants will be slaves 400 years in a land not their own (Genesis 15:13); Abraham’s descendants will be delivered in the fourth generation (Gn 15:14-16); the land of Canaan would be given to Abraham’s descendants as an inheritance (Gn 15:16-21) and the promise would be given graciously and miraculously through Yitzchak (Isaac) (Gn 17:1-21:12).
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And Hashem Elohim formed the adam of the aphar min ha’aretz, and breathed into his nostrils the nishmat chayyim; and the adam became a nefesh chayyah.

[8] And Hashem Elohim planted a gan (garden) eastward in Eden; and there He put the adam whom He had formed.

[9] And out of the adamah made Hashem Elohim to spring up (T.N. see verse 5) kol etz (every tree) that is pleasing to the sight, and tov for food; the Etz HaChayyim (Tree of Life) also in the midst of the gan (garden), and the Etz HaDa’as Tov vRah (see 3:22, i.e., representing moral autonomy; contrast Exodus 9:20; 21 where the Dear Hashem is the guide of life, even for Gentiles).

[10] And a nahar (river) flowed out of Eden to water the gan (garden); and from there it divided, and became four headwaters.

[11] The shem of the first is Pishon; that is it which winds through the kol eretz Chavilah, where there is zahav;

[12] And the zahav of that land is tov; there is [the gemstone] bedolach and the even (gemstone) hashoham [T.N.: this onyx gemstone is used in the construction of the Kohen Gadol’s Bigdei HaKodesh].

[13] And the shem of the second nahar is Gihon; the same is it that winds through kol eretz Cush.

[14] And the shem of the third nahar is Chiddekel (Tigris [see Daniel 10:4]); that is it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth nahar is Euphrates.

[15] And Hashem Elohim took the adam and put him in the Gan Eden la’avod (to till, to work) it and to be shomer over it.

[16] And Hashem Elohim commanded the adam, saying, Of every etz of the gan thou mayest freely eat;

[17] But of the Etz HaDa’as Tov vRah, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the yom that thou estest thereof thou shalt surely die.

[18] And Hashem Elohim said, It is not tov that the adam should be alone; I will make him an ezer (a helper) suitable for him.

[19] And out of the adamah Hashem Elohim formed every beast of the sadeh, and every oph HaShomayim; and brought them unto the adam to see what he would name them; and whatsoever the adam named kol nefesh chayyah, that was shmo.

[20] And the adam gave shemot to all behemah, and to every oph HaShomayim; and to every beast of the sadeh, but for Adam there was not found an ezer for him.

[21] And Hashem Elohim caused a tardemah (deep sleep) to fall upon the adam, and he slept; and He took from one of his tzalelot (sides, ribs), and closed up the basar in the place thereof;

[22] And the tzela (rib), which Hashem Elohim had taken from the adam, made He an isha, and brought her unto the adam.

[23] And the adam said, This is now etzem of my etzem, and basar of my basar; she shall be called Isha, because she was taken out of Ish.

[24] Therefore shall an ish leave his av and his em, and shall cleave unto his isha: and they shall be basar echad.

[25] And they were both arumim (naked ones), the adam and his isha, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the Nachash was more arum (cunning, crafty, wiley) than any beast of the sadeh which Hashem Elohim had made. And he said unto the isha, Really? Hath Elohim said, Ye shall not eat of kol etz hagan?

[2] And the isha said unto the Nachash, We may eat of the pri etz hagan;

[3] But of the pri haEtz which is in the middle of the gan (garden), Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die (Mk 7:8).

[4] And the Nachash said unto the isha, Ye shall not surely die;

[5] For Elohim doth know that in the yom ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be like Elohim, knowing tov and rah.

[6] And when the isha saw that HaEtz was tov for food, and that it was delight to the eyes, and HaEtz to be coveted to make one have seichel, she took of the pri thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her ish with her; and he did eat.

[7] And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were eirummim (naked ones); and they sewed aleh te’enah (naked ones) together, and made covering girdles.

[8] And they heard the kol of HaShem Elohim walking in the gan in the cool of the day; and HaAdam and his isha hid from the presence of Hashem.
4 And HaAdam knew Chavah (Eve) his isha; and she conceived, and bore Kayin (Cain), and said, Kaniti (I have acquired) ish from Hashem.

5 And again she bore his ach Hevel (Abel). And Hevel was a ro'eh tzon, but Kayin was an oved adamah (tiller of soil).

6 And in ketz yamim it came to pass, that Kayin brought of the p'ri haadamah a minchah unto Hashem.

9 And Hashem, My avon (iniquity, punishment for guilt) is greater than I can bear.

13 Kayin said unto his isha Chavah (Eve); because she was the Em kol misham, her voice was like one of Us, knowing tov (good) and ra'eh (evil).

18 Kotz also and dardar of thy life; go, and aphar shalt thou eat of the sadeh; upon kol habehemah, and above HaEtz, thou shalt not eat thereof.

19 In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat lechem, till thou return unto haadamah; for out of it wast thou taken; for aphan thou art, and unto aphan shalt thou return.

40 And Hashem said unto Kayin, Why art thou angry? And why is thy countenance fallen?

41 If thou dost right, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou dost not right, chattat (sin) is latching at the petach. And unto thee shall be its teshukah (desire), and thou must rule over it.

42 And Kayin talked with Hevel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the sadeh, that Kayin rose up against Hevel his brother, and killed him.

43 And Hashem said unto Kayin, Where is Hevel thy brother? And he said, I know not; am I shomer achi (my brother's keeper)?

44 And He said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's keeper crieth unto Me from haadamah.

45 And now art thou arur (cursed) from haadamah, because of thee that thou hast done: And I will put eivah (enmity) between thee and HaHaShomeir (the Watcher, Shem haKeruvim), and between thy zera and her Zera; He shall crush thy rosh, and thou shalt strike His akev (heel).

46 Unto HaHaShomeir He said, I will greatly multiply thy itzavon (labor) pain and thy childbearing; in pain thou shalt bring forth banim; and thy teshukah (longing, desire) shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

47 And unto Adam He said, Because thou paid heed unto the voice of thy isha, and hast eaten of HaEtz, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it, arurah (cursed) is haadamah because of thee; in itzavon (pain, suffering, see verse 16) shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;
adamah; and from Thy face shall I be hidden and I shall be a na (restless fugitive) vanad (and a wanderer, nomad) in ha'aretz; and it shall come to pass, that whoever findeth me shall kill me.

[15] And Hashem said unto him, Therefore whoever killeth Kayin, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Hashem placed an ot (mark) upon Kayin, so that none finding him should kill him.

[16] And Kayin went out from the presence of Hashem, and dwelt in Eretz Nod, east of Eden.

[17] And Kayin knew his isha; and she conceived, and bore Chanokh (Enoch); and he built an ir (city), and called the shem of the ir, after the shem beno, Chanokh (Enoch).

[18] And unto Chanokh (Enoch) was born Irad; and Irad fathered Mechuyael; and Mechuyael fathered Metushael; and Metushael fathered Lamech.

[19] And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Tzilah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, give heed to my speech; for I have slain an ish for my wounding, and a yeled for my chabburah (see Ga.6:17).

[20] And Adah bore Yaval; he was the av of such as dwell in ohel, and have mikneh.

[21] And his brother's shem was Yuval; he was the av of all such as play kinnor (harp) and ugav (flute).

[22] And Tzilah, she also bore Tuval-Kayin, a forger of every cutting tool of nechoshet and barzel; and the achot of Tuval-Kayin was Naamah.

[23] And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Tzilah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, give heed to my speech; for I have slain an ish for my wounding, and a yeled for my chabburah (see Ga.6:17).

[24] If Kayin (Cain) shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and seven times over.

[25] And Adam knew his isha again; and she bore a ben, and called shmo Shet; for Elohim, said she, hath appointed me another zera in place of Hevel, whom Kayin killed.

[26] And to Shet, to him also there was born a ben; and he called shmo Enosh; then began men to call upon the Shem of Hashem.

5 This is the Sefer Toldot Adam. In the yom that barah Elohim Adam, in the demut Elohim He made him;

[2] Zachar and nekevah He created them; and blessed them, and called the shem of them 'Adam,' in the yom when they were created.

[3] And Adam lived a hundred and thirty shanah and fathered in his own demut and after his tzelem (image) and called shmo Shet:

[4] And the days of Adam after he had fathered Shet were shemoneh me'ot shanah; and he fathered banim and banot:

[5] And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty shanah: and he died.

[6] And Shet lived a hundred and five shanah, and fathered Enosh;

[7] And Shet lived after he fathered Enosh eight hundred and seven shanah, and fathered banim and banot:

[8] And all the days of Shet were nine hundred and twelve shanah; and he died.

[9] And Enosh lived ninety shanah, and fathered Kenan;

[10] And Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan eight hundred and fifteen shanah, and fathered banim and banot;

[11] And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five shanah; and he died.

[12] And Kenan lived seventy shanah and fathered Mahalal'el;

[13] And Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalal'el eight hundred and forty shanah, and fathered banim and banot;

[14] And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten shanah; and he died.

[15] And Mahalal'el lived sixty and five shanah, and fathered Yered;

[16] And Mahalal'el lived after he fathered Yered eight hundred and thirty shanah, and fathered banim and banot;

[17] And all the days of Mahalal'el were eight hundred ninety and five shanah; and he died.

[18] And Yered lived a hundred sixty and two shanah, and he fathered Chanoch (Enoch):

[19] And Yered lived after he fathered Chanoch (Enoch) eight hundred shanah, and fathered banim and banot;

[20] And all the days of Yered were nine hundred sixty and two shanah; and he died.

[21] And Chanoch lived sixty and five shanah, and fathered Metushelach;

[22] And Chanoch walked with HaElohim after he fathered Metushelach three hundred shanah, and fathered banim and banot;

[23] And all the days of Chanoch were three hundred sixty and five shanah;

[24] And Chanoch walked with HaElohim; and he was not; for Elohim took him.

[25] And Metushelach lived a hundred eighty shanah;
and seven shanah, and fathered Lamech.
[26] And Metushelach lived after he fathered Lamech seven hundred eighty and two shanah, and fathered banim and banot;
[27] And all the days of Metushelach were nine hundred sixty and nine shanah; and he died.
[28] And Lamech lived a hundred eighty and two shanah and fathered ben;
[29] And he called shmo Noach, saying, Zeh yenachamenu (this shall comfort us) in our work and toil of our hands, because of the adamah which Hashem hath cursed.
[30] And Lamech lived after he fathered Noach five hundred ninety and five shanah, and fathered banim and banot;
[31] And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven shanah; and he died.
[32] And Noach was five hundred years old; and Noach fathered Shem, Cham, and Yephet.

And it came to pass, when HaAdam began to multiply on the face of ha'adamah, and banot were born unto them,
[2] That the bnei HaElohim saw the banot HaAdam that they were tovot; and they took them nashim of all which they chose.
[3] And Hashem said, My Ruach [Hakodesh] shall not always strive with Adam, for that he also is basar: yet his yamim shall be a hundred and twenty shanah.
[4] HaNefilim were on ha'aretz in those yamim; and also after that, when the bnei Ha Elohim came in unto the banot HaAdam, and they bore children to them, the same

 became gibborim which were of old, men of renown.
[5] And Hashem saw that the wickedness of HaAdam was great in ha'aretz and that every yetzer (inclination) of the machshevet (thoughts) of his lev was only rah (evil) continually (Ro 7:18).
[6] And Hashem relented that He had made HaAdam on ha'aretz, and He was grieved in His lev.
[7] And Hashem said, I will wipe out HaAdam whom I have created from the face of ha'adamah; both Adam, and Behemah, and the Remes and the Oph HaShomayim; for I relent that I have made them.
[8] But Noach found chen (grace, unmerited favor) in the eyes of Hashem.

[NOACH]
[9] These are the toldot of Noach; Noach was an ish tzaddik and tamim among those of his time, and Noach's halachah was with Ha Elohim.
[11] Ha'aretz also was corrupt before Ha Elohim, and ha'aretz was filled with chamas.
[12] And Elohim looked upon ha'aretz, and, hinei, it was corrupt; for kol basar had corrupted his derech upon ha'aretz.
[13] And Elohim said unto Noach, The ketz (end) of kol basar is come before Me; for ha'aretz is filled with chamas because of them; and, hineni, I will destroy them with ha'aretz.
[14] Make thee a tevah (ark) of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the tevah (ark), and shalt coat it within and without with tar.
[15] And this is how thou shalt build it: the length of the tevah (ark) shall be three hundred cubits, the width of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits.
[16] A roof shalt thou make to the tevah (ark), and thou shalt finish it to a cubit from the top; and the petach of the tevah (ark) shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third decks shalt thou make it.
[17] And, hineni, I, even I, do bring a mabbul of waters upon ha'aretz, to destroy kol basar, wherein is the ruach chayyim, from under Shomayim; and everything that is in ha'aretz shall perish.
[18] And then with thee will I establish My brit (covenant); and thou shalt come into the tevah (ark), thou, and thy banim, and thy isha, and the nashim of thy banim with thee.
[19] And of every living thing of kol basar, two of every kind shalt thou bring into the tevah (ark), to keep them alive with thee; they shall be zvachar and nekevah.
[20] Of birds after their kind, and of behemah after their kind, of every remes of ha'adamah after its kind, two of every kind shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.
[21] And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for ochel for thee, and for them.
[22] Thus did Noach; according to all that Elohim commanded him, so did he.

And Hashem said unto Noach, Come thou and all thy bais into the tevah (ark); for thee have I found tzaddik before Me in dor hazeh.
[2] Of every behemah hatehorah thou shalt
take to thee by sevens; the male and his mate; and of behea'ah that are not tehora'h by two, the male and his mate.

3 Of also Oph Ha'Shamayim by sevens, the zahar and the nekevah; to keep zera'ah alive upon the face of kol ha'aretz.

4 For shivah yamim from now, and I will cause it to rain upon ha'aretz arba'im yom and arba'im lai'hah; and every living creature that I have made will I wipe out from off the p'nei ha'adamah.

5 And Noach did according unto all that Hashem commanded him.

6 And Noach was shesh me'ot shanah when the mabbul waters were upon ha'aretz.

7 And Noach entered in, and his banim, and his isha, and nashim of his banim with him, into the tevah (ark), because of the waters of the mabbul.

8 Of behe'a'ah hatehora'h, and of behea'ah that are not tehora'h, and of ha'ahp, and of every thing that creepeth upon ha'adamah,

9 There went in shnayim shnayim unto Noach into the tevah (ark), the zahar and the nekevah, as Elohim had commanded Noach.

10 And it came to pass after shivat hayamim, that the waters of the mabbul were upon ha'aretz.

11 In the six hundredth year of Noach's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of Shomayim were opened.

12 And the geshem was upon ha'aretz arba'im yom and arba'im lai'hah.

13 On that very yom entered Noach, and Shem, and Cham, and Yepheth, the bnei Noach, and Noach's isha, and the three nashim of his banim with them, into the tevah (ark);

14 They, and every beast after its kind, and kol habe'ahemah after their kind, and every remes that crawls upon ha'aretz after its kind, and kol ha'oph after its kind, every bird of every sort.

15 And they went in unto Noach into the tevah (ark), shnayim shnayim of kol habas'ar, wherein is the ruach chayyim.

16 And they that went in, went in zahar and nekevah of kol basar, as Elohim had commanded him; then Hashem shut him in.

17 And the mabbul was arba'im yom upon ha'aretz; and the waters increased, and lifted up the tevah (ark), and it rose above ha'aretz.

18 And the waters rose, and were increased greatly upon ha'aretz; and the tevah (ark) floated upon the face of the waters.

19 And the waters rose exceedingly upon ha'aretz; and all the high hills, that were under kol Ha'Shamayim, were covered.

20 Fifteen cubits upward did the waters rise; and the harim were covered.

21 And kol basar perished that moved upon ha'aretz, both of Oph, and of Behemah, and of Beast, and of every Swarming Thing that swarms upon ha'aretz, and kol ha'adamah;

22 All in whose nostrils was the ruach chayyim, of all that was in the dry land, perished.

23 And every living creature was wiped out which was upon the p'nei ha'adamah; both Adam, and Behemah, and the Remes, and the Oph Ha'Shamayim; and they were wiped out from ha'aretz; and Noach only remained alive, and they that were with him in the tevah (ark).

24 And the waters flooded upon ha'aretz a hundred and fifty days.

8 And Elohim remembered Noach, and every living thing, and all the behemoth that was with him in the tevah (ark); and Elohim made a ruach to pass over ha'aretz, and the waters subsided;

2 The ma'ayanot (springs) also of the tehom and the floodgates of Shomayim were stopped, and the geshem from Shomayim was restrained;

3 And the waters receded from on ha'aretz continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated.

4 And the tevah (ark) rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Arrarat.

5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the rashei heharim seen.

6 And it came to pass at the end of arba'im yom, that Noach opened the chalon (window) of the tevah (ark) which he had made;

7 And he sent forth the orev (raven), which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off ha'aretz.

8 Also he sent forth a yonah (dove) from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the adamah;

9 But the yonah found no manoach (place of rest) for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the tevah, for the waters were on the p'nei kol ha'aretz; then he reached forth his yad, and took her, and pulled.
her in unto him into the tevah (ark).
[10] And he waited yet another shivat yamim; and again he sent forth the yonah out of the tevah (ark);
[11] And the yonah returned to him in the erev; and, hinei, in her beak was a zayit (olive) leaf freshly plucked; so Noach had dras that the mayim were abated from off ha'aretz.
[12] And he waited yet another shivat yamim; and sent forth the yonah; which returned not unto him again.
[13] And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the mayim were dried up from off ha'aretz; and Noach removed the mikhseh (covering) of the tevah (ark), and looked, and, hinei, the surface of the adamah was dry.
[14] And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was ha'aretz dry.
[15] And Elohim spoke unto Noach, saying,
[16] Go forth of the tevah (ark), thou, and thy isha, and thy banim, and the nashim of thy banim with thee.
[17] Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of kol basar, both of bird, and of behemah, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon ha'aretz; that they may multiply abundantly on ha'aretz, and be fruitful, and increase upon ha'aretz.

9
Vayevarech Elohim et Noach and his banim, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish ha'aretz.
[2] And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of ha'aretz, and upon every bird of the air, upon all that moveth upon ha'adamah, and upon all the dagim of the yam; into your yad are they delivered.
[3] Every remes that liveth shall be food for you; even as the yarok esev (green plant) have I given you all.
[4] But basar with the nefesh thereof, which is the dahm thereof, shall ye not eat.
[5] And surely your dahm of your nefeshet will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the yad haAdam; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the nefesh haAdam.
[6] Shofech dahm (one who sheddeth man's blood), by man shall his dahm be shed; for in the tzelem Elohim made He man.
[7] And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly on ha'aretz, and multiply therein.
[8] And Elohim spoke unto Noach, and to his banim with him, saying,
[9] And I, hineni, I establish My brit (covenant) with you, and with your zera after you;
[10] And with kol nefesh that is with you, of the bird, of the behemah, and of every animal of ha'aretz with you; from kol yotzei hatevah (all that go out of the ark), to every creature of ha'aretz.
[11] And I will establish My brit (covenant) with you, neither shall kol basar yikaret (be cut off, violently killed) any more by the waters of the mabbul; neither shall there be any more mabbul l'shacheit (to destroy) ha'aretz.
[12] And Elohim said, This is the ot (sign) of the brit (covenant) which I make between Me and you and every nefesh chayyah (living creature) that is with you, for dorot olam (perpetual generations);
[13] I do set My keshet (bow) in the anan (cloud), and it shall be for an ot brit between Me and ha'aretz.
[14] And it shall come to pass, when I bring an anan over ha'aretz, that the keshet be'anan (rainbow) shall be seen;
[15] And I will remember My brit, which is between Me and you and kol nefesh chayyah of kol basar; and the waters shall no more become a mabbul (flood) l'shacheit (to destroy) kol basar.
[16] And the keshet shall be in the anan; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the brit olam between Elohim and kol nefesh chayyah of kol basar that is upon ha'aretz.
17| And Elohim said unto Noach, This is the ot habrit, which I have established between Me and kol basar that is upon ha'aretz.
18| And the bnei Noach, that went forth of the tevah, were Shem, and Cham, and Yephet; and Cham is the av of Kena'an (Canaan).
19| Shloshah (Three) are the bnei Noach; and of them was the kol ha'aretz populated.
20| And Noach began to be an ish ha'adamah (a man of the soil), and he planted a kerem (vineyard);
21| And he drank of the yayin, and became shikker (intoxicated); and he lay uncovered inside his ohel.
22| And Cham, the av of Kena'an, saw the erom (nakedness) of his av, and told his two achim on the outside.
23| And Shem and Yephet took a garment, and laid it upon both their shoulders, and walked backward, and covered the erom of their av; and their faces were turned the other way, and they saw not the erom of their av.
24| And Noach awoke from his yayin, and had da'as of what his ben katan had done unto him.
25| And he said, Arur (cursed) be Kena'an; an eved of avadim shall he be unto his achim.
26| And he said, Baruch Hashem Elohei Shem; and Kena'an shall be his eved.
27| Elohim shall enlarge Yephet, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Kena'an shall be his eved.
28| And Noach lived after the mabbul three hundred and fifty years.
29| And all the days of Noach were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

10 Now these are the toldot of the Bnei Noach: Shem, Cham, and Yephet; and unto them were banim born after the mabbul (flood).
1| The Bnei Yephet: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Yavan, and Tuval, and Meshech, and Tiras.
2| And the Bnei Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphat, and Togarmah.
3| And the Bnei Yavan: Elisah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
4| And by these were the coastlands of the Goyim divided in their lands; every one after his leshon, after their mishpechot, in their Goyim.
5| By these were the Bnei Cham: Cush, and Mitzrayim, and Phut, and Kena'an.
6| And Cush fathered Nimrod; he began to be a gibbor in ha'aretz.
7| He was a gibbor, a hunter before Hashem; therefore it is said, like Nimrod the gibbor, the hunter before Hashem.
8| And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Akkad, and Calneh, in Eretz Shinar.
9| Out of that land he went forth to Asshur, and built Nineveh, and Rechovot-Ir, and Kalach.
10| And Resen between Nineveh and Kelach; the same is haIr Hagedolah.
11| And Kena'an fathered Tzidon his bechor, and Chet, and Emori, and the Girgashi.
12| And the Chiivi, and the Arki, and the Sini.
13| And the Avadi, and the Tzemari, and the Chamathi; and afterward were the mishpechot haKena'ani spread abroad.
14| And the boundary of the Kena'ani was from Tzidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Azah (Gaza); as thou goest, unto Sodom, and Amora (Gomorrah), and Admah, and Tzevoyim, even unto Lesha.
15| These are the Bnei Cham, after their mishpechot, after their leshonot, in their territories, and in their Goyim.
16| Also unto Shem avi kol Bnei Ever, and the older brother of Yephet, even to him were offspring born.
17| The Bnei Shem: Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram.
18| And Bnei Aram: Uz, and Chul, and Geter, and Mash.
19| And Arpachshad fathered Shelach; and Shelach fathered Ever.
20| And unto Ever were born two banim: the shem of one was Peleg; for in his days was ha'aretz divided; and his brother's shem was Yoktan.
21| And Yoktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Chatzarmavet, and Yerach.
22| And Hadoram, and Calneh, in Eretz Shinar.
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41| And Yoktan fathered Almodad, and Sheleph, and Chatzarmavet, and Yerach.
And the kol HaAretz was of one language and of devarim achadim (common words).

[2] And it came to pass, as they migrated from the east, that they found a plain in Eretz Shinar; and they dwelt there.

[3] And they said one to another, Come, let us make brick, and bake them thoroughly. And they had brick for even (stone), and bitumen had they for mortar.

[4] And they said, Come, let us build us an Ir and a Migdal, whose rosh (top) may reach unto Shomayim; and let us make us a shem, otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of kol HaAretz.

[5] And Hashem came down to see the Ir and the Migdal, which Bnei HaAdam built.

[6] And Hashem said, See, the Am is echad and they have all one language; and this they begin to do; and now nothing will be impossible for them, which they have proposed to do.

[7] Come, let Us go down, and there confuse their sefat, that they may not understand one another's language.

[8] So Hashem scattered them abroad from there upon the face of kol HaAretz; and they left off building the Ir.

[9] Therefore is the shem of it called Babel; because Hashem did there confuse the language of kol HaAretz; and from there did Hashem scatter them abroad upon the face of kol HaAretz.

[10] These are the toldot of Shem: Shem was a hundred years old, and fathered Arpachshad two years after the mabbul.


[12] And Arpachshad lived five and thirty shanah, and fathered Shelach;

[13] And Arpachshad lived after he fathered Shelach four hundred and three shanim, and fathered banim and banot.

[14] And Shelach lived thirty shanah, and fathered Ever;

[15] And Shelach lived after he fathered Ever four hundred and three shanah, and fathered Shelach;

[16] And Ever lived four and thirty shanah, and fathered Peleg;

[17] And Ever lived after he fathered Peleg four hundred and thirty shanah, and fathered banim and banot.

[18] And Peleg lived thirty shanah, and fathered Reu;

[19] And Peleg lived after he fathered Reu two hundred and nine shanim, and fathered banim and banot.

[20] And Reu lived two and thirty shanah, and fathered Serug;

[21] And Reu lived after he fathered Serug two hundred and seven shanim, and fathered banim and banot.

[22] And Serug lived thirty shanah, and fathered Nachor;

[23] And Serug lived after he fathered Nachor two hundred shanah, and fathered banim and banot.

[24] And Nachor lived nine and twenty shanah, and fathered Terach;

[25] And Nachor lived after he fathered Terach a hundred and nineteen shanah, and fathered banim and banot.

[26] And Terach lived seventy shanah, and fathered Avram, Nachor, and Haran.

[27] Now these are the toldot Terach: Terach fathered Avram, Nachor, and Haran; and Haran fathered Lot.

[28] And Haran died before his av Terach in the land of his birth, in Ur Kasdim.

[29] And Avram and Nachor took them nashim: the shem eshet Avram was Sarai; and the shem eshet Nachor was Milcah, the bat Haran Avi Milcah, and Avi Yiskah.

[30] But Sarai was barren; she had no child.

[31] And Terach took Avram bno, and ben bno Lot ben Haran, and Sarai his kallah, eshet Avram bno; and they went forth with them from Ur Kasdim, to go into Eretz Kena'an; and they came unto Charan (Haran), and dwelt there.

[32] And the days of Terach were two hundred and five shanah; and Terach died in Charan (Haran).

Now Hashem had said unto Avram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from the bais avicha, unto ha'aretz that I will show thee;

[2] So that I will make of thee a goy gadol (great nation), so that I will bless thee, and make thy shem great; and so thou shalt be a brocha (blessing);

[3] And I will bless the one blessing you, and curse him that curses you; and kol mishpochot haadamah shall be blessed through you.[T.N. There is a brocha in this verse that many do not know but that every true follower of Moshiach should know.]
So Avram departed as Hashem had told him; and Lot went with him; and Avram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Charan.

And Avram took Sarai his isha, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had amassed, and the nefesh that they had gotten in Charan; and they went forth to go into the land of Kena'an; and they arrived in the land of Kena'an.

And Avram passed through the land unto the makom Shechem, unto Elon Moreh. And the Kena'ani was then in ha'aretz.

And Hashem appeared unto Avram, and said, Unto thy zera will I give ha'aretz hazot: and there built he a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem, Who appeared unto him.

And he removed from there unto the harah mikedem Beit-El, and pitched his tent, having Beit-El on the west, and Ai on the east; and there he built a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem, and called upon the Shem of Hashem.

And Avram journeyed, going on still toward the Negev.

And there was a ra'av in the land; and Avram went down into Mitzrayim to sojourn there; for the ra'av was severe in ha'aretz.

And Hashem plagued Pharaoh and his Bais with nega'im gedolim because of Sarai eshet Avram.

And Pharaoh summoned Avram and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she was thy isha? Why saidst thou, She is my achot? So I might have taken her to me to wife; now therefore, hinei, thy wife, take her, and go!

And Pharaoh commanded his anashim concerning him; and they sent him away, and his isha, and all that he had.

And Avram went up out of Mitzrayim, he, and his isha, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negev.

And Avram was very rich in cattle, in kesef, and in zahav.

And he went on his journeys from the Negev even to Beit-El, unto the makom where his ohel had been at the beginning, between Beit-El and Ai;

Unto the makom of the Mizbe'ach, which he had built there at the first; and there Avram called on the Shem of Hashem.
And I will make thy zera as the dust of ha'aretz; so that if a man can number the aphan of ha'aretz, then shall thy zera also be numbered.

17 Arise, walk through ha'aretz in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

18 Then Avram moved his ohel, and came and dwelt in Eloine Mamre, which is in Chevron, and built there a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem.

14 And it came to pass in the yamim of Amraphel Melech Shinar (i.e., Babylon), Arroy Melech Elassar, Kedorlaomer Melech Elam, and Tidal Melech Goyim;

2 That these made milchamah with Bera Melech Sodom, and with Birsha, Melech Amora (Gomorrah), Shanav Melech Admah, and Shemever Melech Tzevoyim, and the Melech Bela, which is Tzoor.

3 All these were joined together in the Valley of Siddim which is the Yam HaMelach (i.e., Dead Sea).

4 Twelve shanah they served Kedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled.

5 And in the fourteenth year came Kedorlaomer, and the melachim that were with him, and they defeated the Rephim in Ashterot Karnayim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-Kiryatayim,

6 And the Chori in their Mt Seir, as far as Eil-Paran, which is near the midbar.

7 And they turned, and came to En Mishpat, which is Kadesh, and conquered all the country of the Amaleki, and also the Emori, that dwelt in Chatzetzon-Tamar.

8 And there went out the Melech Sodom, and the Melech Amora (Gomorrah), and the Melech Admah, and the Melech Tzevoyim, and the Melech Bela (the same is Tzoor); and they joined in milchamah with them in the Valley of Siddim;

9 With Kedorlaomer Melech Elam, and with Tidal Melech Goyim, and Amraphel Melech Shinar, and Arroy Melech Elassar; four melachim against five.

10 And the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits; and the Melech Sodom and Amora (Gomorrah) they fled, and fell there; and they that remained fled to the mountain.

11 And they took all the possessions of Sodom and Amora (Gomorrah), and all their ochel, and went their way.

12 And they took Lot, Avram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his possessions, and departed.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told Avram Halvri, for he dwelt in Eloine Mamre the Emori, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were Baalei Brit Avram.

14 And when Avram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained men, born in his own bais, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them as far as Dan.

15 And he divided himself against them, he and his avadim, by lailah, and routed them, and pursued them as far as Chovah, which is on the left hand (north) of Damascus.

16 And he recovered all the possessions, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his possessions, and the nashim also, and the people.

17 And the Melech Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the defeat of Kedorlaomer, and of the melachim that were with him, at the Valley of Shaveh, which is the Valley of the King.

18 And Malki-Tzedek Melech Shalem brought forth lechem and yayin and he was the kohen of El Elyon [Ps 110:4].

19 And he blessed him, and said, Baruch Avram by El Elyon, Possessor of Shomayim v'aretz;

20 And baruch El Elyon, Who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him ma'aser (tithe) of all.

21 And the Melech Sodom said unto Avram, Give me the nefesh and keep the possessions for thyself.

22 And Avram said to the Melech Sodom, I have lifted up mine hand unto Hashem, El Elyon Possessor of Shomayim v'aretz,

23 That I will not take from a thread even to the thong of a sandal, and that I will not take any thing that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Avram rich;

24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the chelek of the anashim which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their chelek.

15 After these things the Devar Hashem came unto Avram in a makhazeh, saying, Fear not, Avram; I am thy mogen, and thy exceeding great sachar (reward).

2 And Avram said, Adonoi Hashem, what wilt Thou give me, since I go childless, and the Ben Meshek of my Bais is (Damascus)?

3 And Avram said, See, to me Thou hast given no zera; and, hinei, one born in my bais is my yoresh (heir).

4 And, hinei, the Devar Hashem came unto thy zera ad olam (forever).
him saying, This shall not be thy yores; but he that shall come forth out of thine own body shall be thy yores.
[5] And He brought him forth outside, and said, Look now toward Shomayim, and count the kokhavim, if thou be able to number them; and He said unto him, So shall thy zera be.
[6] And he believed in Hashem; and He credited [emunah (faith)] to him as tzedakah (righteousness).
[7] And He said unto him, I am Hashem Who brought thee out of Ur Kasdim, to give thee ha'aretz hazot to be the yores of it.
[8] And he said, Adonoi Hashem, how can I have da'as that I will be its yores?
[9] And He said unto him, Bring Me a heifer meshuleshet, and a she goat meshuleshet, and a ram meshulash, and a dove, and a pigeon.
[10] And he brought unto Him all these, and divided them in two, and laid each half one opposite another; but the birds divided he not.
[11] And when the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Avram drove them away.
[12] And when the shemesh was going down, a tardemah fell upon Avram; and, hinei, a horror of great darkness fell upon him.
[13] And Hashem said unto Avram, Know of a surety that thy zera shall be a ger in a land not their own, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them arba me'ot shanah.
[14] And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they come out with rechush gadol (great substance).

16 Now Sarai Avram's isha bore him no children; and she had a shifchah, an Egyptian, whose shem was Hagar.
[2] And Sarai said unto Avram, Hinei now, Hashem hath restrained me from bearing; go now in unto my shifchah; it may be that I may build family by her. And Avram paid heed to the voice of Sarai.
[3] And Sarai Avram's isha took Hagar her shifchah the Egyptian, after Avram had dwelt ten years in Eretz Kena'an, and gave her to her husband Avram to be his isha.
[4] And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her gevirah was despised in her eyes.
[5] And Sarai said unto Avram, My wrong be upon thee; I have given my shifchah unto thy kheyk; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes; Hashem judge between me and thee.
[6] But Avram said unto Sarai, Hinei, thy shifchah is in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she flew from her face.
[7] And the Malach Hashem found her by a spring of mayim in the midbar, near the spring on the road to Shur.
[8] And he said, Hagar, Sarai's shifchah, from where camest thou? And where wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my gevirah Sarai.
[9] And the Malach Hashem said unto her, Return to thy gevirah, and submit thyself under her hands.
[10] And the Malach Hashem said unto her, I will multiply thy zera exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.
[11] And the Malach Hashem said unto her, See, thou art with child and shalt bear ben, and shalt call shmo Yishmael; because Hashem shema thy oni (misery).
[12] And he will be a pere adam; his yad will be against kol, and kol yad against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.
[13] And she called the Shem of Hashem Who spoke unto her, El Roi (G-d Who Sees); for she said, Have I also here seen after Him that seeth me?
[14] Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; hinei, it is between Kadesh and Bered.
[15] And Hagar bore Avram ben; and Avram called shem bno, which Hagar bore, Yishmael (Ishmael).
[16] And Avram was fourscore and six shanah when Hagar bore Yishmael to Avram.
And when Avram was ninety and nine shanah, Hashem appeared to Avram, and said unto him, I am El Shaddai; walk before Me, and be thou tamim (blameless).

And I will confirm My brit (covenant) between Me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

And Avram fell on his face; and Elohim talked with him, saying,

As for Me, hinei, My brit (covenant) is with thee, and thou shalt be an Av of many Goyim [see 18:18].

Neither shall thy shem any more be called Avram, but thy shem shall be Avraham; for Av hamon Goyim (Father of a multitude of Goyim) have I made thee.

And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make Goyim of thee, and Melechim shall come out of thee.

And I will establish My Brit (covenant) between Me and thee and thy zera after thee in their dorot for a Brit Olam, to be Elohim unto thee, and to thy zera after thee.

And I will give unto thee, and to thy zera after thee, the Eretz wherein thou art now a ger, kol Eretz Kena'an, for an Achuzzah (Possession) Olam (Everlasting); and I will be their Elohim.

And Elohim said unto Avraham, Thou shalt be shomer over My brit (covenant) therefore, thou, and thy zera after thee in their dorot.

This is My brit (covenant), which ye shall be shomer over, between Me and you and thy zera after thee; every zachar among you shall be circumcised.

And ye shall circumcise the basar of your arelah; and it shall be an ot brit (sign of the covenant) between Me and you.

And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every zachar in your dorot, he that is born in the bais, or bought with kesef of any foreigner, which is not of thy zera.

He that is born in thy bais, and he that is bought with thy kesef, must be circumcised; and My Brit shall be in your basar for a Brit Olam.

And the arel (uncircumcised) zachar whose basar of his arelah (foreskin) is not circumcised, that nefesh shall be cut off from his people; My Brit hefer (he broke).

And Elohim said unto Avraham, As for Sarai thy isha, thou shalt not call her shem Sarai, but Sarah (Princess) shall her shem be.

And I will bless her, and give thee also of her, yes, will bless her, and she shall give rise to Goyim; melechim of peoples shall be from her.

Then Avraham fell upon his face, and yitzchak (laughed), and said in his lev, Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred shanah? And shall Sarah, that is ninety shanah, bear?

And Avraham said unto HaElohim, O that Yishmael might live before Thee!

And Elohim said, Sarah thy isha shall bear thee ben indeed; and thou shalt call shmo Yitzchak; and I will establish My Brit (covenant) with him for a Brit Olam, and with his zera after him.

And as for Yishmael, I have heard thee; hinei, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve nasi’im (princes, rulers) shall he father, and I will make him a goy gadol (great nation).

But My Brit (covenant) will I establish with Yitzchak, which Sarah shall bear unto thee at mo’ed hazeh (this set time) next year.

And He left off speaking with him, and Elohim went up from Avraham.

And Avraham took Yishmael bno, and all that were born in his bais, and all that were bought with his kesef, every zachar among the men of Avraham’s bais; and circumcised the basar of their arelah in the very same day, as Elohim had said unto him.

And Avraham was ninety shanah and nine, when he was circumcised in the basar of his arelah.

And Yishmael bno was thirteen shanah, when he was circumcised in the basar of his arelah (foreskin).

In the very same day was Avraham circumcised, and Yishmael bno.

And all the men of his bais, born in the bais, and bought with kesef of the foreigner, were circumcised with him.

And Hashem appeared unto him in the terebinth trees of Mamre; and he sat in the entrance of the ohel (tent) in the heat of the day;

And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, hinei, Shloshah Anashim (Three Men, [Yeshayah 6:3]) stood by him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the entrance of the ohel, and prostrated himself on the ground.
| 3 | And said, Adonoi [Hashem, see v.13], if now I have found chen (favor) in Thy sight, pass not on by, please, from Thy servant; |
| 4 | Let a little water, please, be brought, and wash Thy feet, and rest under haetz (the tree); |
| 5 | And I will bring a morsel of bread, and refresh Ye Your hearts; after that Ye shall pass on; because for this purpose are Ye come to Your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. |
| 6 | And Avraham hastened into the ohel unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly shlosh measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. |
| 7 | And Avraham ran unto the herd, and brought a calf tender and tov, and gave it unto a servant; and he hasted to prepare it. |
| 8 | And he took curds, and cholov (milk), and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under haetz, and they did eat. |
| 9 | And they said unto him, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Hinei, in the ohel. |
| 10 | And He said, I will certainly return unto thee at this time next year; and, hinei, Sarah thy wife shall have ben (son). And Sarah heard it in the entrance of the ohel, which was behind him. |
| 11 | Now Avraham and Sarah were zekenim (old ones) and well stricken in age; and [in childbearing] it ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. |
| 12 | Therefore Sarah laughed [titzchak, sounds like Yitzchak] within herself, saying, After I am grown old shall I have pleasure, adoni being old also? |
| 13 | And Hashem said unto Avraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I which am old of a surety bear a child? |
| 14 | Is any thing too hard for Hashem? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, in due season, and Sarah shall have ben (son). |
| 15 | Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And He said, Oh yes but thou didst laugh. |
| 16 | And the Anashim rose up from thence, and peered toward S'dom; and Avraham went with them to send them on the way. |
| 17 | And Hashem said, Shall I hide from Avraham that thing which I do; |
| 18 | Seeing that Avraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and kol goyei ha'aretz (all the nations of the earth) shall be blessed in him? |
| 19 | For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall be shomer over the Derech Hashem, to do tzedakah and mishpat; that Hashem may bring upon Avraham that which He hath spoken [promised] of him. |
| 20 | And Hashem said, Because the outcry of S'dom and Amora is great, and their sin is very grievous; |
| 21 | I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the crying out [for punishment] of it, which is come unto Me; and if not, I will have da'as. |
| 22 | And the Men turned their faces from thence, and went toward S'dom; but Avraham stood yet before Hashem. |
| 23 | And Avraham drew near, and said, Wilt Thou also destroy the tzaddik with the rasha? |
| 24 | Suppose there be fifty tzaddikim within the city; wilt Thou also destroy and not nas (spare [take away and bear the guilt of, Yeshayah 53:12]) the place lema'an (for the sake of) the fifty tzaddikim that are therein? [IK 3:18] |
| 25 | That be far from Thee to do after this manner, to slay the tzaddik with the rasha; and that the tzaddik should be as the rasha, that be far from Thee: Shall not HaShofet Kol Ha'Aretz (the Judge of All the Earth) do mishpat (right)? |
| 26 | And Hashem said, If I find in S'dom fifty tzaddikim within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. |
| 27 | And Avraham answered and said, Hinei now, I, which am but aphar and ashes, have taken upon me to speak unto Hashem; |
| 28 | Suppose there shall lack five of the fifty tzaddikim; wilt Thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And He said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it. |
| 29 | And he spoke unto Him yet again, and said, Suppose there shall be forty found there. And He said, I will not do it for forty's sake. |
| 30 | And he said unto Him, Oh let not Hashem be angry, and I will speak; suppose there shall thirty be found there. And He said, I will not do it for thirty's sake. |
| 31 | And he said unto Him, Oh let not Hashem be angry, and I will speak; suppose there shall thirty be found there. And He said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there. |
| 32 | And he said, Hinei now, I have taken upon me to speak unto Hashem: suppose there shall be twenty found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. |
| 33 | And he said, Oh let not Hashem be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: suppose asarah (ten, i.e., a minyan)
And Hashem went His way, as soon as He had left communing with Avraham; and Avraham returned unto his makom.

And there came two malachim to Sodom at erev; and Lot sat in the sha’ar Sodom; and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

And he said, Hinei, adonai (my masters), turn in, now, into the bais avdechem, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Lo; but we will abide the night in the rekhov.

But before they lay down, the men of the Ir, even the anshei Sodom, surrounded the bais, from na’ar to zeken, all the people from every quarter [of the city];

And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the anashim which came in to thee halailah (this night)? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them [carnally].

And Lot went outside unto them, and shut the delet after him,

And he said, Now, achai (my brethren), do not so wickedly. And he seemed as one that metzachek (joked) unto his chosonim.

And then the shachar came, then the malachim urged Lot, saying, Arise, take thy isha, and thy two banot, which are here or thou be swept away in the avon haIr. And while he lingered hesitating, the anashim laid hold upon his yad, and upon the yad of his isha, and upon the yad of his two banot; Hashem being merciful unto him; and they brought him out and set him outside the Ir.

And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth outside, that he said, Flee and escape for thy nefesh; look not back behind thee, neither stop thou anywhere in all the plain; flee and escape to the mountain, lest thou be swept away.

And Lot sat in the sha’ar Sodom; and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;

And they said, Hinei, adonai (my masters), turn in, now, into the bais avdechem, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Lo; but we will abide the night in the rekhov.

And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his bais; and he made them a mishteh (meal, feast), and did bake matzot, and they did eat.

But before they lay down, the men of the Ir, even the anshei Sodom, surrounded the bais, from na’ar to zeken, all the people from every quarter [of the city];

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But before they lay down, the men of the Ir, even the anshei Sodom, surrounded the bais, from na’ar to zeken, all the people from every quarter [of the city];

And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the anashim which came in to thee halailah (this night)? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them [carnally].

And Lot went outside unto them, and shut the delet after him,
And Avraham got up early in the boker to the makom where he stood there before Hashem;

And he looked down toward Sodom and Amora, and toward all the eretz of the plain, and hinei, he saw kitor (smoke, steam) of the eretz go up like kitor of a furnace.

And it came to pass, when Elohim destroyed the cities of the plain, that zikron Avraham came to Elohim, and He sent Lot out of the midst of the hafekhah (upheaval, destruction, overthrow), when He overthrew the cities in which Lot dwelt.

And Lot left Tzoar, and dwelt in the har, and his two banot with him; for he feared to dwell in Tzoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two banot.

And the bechirah said unto the younger, Avinu is old, and there is not an ish in ha'aretz to come in unto us after the derech of kol ha'aretz:

Come, let us make avinu drink yayin, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve zera by avinu.

And they made their av drink yayin balailah: and the bechirah went in, and lay with her av; and he had da'as not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

And it came to pass on the next day, that the bechirah said unto the younger, Avinu, I lay yesternight with avi. Let us make him drink yayin, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve zera by avinu.

And they made their av drink yayin balailah also; and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he had da'as not when she lay down, nor when she arose.

Thus were both the banot of Lot with child by their av.

And the bechirah bore ben, and called shmo Moav; the same is the Avi Moav unto this day.

And the younger, she also bore ben, and called shmo Ben-Ammi; the same is the Avi Bnei Ammon unto this day.

And Avraham journeyed from there toward the Negev region, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar.

Avraham said of Sarah his isha, She is my achot; and Avimelech Melech Gerar sent, and took Sarah.

But Elohim came to Avimelech in a chalom halailah, and said to him, See, thou art met (dead), for the isha which thou hast taken; for she is be'ulat ba'al (married of a husband).

But Elohim had not come near her; and he said, Adonoi, wilt Thou slay also a goy tzaddik?

Said he not unto me, She is my achot? and she, even she herself said, He is achi: in the tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of my lev and with clean hands of my innocency have I done this.

And Avimelech took tzon, and oxen, and avadim, and shfachot, and gave them unto Avraham, and restored to him Sarah his isha.

And Avimelech sent unto Avraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? And Avraham said, Because I thought, Surely the yirat Elohim is not in this place; and they will slay me on account of my isha.

And yet indeed she is my achot; she is the bat avi, but not the bat immi; and she became my isha.

And it came to pass, when Elohim caused me to wander from my bais avi, that I said unto her, This is thy chesed which thou shalt show unto me; at every place where we shall come, say of me, He is achi.

And Avimelech took tzon, and oxen, and avadim, and shfachot, and gave them unto Avraham, and restored to him Sarah his isha.

And Avimelech said unto him in a chalom, Yea, I have da'as that thou didst this in the tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of my lev and with clean hands of my innocency have I done this.

And HaElohim said unto him in a chalom, Yea, I have da'as that thou didst this in the tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of thy lev; for I also withheld thee from sinning against Me; therefore allowed I thee not to touch her.

And Avimelech said unto him in a chalom, Yea, I have da'as that thou didst this in the tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of thy lev; for I also withheld thee from sinning against Me; therefore allowed I thee not to touch her.

Now therefore restore the ish his isha; for he is a navi, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live; and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

Therefore Avimelech rose early in the boker, and called all his avadim, and told all these things in their ears; and the anashim were very afraid.

Then Avimelech called Avraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and how have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my mamelechah (kingdom) a chata'ah gedolah (great sin)? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done.

And Avimelech said unto Avraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing?

And Avraham said, Because I thought, Surely the yirat Elohim is not in this place; and they will slay me on account of my isha.

And Avimelech said unto Avraham, And avadim, and shfachot, and gave them unto Avraham, and restored to him Sarah his isha.

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And HaElohim said unto him in a chalom, Yea, I have da'as that thou didst this in the tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of thy lev; for I also withheld thee from sinning against Me; therefore allowed I thee not to touch her.
For Hashem had fast closed up kol rechem (every womb) of the bais Avimelech, on account of Sarah Avraham's isha.

And Hashem visited Sarah as He had said, and Hashem did unto Sarah just as He had spoken.

For Sarah conceived, and bore Avraham ben in his old age, at the mo'ed (set time) of which Elohim had given promise unto him.

And Avraham called the shem of bno that was born unto him, whom Sarah bore to him, Yitzchak.

And Avraham circumcised bno Yitzchak at age shemonat yamim, as Elohim had commanded him.

And Avraham was a hundred years old, when bno Yitzchak was born unto him.

And she said, Elohim hath brought me tzechok (laughter), so that all that hear yitzchak (will laugh) with me.

And the yeled grew, and was weaned; and Avraham made a mishteh gadol the same day that Yitzchak was weaned.

And she said, Who would have said unto Avraham, that Sarah should nurse banim? for I have borne him ben in his old age.

And she said, Elohim hath brought me tzechok (laughter), so that all that hear yitzchak (will laugh) with me.

And she said, Who would have said unto Avraham, that Sarah should nurse banim? for I have borne him ben in his old age.

And she sat there nearby, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

And Elohim heard the voice of the na'ar; and the Malach Elohim called to Hagar out of Shomayim, and said unto her, Mah lach, Hagar? fear not; for Elohim hath heard the voice of the na'ar where he is.

And she went off, and sat down about a bowshot away: for she thought, Let me not see the mot hayeled. And she sat there nearby, and lifted up her voice, and wept.

And Elohim opened her eyes, and she saw a be'er of mayim; and she went, and filled the skin with mayim, and gave the na'ar drink.

And Elohim was with the na'ar; and he grew, and dwelt in the midbar, and became a roveh keshet (an archer).

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And Elohim was with the na'ar; and he grew, and dwelt in the midbar, and became a roveh keshet (an archer).

And Elohim is with thee in all that thou doest:

Now therefore swear unto me here before Elohim that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my child, nor with my descendant: but according to the chesed that I have showed thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the eretz wherein thou hast sojourned.

And Avraham said, I will swear.

And Avraham reproved Avimelech because of a be'er hamayim, which Avimelech's avadim had violently seized.

And Avimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but today.

And Avraham took tzon and oxen, and gave them unto Avimelech; and both of them made a brit.

And Avraham set apart seven ewe lambs of the tzon by themselves.

And Avimelech said unto Avraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set apart by yourselves?

And he said, For these sheva ewe lambs shalt thou accept of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have dug this well.

Therefore he called that place Beer-Sheva; because there they swore an oath both of them.

Thus they made a brit at Beer-Sheva: then Avimelech rose up, and Phichol the sar tzeva of his, and they returned into eretz Pelishtim.

And Avraham planted an eshel (tamarisk tree) in Beer-Sheva, and called there on the Shem of Hashem El Olam.

And Avraham sojourned in eretz Pelishtim yamim rabbim.
And it came to pass after these things, that G-d did test Avraham, and said unto him, Avraham: and he said, Hineini (Behold, here I am). www.afii.org/akedah.WMA

And He said, Take now thy son, thine ben yachid (only son) Yitzchak, whom thou lovest, and get thee into eretz Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

And Avraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his donkey, and took two of his servants with him, and Yitzchak his son, and cut the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which G-d had told him.

Then on Yom HaShlishi Avraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. [1C 15:3]

And Avraham said unto his servants, Abide ye here with the donkey; and I and the young man will go over there and nishtachaveh (we will worship) and we will come back again to you.

And Avraham took atzei haolah (the wood of the burnt offering), and laid it upon Yitzchak his son; and he took the eish (fire) in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

And Yitzchak spoke unto Avraham his father, and said, Avi (My father): and he said, Hineini, beni (Here am I, my son). And he said, Hinei, the eish (fire) and the wood: but where is the seh (lamb) for a burnt offering? [YESHAYAH 53:8]

And Avraham said, My son, G-d will provide Himself a seh (lamb) for a burnt offering TAKHAT (instead of ) his son. [YESHAYAH 53:8]

And Avraham called the name of that place Hashem Yireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of Hashem it shall be provided.

And the Malach Hashem called unto Avraham out of Shomayim, and said, Avraham, Avraham: and he said, Hineini.

And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the young man, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest G-d, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine ben yachid from Me. [13] And Avraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and hinei behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Avraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. [YESHAYAH 53:8]

And Avraham called the name of that place Hashem Yireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of Hashem it shall be provided.

And the Malach Hashem called unto Avraham out of Shomayim the second time, [15] And said, By Myself have I sworn, saith Hashem, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine ben yachid: for now I know that thou fearest G-d, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine ben yachid from Me. [13] And Avraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and hinei behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Avraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. [YESHAYAH 53:8]

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Hear us, adoni: thou art a nasi Elohim among us; in the choice of kevareinu bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his kever, that thou mayest bury thy dead.

And Avraham stood up, and bowed himself to the am ha'aretz, even to the bnei Chet.

And he spoke to them, saying, If it be your nefesh (will) that I should bury my dead out of my sight; hear me, and intercede for me to Ephron ben Tzochar,

That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is near Mamre, the sadeh, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the sadeh, that were in all the borders round about, weredeeded

Unto Avraham for a property in the presence of the bnei Chet, before all that went in at the sharr of his city.

And after this, Avraham buried Sarah his isha in the cave of the sadeh of Machpelah near Mamre; the same is Chevron in the eretz Kena'an.

And the sadeh, and the cave that is therein, were deeded unto Avraham for an achuzzah of a kever by the bnei Chet.

And Avraham was zaken (old), and well stricken in age; and Hashem berach (had blessed) Avraham in all things.

And Avraham said unto his eved zekan of his bais, hamoshel (that ruled) over all that he had, Put, now, thy yad under my thigh;

And I will make thee swear by Hashem Elohei HaShomayim and Elohei Ha'Aretz, that thou shalt not take an isha unto beni of the Banot HaKena'ani, among whom I dwell:

But thou shalt go unto my eretz, and to my moledet, and take an isha unto beni from there.

And the eved said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not beni to there!

Hashem Elohei HaShomayim, which took me from bais avi, and from the eretz of my moledet, and which spoke unto me, and that swore unto me, saying, Unto thy zera will I give HaAretz Hazot; He shall send His Malach before thee, and thou shalt take an isha unto beni from there.

But if the isha will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be released from this my shevu'ah (oath); only do not bring back beni there.

And the eved put his yad under yerech Avraham adonav, and swore to him concerning this matter.

And the eved took asarah gemalim of the gemalei adonav, and departed; for all the goods of adonav were in his yad: and he arose, and went to Aram Naharayim, [Mesopotamia] unto the Ir Nachor.

And he made his gemalim to kneel down outside the Ir near a beer hamayim at the time of erev, at the time that women go out to draw mayim.

And he said Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, now, send me success this yom, and show chesed unto adoni Avraham.

Hinei, I stand here by the ayin hamayim; and the banot anshei haIr come out to draw mayim;

And let it come to pass, that the na'arah to whom I shall say, Let down thy jug, now, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy gemalim drink also; let the same be she that Thou hast appointed for Thy eved Yitzchak; and thereby shall I know that Thou hast showed chesed unto adoni Avraham.

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And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, hinei, Rivkah came out, who was born to Beituel Ben Milcah, eshet Nachor, achi Avraham, with her jug upon her shoulder.
16 And the na'arah was tovat mareh me'od, a betulah, neither had any ish known her: and she went down to haayenah (the spring), and filled her jug, and came up.
17 And the eved hurried to meet her, and said, Let me, now, drink a little mayim of thy jug.
18 And she said, Drink, adoni: and she hasted, and let down her jug upon her yad, and gave him drink
19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw for thy gemalim also, until they have done drinking.
20 And she hasted, and emptied her jug into the trough, and ran back unto the be'er to draw, and drew for all his gemalim.
21 And the ish gazed at her and held his peace, so as to have da'as whether Hashem had made his derech prosperous or not.
22 And it came to pass, just as the gemalim had done drinking, that the ish took a nezem zahav (gold ring) by weight a beka, and two tzemidim (bracelets) by weight ten [shekels of] gold for her wrists;
23 And said, Whose bat art thou? Tell me, now: is there makom in the bais of thy av for us to spend the night?
24 And she said unto him, I am Bat Beituel Ben Milcah, the ben which she bore unto Nachor.
25 She said moreover unto him, We have both teven (straw) and mispo (fodder) enough, and makom (room) to spend the night.
26 And the ish bowed his head, worshiped Hashem.
27 And he said, Baruch Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, who hath not left destitute of His chesed and His emes; I being on the derech, Hashem led me to the bais achi adoni.
28 And the na'arah ran, and told them of her bais em these things.
29 And Rivkah had an ach, shmo Lavan; Lavan ran out unto the ish, unto the ayin.
30 And it came to pass, when he saw the nezem and tzemidim upon the wrists of his achat, and when he heard the words of Rivkah his achat, saying, Thus spoke the ish unto me; that he came unto the ish; and, hinei, he stood by the gemalim at the ayin.
31 And he said, Come in, Baruch Hashem; why standest thou outside? for I have prepared the bais, and makom for the gemalim.
32 And the ish came into the bais; and he unloaded his gemalim, and gave teven (straw) and mispo (fodder) for the camels, and mayim to wash his raglayim, and the raglei haanashim that were with him.
33 And there was set ochel before him to eat; but he said, I will not eat, until I have stated my business. And he said, Speak on.
34 And he said, I am eved Avraham.
35 And Hashem hath blessed adoni me'od; and he is become prospered: and He hath given him tzon, and bakar, and kesef, and zahav, and avadim, and shefachot, and gemalim, and chamorim.
36 And Sarah eshet adoni bore ben to adoni when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath.
37 And adoni made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take an isha for beni of the Banot HaKena’ani, in whose land I dwell;
38 But thou shalt go unto bais avi, to my mishpokhot, and take an isha unto beni.
39 And I said unto adoni, What if the isha will not follow me.
40 And he said unto me, Hashem, before Whom I walk, will send His Malach with thee, and prosper thy derech; and thou shalt take an isha for beni of my mishpokhot, and of my bais av;
41 Then shalt thou be released from this my oath, when thou comest to my mishpokhot; and if they give not thee one, thou shalt be released from my oath.
42 And I came this day unto the ayin, and said, Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, if now Thou do prosper my derech which I go;
43 Hinei, I stand by the ayin hamayim; and it shall come to pass, that when the Almah [haAlmah used here as synonym for na’arah-betulah, Genesis 24:16; see Isaiah 7:14, p.vii-xii] cometh forth to draw mayim, and I say to her, Give me, now, a little mayim of thy jar to drink;
44 And she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy gemalim; let the same be the isha whom Hashem hath appointed for ben adoni.
45 And before I had done davening in mine lev, hinei, Rivkah came forth with her jar on her shoulder; and she went down unto ha’ayenah, and drew: and I said unto her, Let me drink, now.
46 And she made haste, and let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy gemalim drink also; so I drank, and she made the gemalim drink also.
And I asked her, and said, Whose bat art thou? And she said, Bat Beituel Ben Nachor, the ben whom Milcah bore unto him: and I put the nezem upon her face, and the tzemidim upon her wrists.

And I bowed down my head, and worshiped Hashem, and I said a brocha to Hashem Elohei adoni Avraham, which had led me on the derech emes to take bat achi adoni for bno.

And now if ye will do chesed and emes to adoni, tell me; and if not, tell me; that I may turn to yamin, or to smol.

Then Lavan and Beituel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from Hashem; we cannot speak unto thee rah or tov.

Hinei, Rivkah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be isha for ben adonecha, just as Hashem hath spoken.

And it came to pass, that, when eved Avraham heard their words, he worshiped Hashem, bowing himself to the ground.

And the eved brought forth kelei kesef, and kelei zahav, and begadim, and gave them to Rivkah; he gave also to her ach and to her em migdanot (costly gifts).

And they did eat and drink, he and the anashim that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the boker, and he said, Send me away unto adoni.

But unto the bnei hapilageshim (sons of the concubines), which Avraham had, Avraham gave mattanot, and sent them away from Yitzchak bno, while he yet lived, eastward, unto eretz kedem.

Then again Avraham took an isha, and her shem was Keturah.

And she bore him Zimran, and Yokshan, and Medan, and Midyan, and Yishbak, and Shuach.

And Yokshan fathered Sheva, and Dedan. And the bnei Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim.

And the bnei Midyan; Ephah, and Epher, and Chanoch, and Avida, and Eldaah. All these were the bnei Keturah.

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And these are the days of the years of Avraham's life which he lived, a hundred threescore and fifteen shanim.

Then Avraham breathed his last, and died in a good old age, a zaken, full of years; and was gathered to his people.

And his banim Yitzchak and Yishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the sadeh of Ephron ben Tzochar the Chitti, which is near Mamre.

The sadeh which Avraham purchased of the bnei Chet, there was Avraham buried, and Sarah his wife.

And it came to pass after the mot Avraham, that Elohim blessed Yitzchak bno; and Yitzchak dwelt near Be'er Lachai Roi.

Now these are the toldot Yishmael ben Avraham, whom Hagar the Egyptian, shifchat Sarah, bore unto Avraham:

And these are the shemot bnei Yishmael, by their shemot, according to their toldot: the bechor of Yishmael, Nevayot; and Medan, and Adbe’el, and Mivsam,
And Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa,
Chadad, and Tema, Yetur, Naphish, and Kedmah:
These are the bnei Yishmael, and these are their shemot, by their settlement, and by their camps; twelve nasiim (princes, rulers) according to their tribes.

And these are the years of the life of Yishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven shanah; and he breathed his last and died; and was gathered unto his people.

And they dwelt from Chavilah unto Shur, that is toward Assyria; they took their place east of their brethren.

And these are the toldot of Yitzchak ben Avraham:
Avraham fathered Yitzchak; and Yitzchak was arba'im shanah when he took Rivkah as his wife, the bat Betuel the Aramean of Padan Aram, the achot Lavan the Aramean.

And Yitzchak davened to Hashem on behalf of his isha, because she was barren; and Hashem was entreated of him, and Rivkah his isha conceived.

And the banim struggled jostling within her; and she said, If it be well, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of Hashem.

And Hashem said unto her, Two goyim (nations) are in thy womb, and two peoples shall be separated from within thee; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the older shall serve the younger.

And when her days were fulfilled to be delivered, hinei, there were twins in her womb.
And the first came out admoni (red) all over like a hairy garment; and they called shmo Esav.
And after that came out his brother, and his yad was grasping on akev Esav; and shmo was called Ya'akov; and Yitzchak was threescore shanah when she bore them.

And the nearim grew; and Esav was a skilled hunter, an ish sadeh; and Ya'akov was an ish tam (quiet man), dwelling in chalim.

And Yitzchak loved Esav, because he did eat of his wild game; but Rivkah loved Ya'akov.

And Ya'akov cooked stew; and Esav came from the sadeh, and he was famished.
And Esav said to Ya'akov, Let me eat now some of the adom (red stew); for I am famished; therefore was shmo called Edom.

And Ya'akov said, First sell me today thy bechorah (birthright, right of the firstborn).
And Esav said, Hinei, I am at the point of death; and what profit shall this bechorah do to me?
And Ya'akov said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him; and he sold his bechorah unto Ya'akov.

Then Ya'akov gave Esav lechem and adashim (lentils) stew; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way; thus Esav despised his bechorah.

And there was a ra'av (famine) in ha'aretz, besides the ra'av harishon that was in the days of Avraham. And Yitzchak went unto Avimelech Melech Pelishtim (Philistines) unto Gerar.
And Hashem appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Mitzrayim; dwell in ha'aretz which I shall tell thee of;

And I will make thy zera to multiply as the kokhavim of Shomayim, and will give unto thy zera all these lands; and in thy zera shall kol Goyei Ha'Aretz be blessed;
Because Avraham obeyed My voice, and was shomer over My mishmeret (charge), My mitzvot, My chukkot, and My torot.
And Yitzchak dwelt in Gerar;
And the anshei hamakom asked him about his isha; and he said, She is my achot; for he feared to say, She is my isha; lest, said he, the anshei hamakom should kill me for Rivkah; because she was beautiful to look upon.
And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Avimelech Melech Pelishtim (Philistines) looked out at a chalon, and saw, and, hinei, Yitzchak metzachek (was caressing) Rivkah his isha.
And Avimelech called Yitzchak, and said, Hinei, of a surety she is thy isha; and why saidst thou, She is my achot? And Yitzchak said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her.
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And Avimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have slept with thy isha, and thou shouldest have brought asham (guilt) upon us.
And Avimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth
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this man or his isha shall surely be put to death.

|12| Then Yitzchak sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and Hashem blessed him.
|13| And the man became very prosperous, and went forward, and grew until he became gadol me’od:
|14| For he had possession of tzon, and possession of herds, and many avadim; and the Pelishtim envied him.
|15| For all the wells which avdei aviv had dug in the days of Avraham aviv, the Pelishtim had stopped them up, and filled them with dirt.
|16| And Avimelech said unto Yitzchak, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.
|17| And Yitzchak departed from there, and encamped in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.
|18| And Yitzchak dug again the be’erot hamayim (wells of water), which they had dug in the days of Avraham aviv; for the Pelishtim had stopped them up; and filled them with dirt.
|19| And avdei Yitzchak dug in the valley, and found there a well of mayim chayyim.
|20| And the herdmen of Gerar did quarrel with Yitzchak’s herdmen, saying, The mayim is ours; and he called the shem of the well Esek (Contention); because they disputed with him.
|21| And they dug another be’er, and feuded over that also; and he called the shem of it Sitnah (Enmity).
|22| And he moved away from there, and dug another well; and for that they strove not; and he called the shem of it Rechovot (Broad Places); and he said, For now Hashem hath made rachav (room) for us, and we shall be fruitful in ha’aretz.
|23| And he went up from there to Beer-Sheva.
|24| And Hashem appeared unto him bahailah hahu, and said, I am Elohei Avraham avichah; fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy zera for the sake of Avdi Avraham (My Servant Abraham).
|25| And he built a Mizbe’ach there, and called upon the Shem of Hashem, and pitched his ohel there: and there avdei Yitzchak dug a well.
|26| Then Avimelech went to him from Gerar, and Achuzzat his adviser, and Phichol the sar tz’va of his adviser, and Phichol the sar tza’va of his.
|27| And Yitzchak said unto them, Why come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you?
|28| And they said, We saw certainly that Hashem was with thee; and we said, Let there be now an oath between us, even between us and thee, and let us cut a brit (covenant) with thee;
|29| That thou wilt do us no ra’ah, just as we have not touched thee, and have sent me away from you?
|30| And they made a mishteh (feast), and they did eat and drink.
|31| And they rose up early in the boker, and swore one to another: and Yitzchak sent them away, and they departed from him in shalom.
|32| And Esav was arba'im shanah when he took to wife Yehudit the bat Beeri the Chitti, and Basemat the bat Elon the Chitti: (grief of mind) unto Yitzchak and Rivkah.

And it came to pass, that when Yitzchak was zaken (old),and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esav bno hagadol and said unto him, Beni: and he said unto him, Hineni.

|2| And he said, Hinei now, I am old, I know not my yom mot:
|3| Therefore take, now, thy kelim (weapons), thy quiver and thy keshet (bow), and go out to the sadeh, and hunt me some wild game;
|4| And make me matamim (savory meat, tasty food), such as I love, and bring it to me, that I may eat; that my nefesh may make a brocha upon thee before I die.
|5| And Rivkah heard when Yitzchak spoke to Esav bno.
|6| And Esav went to the sadeh to hunt for wild game, and to bring it
|7| And Rivkah spoke unto Yaakov her ben, saying, Hinei, I heard avicha speak unto Esav achicha, saying, I heard avicha speak unto Esav achicha, saying,
|8| Bring me wild game, and make me matamim, that I may eat, and make a brocha upon thee before Hashem before my mot.
|9| Now therefore, beni (my son), obey my kol (voice) according to that which I command thee.
|10| Go now to the tzon, and bring me from there two gedelayi izzim tovim (good kids of goats);
and I will make them matamim for avicha, such as he loveth:

| 10 | And thou shalt bring it to avicha, that he may eat, and that he may make a brocha upon thee before his mot. |
| 11 | And Yaakov said to Rivkah immo, Look, Esav achi is an ish sa'ir (hairy man), and I am an ish chalak (smooth man) |
| 12 | What if avi will touch me, and I shall seem to him as a meta'te'a (mocker); and I shall bring a kelalah upon me, and not a brocha. |
| 13 | And immo said unto him, Upon me be thy kelalah, beni; only obey my kol (voice), and go bring me them. |
| 14 | And he went, and got, and brought them to immo: and immo made matamim, such as aviv loved. |
| 15 | And Rivkah took begadim of Esav her ben hagadol, the chamudot (best ones) which were with her in the bais, and dressed Ya'akov her ben hakatan; |
| 16 | And with orot gedayei haizzim (skins of the kids of the goats) she dressed and covered his hands, and also upon the smooth of his tzavar (neck); |
| 17 | And she gave the matamim and the lechem, which she had prepared, into the yad Yaakov her ben. |
| 18 | And he came unto aviv, and said, Avi; and he said, Hineni; who art thou, beni? |
| 19 | And Yaakov said unto aviv, I am Esav thy bechor; I have done according as thou told me; arise, now, sit up and eat of my wild game, that thy nefesh may make a brocha upon me. |
| 20 | And Yitzchak said unto bno, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, beni? And he said, Hashem Eloheicha worked it out for me. |
| 21 | And Yitzchak said unto Ya'akov, Come near, now, that I may touch thee, beni, indeed, whether thou be beni Esav or not. |
| 22 | And Yaakov went near unto Yitzchak aviv; and he touched him, and said, The kol is kol Yaakov, but the yadayim are the yedei Esav. |
| 23 | And he discerned him not, for his hands were se'irot, as yedei Esav achiv; so he made a brocha upon him |
| 24 | And he said, Art thou indeed beni Esav? And he said, I am. |
| 25 | And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of the wild game of beni, that my nefesh may make a brocha upon thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat; and he brought him yayin and he drank. |
| 26 | And aviv Yitzchak said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me beni. |
| 27 | And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the reiach (smell) of his begadim, and made a brocha upon him. The reiach of beni is as the reiach of a sadeh upon which Hashem hath made a brocha; |
| 28 | Therefore HaElohim give thee of the tal haShomayim, and the fatness of ha'aretz, and plenty of dagan and tirosh; |
| 29 | Let people serve thee, and amim bow down to thee: be gevur over thy achim, and let bnei immecha bow down to thee: arur be every one that curseth thee, and baruch be he that blesseth thee. |
| 30 | And as soon as Yitzchak had completed making on Ya'akov a brocha, and Ya'akov had hardly gone out from the presence of Yitzchak aviv, that Esav achiv came in from his hunt. |
| 31 | And he also had prepared matamim, and brought it unto aviv and said unto aviv, Let aviv arise, and eat of the wild game of bno, that thy nefesh may make a brocha upon me. |
| 32 | And Yitzchak aviv said unto him, Mi atah? (Who art thou?) And he said, I am binecha, thy bechor Esav. |
| 33 | And Yitzchak trembled with charadah gedolah ad me'od (exceedingly great trembling), and said, Who? Where is he that hath hunted wild game, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all of it before thou camest, and have made a brocha upon him? And indeed he shall be baruch (blessed)! |
| 34 | And when Esav heard the words of aviv, he cried with tzeakah gedolah umarah ad me'od (a great and exceeding bitter cry), and said unto aviv, Make a brocha on me, even me also, O avi. |
| 35 | And he said, Achicha came with mirmah (deceit), and hath taken away thy brocha. |
| 36 | And he said, Is not he rightly called shmo Ya'akov? for vaya'keveni (now he deceived/outwitted me) these two times he took away my bechorah (birthright); and, hinei, now he hath taken away my brocha (blessing). And he asked, Hast thou not reserved a brocha for me? |
| 37 | And Yitzchak answered and said unto Esav, See, I have made him gevur over you, and all his achim have I given to him for avadim; and with dagan and tirosh have I sustained him; and what shall I do now unto thee, beni? |
| 38 | And Esav said unto aviv, Hast thou but one brocha, aviv? Make a brocha on me, even me also, O avi. And Esav lifted up his kol (voice), and wept. |
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Now therefore, beni, shema bekoli (listen to my voice)! Arise, flee thou to Lavan achi to Charan; and tarry with him a few days, until chamat achicha subsides; and when af achicha subsides from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him; then I will slay Ya’akov achi.

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Elohim will be with me, and will be shomer over me in this derech (way, journey) that I go, and will give me lechem to eat, and beged (clothes) to put on.

| 21 | So that I return to bais avi in shalom; then shall Hashem be for me Elohim (my G-d).

| 22 | And this even (stone), which I have set for a matzevah (pillar), shall be Beis Elohim: and of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the aser (tenth) unto Thee.

Then Ya'akov went on his journey, and came into the eretz of the bnei kedem.

| 2 | And he looked, and hinei a be'er in the sadeh, and, hinei, there were shloshah edrei tzon lying by it; for out of that be'er they watered the edarim: and a great even (stone) was upon the mouth of the be'er.

| 3 | And to there were all the edarim gathered: and they rolled the even (stone) from the mouth of the be'er, and watered the tzon of Lavan achi immo.

| 4 | And Ya'akov said unto them, My brethren, where are you from? And they said, Of Charan are we.

| 5 | And he said unto them, Know ye Lavan ben Nachor? And they said, We know him.

| 6 | And he said unto them, Is the shalom with him? And they said, Shalom; and, hinei, Rachel his bat cometh with the tzon.

| 7 | And he said, Look, the sun is still high, neither is it time that the flock should be gathered together; water ye the tzon, and go and feed them.

| 8 | And they said, We cannot, until all the edarim be gathered together, and till they roll the even (stone) from the mouth of the be'er; then we water the tzon.

| 9 | And while he yet spoke with them, Rachel came with the tzon of her av; for she was a roah (shepherdess).

| 10 | And it came to pass, when Ya'akov saw Rachel bat Lavan achi immo, and the tzon of Lavan achi immo, that Ya'akov went near, and rolled the even (stone) from the mouth of the be'er, and watered the tzon of Lavan achi immo.

| 11 | And Ya'akov kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

| 12 | And Ya'akov told Rachel that he was the relative of her av, and that he was ben Rivkah; and she ran and told her av.

| 13 | And it came to pass, when Lavan heard the news of Ya'akov ben achoto, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his bais. And he told Lavan all these things.

| 14 | And Lavan said to him, Surely thou art my etzem (bone) and my basar. And he abode with him the space of a chodesh (month).

| 15 | And Lavan said unto Ya'akov, Because thou art my relative, shouldst thou therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall thy maskoret (wages) be?

| 16 | And Lavan had two banot: the shem of the elder was Leah, and the shem of the younger was Rachel.

| 17 | Leah had weak eyes; but Rachel was yafeh and lovely in form.

| 18 | And Ya'akov loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee sheva shanim for Rachel thy bat hakatenannah (younger daughter).

| 19 | And Lavan said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another ish; abide with me.

| 20 | And Ya'akov served sheva shanim for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few yamim, because of the ahavah he had for her.

| 21 | And Ya'akov said unto Lavan, Give me my isha, for my yamim are completed, that I may go in unto her.

| 22 | And Lavan gathered together all the anshei hamakom, and made a mishteh (feast).

| 23 | And it came to pass in the erev, that he took Leah his bat, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.

| 24 | And Lavan gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah shifchato (his maid) for a shifchah.

| 25 | And it came to pass, that in the boker, hinei, it was Leah! And he said to Lavan, What is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? So why then hast thou deceived me?

| 26 | And Lavan said, It must not be so done in our land, to give the younger before the bechirah.

| 27 | Finish her shvu'a (week), and we will give thee this also for the avodah (service, work) which thou shalt do for me yet sheva shanim acherot.

| 28 | And Ya'akov did so, and fulfilled her shvu'a; and he gave him Rachel his bat to be his isha also.

| 29 | And Lavan gave to his bat Rachel Bilhah his shifchah to be her shifchah.

| 30 | And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served him yet sheva shanim acherot.

| 31 | And when Hashem saw that Leah was hated, He opened her womb but Rachel was barren.

| 32 | And Leah conceived, and bore a ben, and she called shmo Reuven: for
she said, Surely Hashem hath looked upon my misery; now therefore my ish will love me.

[33] And she conceived again, and bore ben; and said, Because Hashem hath heard I was hated, He hath therefore given me this also; and she called shmo Shimon.

[34] And she conceived again, and bore ben; and said, Now this time will my ish will love me, because I have born him shloshah benim; therefore was shmo called Levi.

[35] And she conceived again, and bore ben; and she said, Now will odeh (I praise) Hashem; therefore she called shmo Yehudah; and stopped giving birth.

And when Rachel saw that she did not bear [banim] to Ya’akov, Rachel had kina toward her achot; and said unto Ya’akov, Give me banim, or else I die.

[2] And af Ya’akov was kindled against Rachel; and he said, Am I in place of Elohim, Who hath withheld from thee p’ri beten?

[3] And she said, Hinei my amah (maidservant) Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my birkayim, that I may also build up through her.

[4] And she gave him Bilhah her shifchah (slave woman, maidservant) as isha; and Ya’akov went in unto her.


[6] And Rachel said, Elohim danani (G-d hath judged me), and hath also heard my voice, and hath given to me ben: therefore called she shmo Dan.


[8] And Rachel said, With naftulei Elohim niftalti (with wrestlings of G-d have I wrestled) with my achot, and I have prevailed: and she called shmo Naphtali.

[9] When Leah saw that she had stopped bearing, she took Zilpah her shifchah, and gave her to Ya’akov as isha.


[13] And Leah said, B’Ashri (Happy am I), for the banot will call me asher (blessed); so she called shmo Asher.

[14] And Reuven went in the yemei ketzir chittim, and found duda’im (mandrakes) in the sadeh, and brought them unto Leah immo. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, now, of the duda’im of thy ben.

[15] And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken my ish? And wouldest thou take away the duda’im of beni also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee halailah (tonight) for the duda’im of thy ben.

[16] And Ya’akov came in from the sadeh ba’erev, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for surely I have hired thee with duda’im of beni. And he lay with her that night.

[17] And Elohim paid heed unto Leah, and she conceived, and bore Ya’akov ben chamishi.

[18] And Leah said, Elohim hath given me my hire, because I have given my shifchah to my ish; and she called shmo Yissakhar.

[19] And Leah conceived again, and bore Ya’akov ben shishi.

[20] And Leah said, Elohim hath endowed me with a zevad tov (good endowment); now will my ish zabal (honor) me, because I have born him shisha banim; and she called shmo Zevulun.

[21] And afterwards she bore a bat, and called her shem Dinah.

[22] And Elohim remembered Rachel, and Elohim paid heed to her, and opened her rekhem (womb).

[23] And she conceived, and bore ben; and said, Elohim hath taken away my cherpah (shame, disgrace, reproach);

[24] And she called shmo Yosef; and said, yosef (may He add), may Hashem add me ben acher (another son).

[25] And it came to pass, when Rachel had born Yosef, that Ya’akov said unto Lavan, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own makom (place, home) and to my eretz.

[26] Give me my nashim and my yeladim, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my avodah which I have done thee.

[27] And Lavan said unto him, Now, if I have found chen (favor, grace) in thine eyes, tarry; for I have learned by nachash (divination) that Hashem hath made a brocha upon me for thy sake.

[28] And he said, Specify thy sachar (wages, reward), and I will pay it.

[29] And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy mikneh fared with me.

[30] For it was me’at (little) which thou hadst before I came, and it is now increased unto a multitude; and Hashem hath made a brocha upon thee since my coming; and now when shall I do for mine own bais also?

[31] And he said, What shall I give thee? And Ya’akov said, Thou shalt...
not give me any thing; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again tend and be shomer over thy tzon.
|32| I will pass through all thy tzon today, removing from there speckled and spotted seh, and every dark seh among the kesavim, and the spotted and speckled among the izzim; and of such shall be my sachar.
|33| So shall my tzedakah answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my sachar before thy face; every one that is not speckled and spotted among the izzim, and dark among the kesavim, that shall be counted a ganav’s with me.
|34| And Lavan said, Agreed, I would it might be according to thy davar.
|35| And he removed that day the male goats that were streaked and spotted, and all the izzim that were speckled and spotted, and every one that had some lavan in it, and all the dark among the kesavim, and gave them into the yad of his banim.
|36| And he set a derech shloshet yamim between himself and Ya’akov; and Ya’akov tended the rest of the tzon Lavan.
|37| And Ya’akov took him fresh cut makal (rod, branch) of poplar and of almond and plane tree; and peeled strips of bark in them, and made the lavan (white) appear which was in the maklot (rods, branches).
|38| And he set the maklot which he had peeled before the flocks in the small channels of the shikatot mayim (watering troughs) when the tzon came to drink. And since they bred when they came to drink,
|39| And the flocks bred before the maklot, and brought forth tzon streaked, speckled, and spotted.
|40| And Ya’akov did separate the kesavim, and set the faces of the tzon toward the streaked, and all the dark in the tzon Lavan; and he put his own adarim (flocks) by themselves, and put them not unto the tzon Lavan.
|41| And it came to pass, whensoever tzon hamekusharot (the stronger flock) did breed, that Ya’akov set the maklot before the eyes of the tzon in the trough channels, that they might breed among the maklot.
|42| But when the tzon were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler would belong to Lavan, and the stronger to Ya’akov.
|43| And the ish increased exceedingly, and had much tzon, and shefachot, and avadim, and gemalim, and chamorim. Elohim allowed him not to harm me.
|44| If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy sachar; then all the tzon bore speckled; and if he said thus, The streaked shall be thy sachar; then bore all the tzon streaked.
|45| Thus Elohim hath taken away the mikneh of your av, and given them to me.
|46| And it came to pass at the time that the tzon breed, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a chalom, and, hinei, the male goats mounting the tzon were streaked, speckled, and spotted.
|47| And the Malach HaElohim spoke unto me in a chalom saying, Ya’akov: And I said, Hineni.
|48| And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the male goats leaping upon the tzon are streaked, speckled, and spotted; for I have seen all that Lavan doeth unto thee.
|49| And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any chelek or nachalah for us in bais avinu?
|50| Are we not regarded by him nokhriyyot (foreigners, strangers)? For he hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our kesef.
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|55| Then Ya’akov rose up, and set his banim and his nashim upon the gemalim; and he drove all his mikneh, and all his goods which he had gotten, the mikneh of...
And Lavan went to shear his tzon; and Rachel had stolen the terafim that belong to her av.

Unawares to Lavan HaArami, Yaakov stole away, in that he told him not that he was fleeing.

So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over the Nahar [i.e. the Euphrates], and set his face toward Har Gil’ad.

And it was told Lavan on Yom HaShlishi that Yaakov was fled.

And he took his achim with him, and pursued after him derech shivat yamim; and they overtook him at Har Gil`ad.

And Elohim came to Lavan HaArami in a chalom halailah, and said unto him,

Take heed that thou speak not to Yaakov either tov or rah.

Then Lavan overtook Yaakov. Now Yaakov had pitched his ohel on the har; and Lavan with his achim encamped in Har Gil’ad.

And Lavan said to Yaakov, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my banot, like shevuyot (captives) taken with the cherev?

With whomsoever thou findest eloheicha, let him not live; before acheinu discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Yaakov knew not that Rachel had played the ganav with them.

Now Rachel had taken the terafim, and put them in the saddle of the gamal, and sat upon them. And Lavan searched all the ohel, but found them not.

And she said to her av, Let it not displease adoni that I cannot rise up in thy presence; for the derech nashim is upon me. And he searched but found not the terafim.

And Yaakov was in wrath, and upbraided Lavan: and Yaakov answered and said to Lavan, What is my peysha? What is my chattat, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me?

Whereas thou hast searched through all that I own, what hast thou found of all thy kelei bais? Set it here before my achim and thy achim, that they may judge between us both.

These esrim shanah have I been with thee; recchelecha (thy ewes) and thy female goats have not miscarried, and the rams of thy tzon have I not eaten.

That which was treifah (torn of beasts) I brought not unto thee; I bore the loss of it; of my yad didst thou require it, whether stolen by yom, or stolen by lailah.

Thus I was; in the yom the chorev (heat) consumed me, and the kerach (cold) by lailah; and my sheynah (sleep) departed from mine eyes.

Thus have I been esrim shanah in thy bais; I served thee arba-esreh shanah for thy two banot, and shesh shanim for thy tzon: and thou hast changed my sachar aseret monim.

Except Elohei Avi, Elohei Avraham, and the Pachad of Yitzchak had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty handed. Elohim hath seen mine oni and the toil of my palms, and rebuked thee emesh (last night).

Now therefore come thou, let us cut a brit, I and thou; and let it be for an ed between me and thee.

And Yaakov took an even, and set it up for a matzevah (pillar).

And Lavan called it Yegar Sahaduta; but Yaakov called it Gale'ed (‘Heap of Witness’).
And Lavan said, This gal (heap, mound) is an ed (witness) between me and thee this day. Therefore was shmo called Gale’ed;

And Mitzpah (Watch); for he said, Hashem watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.

If thou shalt afflict my banot, or if thou shalt take nashim besides my banot, no man is with us; see, Elohim ed beini uveinecha (Elohim is witness between me and you).

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The Elohei Avraham, and Elohei Nachor, Elohei Avihem judge between us. And Ya’akov swore by the Pachad Aviv Yitzchak.

Then Ya’akov offered zavach upon the har, and called his achim to eat lechem; and they did eat lechem, and tarried all night on the har.

And early in the boker (morning) Lavan rose up, and kissed his banim and his banot, and made on them a brocha; and Lavan departed, and returned unto his makom.

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And when Ya’akov saw them, he said, This is Mahaneh Elohim; and he called the shem of that makom (place) Machanayim.

And Ya’akov sent malachim before him to Esav achiv unto Eretz Seir, the country of Edom.

And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto adoni Esav; Thy eved Ya’akov saith thus, I have sojourned with Lavan, and stayed there until now;

And I have shor (oxen), and chamor, tzon, and eved, and shifchah; and I have sent to tell adoni, that I may find chen (grace) in thy sight.

The malachim returned to Ya’akov, saying, We came to Esav achicha, and also he cometh to meet thee, and arba me’ot ish with him.

Then Ya’akov was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided HaAm that was with him, and the tzon, and bakar, and the gemalim, into two machanot;

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4(5)| And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto adoni Esav; Thy eved Ya’akov saith thus, I have sojourned with Lavan, and stayed there until now;
5(6)| And I have shor (oxen), and chamor, tzon, and eved, and shifchah; and I have sent to tell adoni, that I may find chen (grace) in thy sight.
6(7)| And the malachim returned to Ya’akov, saying, We came to Esav achicha, and also he cometh to meet thee, and arba me’ot ish with him.
7(8)| Then Ya’akov was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided HaAm that was with him, and the tzon, and bakar, and the gemalim, into two machanot;
8(9)| And said, If Esav come to the one machaneh, and attack it, then the other machaneh which is left shall escape.
9(10)| I am not worthy of the least of all the chasadim, and of all the emes, which Thou hast showed unto Thy eved; for with my makal (rod, staff) I passed over this Yarden; and now I am become two machanot.
10(11)| Save me, now, from the yad achi, from the yad Esav; for I fear him, lest he will come and attack me, em with banim.
11(12)| But Thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy zera as the chol of the yam, which cannot be numbered for multitude.
12(13)| And he spent there that same night; and took of that which came to his yad a minchah for Esav achiv; and twenty eilim (rams), Thirty nursing gemalim with their colts, forty parot (cows), and ten parim (bulls), twenty female donkeys, and ten male donkeys.
13(14)| And he delivered them into the yad of his avadim, every herd by itself; and said unto his avadim, Pass over before me, and keep a space between herd and herd.
14(15)| And he commanded the rishon, saying, When Esav achi meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose are these [animals] before thee? And to where goest thou? And whose are these [animals] before thee?
15(16)| Then thou shalt say, They are of thy eved Ya’akov; it is a minchah sent unto adoni Esav; and, hinei, also he is behind us.
16(17)| And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the adarim (herds), saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esav, when ye find him.
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19(20)| And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the adarim (herds), saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esav, when ye find him.
20(21)| And say ye moreover, Hinei, thy eved Ya’akov is behind us. For he said, Akhapperah (I will appease, cover) his face with the minchah that goeth ahead of me, and afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me.
21(22)| So went the minchah (present) over ahead of him; but he himself stayed balailah in the machaneh.
And he rose up that night, and took his two wives and his two maids, and his eleven sons, and passed over the place of Jabbok.

And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over all that he had.

And Ya'akov was left by himself; and there wrestled an angel with him until the dawn.

And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he struck his hip socket; so Ya'akov's hip socket dislocated while he wrestled with him.

And he said, Let me go, for shachar breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, unless thou make a berakah upon me.

And he said, What is shemecha? And he said, Ya'akov.

And he said, Shemcha shall be called no more Ya'akov, but Yisroel: for sarita im Elohim (yeisrah=to prevail + El=G-d = Yisroel) ye have striven with Elohim and with anashim, and hast overcome.

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And he called the shem of the place Peniel [Face of G-d]: for I have seen Elohim panim el panim, and my nefesh is saved.

And as he passed over before his eved, and bowed himself to the ground sheva pe'amim, until he came near to achiv (his brother).

And he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his tzavar (neck), and kissed him; and they wept.

And he said, What meanest thou by all this machaneh which I met? And he said, These are to find chen (grace) in the eyes of adoni.

Let me now leave with thee some of HaAm that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? Let me find chen in the sight of adoni.

So Esav returned that day on his derech unto Seir.

And Yaakov journeyed to Sukkot, and built him a bais, and made sukkot for his mikneh; therefore the shem of the makom is called Sukkot.

And Yaakov came shalem to Ir Shechem, which is in eretz Kena'an, when he came from Padan Aram; and encamped before the Ir.

And he bought a chelkat hasadeh (piece of land), where he had pitched there his ohel, from the yad Bnei Chamor Avi Shechem, for a hundred kesitah (money).

And he erected there a Mizbe'ach, and called it El Elohei Yisroel.
And Dinah Bat Leah, which she bore unto Yaakov, went out to see the Banot HaAretz.

And when Shechem Ben Chamor the Chivvi (Hivite), Nasi HaAretz, saw her, he took her, and lay with her, and violated her.

And his nefesh had deveykus unto Dinah Bat Yaakov, and he loved the na’arah, and spoke to the lev hanaarah.

And Shechem spoke unto Chamor aviv, saying, Get me this yaldah as isha.

And Yaakov heard that he had made his bat Dinah tameh; now his banim were with his mikneh in the sadeh; and Yaakov held his peace until they were come.

And Chamor avi Shechem went out unto Yaakov to speak with him.

And the Bnei Ya’akov came from the sadeh when they heard it; and the anashim were grieved, and they were in wrath greatly, because he had wrought nevalah (folly, disgrace, outrage) against Yisroel in lying with Bat Ya’akov; which thing ought not to be done.

And Shechem spoke with them, saying, The nefesh of beni (my son) Shechem longeth for your bat; now give her him as isha.

And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give achoteinu (our sister) to ish that is arelah (uncircumcised); for that would be a cherpah (reproach, disgrace) unto us;

But in this will we consent unto you: If ye will become like us, that every zachar among you be circumcised;

Then will we give benoteinu unto you, and we will take your banot to us, and we will dwell among you, and we will become as Am Echad.

If ye will not pay heed to us, to become circumcised; then will we take biteinu (our daughter), and we will go.

And their words pleased Chamor, and Shechem bno.

And unto Chamor and Shechem bno paid heed all that went out of the Sha’ar of his city; and every zachar was circumcised, all that went out of the Sha’ar of his city.

And it came to pass on the Yom HaShlishi, when they were in pain, that two of the Bnei Yaakov, Shimon and Levi, achei Dinah, took each ish his cherev, and came upon the Ir betach (boldly, confidently), and they slewed kol zachar.

And they slaughtered Chamor and Shechem bno with the edge of the cherev, and took Dinah from the Bais Shechem and left.

And the Bnei Ya’akov came upon the chalalim (dead ones, slain ones), and plundered the Ir, because they had made their achot tameh.

And they seized their tzon, and their bakar, and their chamorim, and that which was in the Ir, and that which was in the sadeh,

And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their nashim they carried off and plundered even all that was in the bais.

And Yaakov said to Shimon and Levi, Ye have brought trouble on me to make me a stench among the inhabitants of HaAretz, among the Kena’ani and the Perizzi; and I being few in mispar, they shall gather themselves together against me, and attack me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my bais.

Echad, if every zachar among us be circumcised, just as they are nimolim (ones being circumcised).

Shall not their mikneh and their property and every behemah of theirs be ours? Only let us consent unto them, and they will settle among us.

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And they said, Should he deal with achoteinu like with zonah?

And Elohim said unto Ya'akov, Arise, go up to Beit-El, and settle there; and make there a Mizbe'ach unto El (G-d) that appeared unto thee when thou didst flee from the face of Esav achicha.

Then Ya'akov said unto his Bais, and to all that were with him, Put away the elohei hanekhar that are among you, and be tahor, and change your simlah (garments);

And let us arise, and go up to Beit-El; and I will build there a Mizbe'ach unto El Who answered me in my yom tzoros, and was with me in the derech in which I went.

And they gave unto Ya'akov kol elohei hanekhar which were in their yad, and all their nezamim which were in their oznayim; and Ya'akov buried them under the elah (terebinth) which was at Shechem.

And they journeyed; and the chittat Elohim (terror of G-d) was upon the cities that were around them, and they did not pursue after the Bnei Ya'akov.

So Ya'akov came to Luz, which is in Eretz Kena'an, that is, Beit-El, he and kol haAm that were with him.

And they journeyed, and the chittat Elohim (terror of G-d) who answered me in my yom tzoros, and was with me in the derech in which I went, was still a space of ha'aretz to get to Ephratah; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor.

And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the meyaledet (midwife) said unto her, Fear not; thou shalt have this ben also.

And she died, saying, It is because I have borne this nefesh (child) with great pain.

And he built there a Mizbe'ach, and called the makom (place) El Beit-El; because there HaElohim appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of achiv.

But Devorah meineket Rivkah died, and she was buried under an alon (oak) below Beit-El; and shmo was called Alon Bachut.

And Elohim appeared unto Ya'akov again, when he returned from Padan Aram, and made a brocha upon him.

And Elohim said unto him, Shimcha is Ya'akov; shimcha shall not be called any more Ya'akov, but Yisroel shall be shemcha; and He called shmo Yisroel.

And Elohim went up from him in the makom where He talked with him.

And Ya'akov set up a matzevah (pillar, monument) in the makom where He talked with him, even a matzevat even (pillar of stone); and he poured a nesech (drink offering) thereon, and he poured shemen (oil) thereon.

And Ya'akov called the shem of the makom where Elohim spoke with him, Beit-El.

And they journeyed from Beit-El; and there was still a space of ha'aretz to get to Ephratah; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor.

And it came to pass, as her nefesh was in departing, (for she died) that she called shmo Ben-Oni (Son of Affliction); but aviv called him Binyamin.

And Rachel died, and was buried on the derech to Ephratah, which is Beit-Lechem.

And Ya'akov set up a matzevah upon her kever; that is matzevet kevurat Rachel to this day.

And Yisroel journeyed, and pitched his ohel beyond Migdal-Eder.

And it came to pass, when Yisroel dwelt in that land, that Reuven went and lay with Bilhah pilegesh aviv and Yisroel heard it. Now the Bnei Ya'akov were Sheneym Asar (Twelve);

The Bnei Leah: Reuven, and Shimon, and Levi, and Yehudah, and Yissakhar, and Zevulun;

The Bnei Rachel: Yosef, and Binyamin;

The Bnei Bilhah shifchat Rachel: Dan, and Naphtali;

The Bnei Zilpah shifchat Leah: Gad, and Asher; these are the Bnei Ya'akov, which were born to him in Padan Aram.

And Ya'akov came unto Yitzchak Aviv unto Manre, unto Kiriat HaArba, which is Chevron, where Avraham and Yitzchak sojourned.

And the days of Yitzchak were me'at shanah u’shemonim shanah.

And Yitzchak expired, and died, and was gathered unto his people, being zaken (old) and full of yamim; and his banim Esav and Ya'akov buried him.

Now these are the toldot Esav, who is Edom.

Esav took his nashim of the Banot Kena'an: Adah Bat Elon the Chitti, and Oholivamah Bat Anah Bat Tziveon the Chivvi;

And Basemat Bat Yishma'el, achot Nevayot.
And Adah bore to Esav Eliphaz; and Basemat bore Reuel;
And Oholivamah bore Yeush, and Ya’alam, and Korach; these are the Bnei Esav, which were born unto him in Eretz Kena’an.
And Esav took his nashim, and his banim, and his banot, and kol nafshot of his bais, and his mikneh, and all his behemah, and all his possessions, which he had acquired in Eretz Kena’an; and went into the eretz from the face of Ya’akov achiv.
For their wealth was more than that they might dwell together; and the eretz of their sojourns could not support them because of their mikneh.
Thus dwelt Esav in har Seir; Esav is Edom.
And these are the toldot Esav avi Edom in har Seir:
These are the shemot Bnei Esav; Eliphaz Ben Adah eshet Esav, Reuel Ben Basemat eshet Esav.
And the Bnei Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Tzepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.
And Timna was pilegesh (concubine) to Eliphaz Ben Esav; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek; these were the Bnei Adah eshet Esav.
And these are the Bnei Reuel: Nachat, and Zerach, Shammah, and Mizzah; these were the Bnei Basemat eshet Esav.
And these were the Bnei Oholivamah Bat Anah eshet Esav:
And these are the Bnei Reuel Ben Esav, who is Edom, and these are their alufim (chiefs).
And these are the Bnei Seir the Chori, who inhabited Haaretz: Lotan, and Shoval, and Tziveon, and Anah.
And these were the alufei Eliphaz in Eretz Edom; these were the Bnei Adah.
And these are the Bnei Reuel Ben Esav: aluf (chief) Nachat, aluf Zerach, aluf Shamannah, aluf Mizzah; these are the alufei Reuel in Eretz Edom; these are the Bnei Basemat eshet Esav.
And these are the Bnei Oholivamah eshet Esav: aluf (chief) Yeush, aluf Yaalam, aluf Korach; these were the alufei Oholivamah Bat Anah eshet Esav.
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And these are the alufim (chiefs) in Eretz Seir.
And these are the melechim that reigned in Eretz Edom, before there reigned any meolech over the Bnei Yisroel.
And Bela Ben Be’or reigned in his place.
And these are the shemot Bnei Esav, who is Edom, and these are their alufim (chiefs).
And these are the alufei Edom, according to their moshavot in the eretz of their achuzzah; this is Esav Avi Edom.
And Yaakov dwelt in the eretz megurei Aviv (in the land wherein his father was a ger) in Eretz Canaan.

These are the toldot Yaakov. Yosef, being seventeen years old, was roeh with his achim to the tzon; now the na‘ar was with the bnei Bilhah, and with the bnei Zilpah, the ne‘shet Aviv (the wives of his father); and Yosef brought unto Avihem (their father) dibbatam ra‘ah (a bad, evil report of them).

Now Yisroel loved Yosef more than all his children, because he was the ben zekunim (the son of his old age); and he made him a kesones passim (ketonet [tunic] reaching to palms and soles, [see Messianic significance Yn 19:23 OJBC]).

When his achim saw that Avihem loved him more than all his achim, they hated him, and could not speak with him.

And Yosef dreamed a chalom (dream [see Mt 2:22 OJBC]), and he told it to his achim, that they stripped Yosef of his kesones [see Yn 19:23 OJBC], his kesones hapassim that was on him;

And he told it to Aviv, Kokhavim bowed down to me. And a certain ish found him, and he was wandering in the sadeh; and, hinei, he was roeh tzon Avihem in the vicinity of Shechem.

And Yisroel said unto Yosef, Do not thy achim roim in Shechem? Come and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Hineni.

And he said to him, Go, now, see about the shalom of Shechem. And he went to Shechem.

And certain ish found him, and, hinei, he was wandering in the sadeh; and the ish asked him, saying, What seekest thou?

And he said, I seek my achim; tell me, now, where they roim (feed their flocks).

And the ish said, They are departed from here; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dotan. And Yosef went after his achim, and found them in Dotan.

And when they saw him merachok (afar off, in the distance), even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to kill him.

And they said one to another, Hinei, this ha‘al hachalomot cometh.

Come now therefore, and let us kill him, and throw him into one of the borot (pits), and we will say, Some chayyah ra‘ah (wild beast) hath devoured him; and we shall see what will become of his chalomot.

And Reuven heard it, and he saved him out of their yadayim; and said, Let us not take his nefesh.

And Reuven said unto them, Do no shefach dahm (shedding of blood), but throw him into this bor that is in the midbar, and lay no yad upon him; that he might rescue him out of their yadayim, to take him back to Aviv.

And it came to pass, when Yosef was come unto his achim, that they stripped Yosef of his kesones [see Yn 19:23 OJBC], his kesones hapassim that was on him;

And they sat down to eat lechem; and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, hinei, a caravan of Yishm‘elim was coming from Gil‘ad with their gemalim bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Mitzrayim.

Then there passed by anashim Midyanim socharim (men of Midyan, traders); and they drew and lifted up Yosef out of the bor, and sold Yosef to the Yishm‘elim for esrim kesef; and they took Yosef to Mitzrayim.
And Reuven returned unto the bor; and, hinei, Yosef was not in the bor; and he made the keriah of his clothes [compare Mk 14:63 OJBC].

And he returned unto his achim, and said, The yeled is not; and I, where shall I turn?

And they took the kesones Yosef, and did shachat the se'ir izzim (slaughtered the kid of the goats), and dipped the kesones in the dahm;

And they sent the kesones hapassim, and they brought it to Avihem; and said, This have we found; examine for identification purposes now whether it be the kesones Binecha or no.

And he recognized it, and said, It is the kesones beni; a chayyah ra'ah hath devoured him; Yosef is without doubt torn in pieces.

And Ya'akov made the keriah of his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for beno yamim rabbim.

And all his banim and all his banot rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to beni mourning to Sheol. Thus Aviv wept for him.

And the Midyanim sold him into Mitzrayim unto Potiphar, a seris Pharaoh (courtier of Pharaoh), a sar hatabbachim (a captain of the slaughterers, executioners, i.e., captain of the guard).

And it came to pass at that time, that Yehudah went down from his achim, and turned in to an ish Adulami shmo Chirah.

And he saw there a bat ish Kena'ani shmo Shua; and he took her, and went in unto her.

She conceived, and bore ben; and he called shmo Er.

And she conceived again, and bore ben; and she called shmo Onan.

And she yet again conceived, and bore ben; and called shmo Shelah; at Keziv, when she bore him.

And Yehudah took a wife for Er his bechor, whose shem was Tamar.

And Er, bechor Yehudah, was rah in the eyes of Hashem; and Hashem slaughtered him.

And Yehudah said unto Onan, Go in unto eshet achiv, and enter into levirate marriage with her, and raise up zera to achiv.

And Onan knew that the zera should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto eshet achiv, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he give zera to achiv.

And the thing which he did was rah in the eyes of Hashem; therefore He slaughtered him also.

Then said Yehudah to Tamar his kallah, Remain an almanah at thy bais avi, till Shelah beni is grown; for he said, Lest he die also, as his achim did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her bais avi.

And in process of time the bat Shua, eshet Yehudah, died; and Yehudah was consoled, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnah, he and his re'a Chirah the Adulami.

And it was told Tamar, saying, Hinei, thy kham (father-in-law) goeth up to Timnah to shear his tzon.

And she put off her widow's garments from her, and covered her with a tzeeif (veil), and disguised herself, and sat at the crossroads which is on the derech to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him as isha.

When Yehudah saw her, he thought her to be a zonah; because she had covered her face.

And he turned unto her by the derech, and said, Come now, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his kallah [daughter-in-law]). And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?

And he said, I will send thee a gedi izzim (kid of the goats). And she said, Wilt thou give me an eravon (pledge), till thou send it?

And he said, What eravon shall I give thee? And she said, Thy chotam (signet), and thy [signet neck] cord, and thy staff that is in thine yad. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.

And she arose, and went away, and took off her tzeeif from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood.

And Yehudah sent the gedi izzim by the yad of his friend the Adulami, to get back his eravon from the yad haisha; but he found her not.

Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the kedesa (cult prostitute) that was on the crossroads by the derech? And they said, There was no kedesa in this place.

And Yehudah saw her; and he turned to her; and she said, Shall I come in unto this derech, seeing that I have no signet?

And he said, Come in unto me; for I have no signet. And she went in unto him in the derech.

And it came to pass about shlosh chadashim (three months) later, that it was told Yehudah saying, Tamar thy kallah.
hath played the zonah; and also, hinei, she is with child by zonahim (whoredom). And Yehudah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burned.

[25] When she was brought forth, she sent to her kham (father-in-law), saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child; and she said, Discern, now, whose are these, the chotam (signet), and the [signet neck] cord, and the staff.

[26] And Yehudah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more tzadekah than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah beni. And he knew her again no more.

[27] And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, hinei te'omim (twin boys) were born to her. And she said, This came out of my voice; therefore shmo was called Zerach.

[28] And it came to pass, when she travailed in labor, that the one put out his yad; and she said, How hast paratzta (thou broken out)? and she said, And he knew her again no more.

[29] And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his yad; and shmo was called Peretz [Breaking out].

[30] And it came to pass, as he drew back his yad, that, hinei, his brother came out; and she said, This came out of my voice; therefore shmo was called Zerach.

[31] And adonav saw that Hashem was with him, and that Hashem caused all that he did to prosper; and he was in the bais adonav haMitzri.

[32] And adonav saw that Hashem was with him, and that Hashem caused all that he did matzliach in his yad.

[33] And Yosef found chen in his eyes, and he ministered to him; and he made him mefa'ach (overseer) over his bais, and all that he had he entrusted into his yad.

[34] And it came to pass from that time that he had made him mefa'ach (overseer) in his bais, and over all that he had, that Hashem put a brocha on the bais haMitzri on account of Yosef; and the birkat Hashem was upon all that he had in the bais, and in the sadeh.

[35] And he left all that he had in the yad Yosef; and he knew not ought he had, save the lechem which he did eat. And Yosef was yafeh to'ar (well looking) and yafeh mareh (good looking).

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[37] And it came to pass after these things, that eshet adonav cast her eyes upon Yosef; and she said, Lie with me.

[38] But he refused, and said unto eshet adonav, Look, with me [here], adoni knows not what is in the bais, and he hath entrusted all that he hath to my yad;

[39] There is none gadol in this bais than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me except thee only, because thou art his isha; how then can I do haara'ah hagedolah hazot, and commit chattat against Elohim?

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[43] And it came to pass, as she spoke to Yosef yom yom, that he unto her lo shama (did not pay heed), to lie with her, or to be with her.

[44] And it came to pass about this time, that Yosef went into the bais to do his melachah (work); and there was none of the anshei habayit there within.

[45] And she caught him by his beged, saying, Lie with me; and he left his beged in her yad, and fled, and ran outside.

[46] And she laid up his beged by her, until adonav came to his bais.

[47] And she spoke unto him according to these words, saying, The eved HaIvri, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to show disrespect and mock me;

[48] And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and screamed, that he left his beged with me, and fled, and ran outside.

[49] And it came to pass, when she heard that I lifted up my voice and screamed, that he left his beged with me, and fled outside.

[50] And it came to pass, when adonav heard the words of his isha, which she spoke unto him, saying, The eved HaIvri, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to show disrespect and mock me;

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And it came to pass after these things, that the mashkeh (cupbearer) Melech Mitzrayim and his ofeh (baker) had offended adoneihem Melech Mitzrayim.

|2| And Pharaoh was in wrath against two of his sarim, against the sar hamashkim, and against the sar ha'ofim.

|3| And he put them b'mishmar (under watch, in custody) in the bais sar hatabachim (house of the captain of the bodyguards), in the bais hasohar, in the makom (place) where Yosef was incarcerated.

|4| And the sar hatabachim charged Yosef with them, and he ministered to them; and they continued a season b'mishmar (in custody, under watch).

|5| And they dreamed a chalom both of them, each man his chalom in lailah echad (in one night, the same night), and each chalom with its own pitron (meaning, interpretation), the mashkeh and the ofeh of Melech Mitzrayim, which were prisoners in the bais hasohar.

|6| And Yosef came in unto them in the boker, and looked upon them, and, hinei, they were zo'afim (troubled ones, sad ones).

|7| And he asked the sarim of Pharaoh that were with him b'mishmar (in the custody ward) of bais adonav, saying, Why look ye so ra'im (bad, downcast ones) hayom (today)?

|8| And they said unto him, We have dreamed a chalom, and there is no poter (interpreter) of it. And Yosef said unto them, Do not pitronim (interpretations) belong to Elohim? Tell now to me.

|9| And the sar hamashkim told his chalom to Yosef, and said to him, In my chalom, hinei, a gefen was before me;

|10| And in the gefen were shloshah sarigim (three branches); and it was as soon as it budded, its blossom shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth anavim (ripe grapes);

|11| And the kos Pharaoh was in my yad; and I took the anavim (grapes), and pressed them into kos Pharaoh, and I put the kos into the palm of Pharaoh.

|12| And Yosef said unto him, This is the pitron (interpretation of it): The shloshet hasarigim are shloshet yamim.

|13| Within shloshet yamim shall Pharaoh lift off thy rosh from on thee, and shall hang thee on an etz; and ha'oph (the birds) shall eat thy basar from off thee.

|14| When the sar ha'ofim saw that he had done the pitron well, he said unto Yosef, I also was in my chalom, and, hinei, I had

|15| Yet within shloshet yamim shall Pharaoh lift off thy rosh from on thee, and shall hang thee on an etz; and ha'oph (the birds) shall eat thy basar from off thee.

|16| And it came to pass on Yom HaShlishi, which was the yom huledet of Pharaoh, that he made a mishteh (feast) unto all his avadim; and he lifted up the rosh sar hamashkim and the rosh sar ha'ofim (head of the chief baker) in the midst of his avadim (officials).

|17| He restored the sar hamashkim unto his mashkeh; and he gave the kos into the palm of Pharaoh; but he hanged the sar ha'ofim: just as Yosef had made the pitron to them.

|18| Yet did not the sar hamashkim remember Yosef [see Amos 6:6] but forgot him.

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed a chalom: and, hinei, he stood by haye'or (the River, i.e., the Nile).

|2| And, hinei, there came up out of haye'or (the River, i.e., the Nile) seven cows, fine in appearance and fat in basar; and they grazed on the riverbank.
And, hinei, seven other cows came up after them out of the Nile, ra’ot mareh (ugly in appearance) and dakot basar (gaunt ones in flesh, lean-fleshed); and stood by the other cows upon the bank of the Nile.

And the cows that were ra’ot hamareh and that were dakot habasar did devour the seven cows that were fine in appearance and fat. Then Pharaoh awoke.

And he slept and dreamed a chalom the second time; and, hinei, sheva heads of grain came up upon one stalk, beri’ot (fat ones) and tovot.

And, hinei, seven thin heads of grain scorched by the east wind tzomechot (sprung up) after them.

And the seven thin heads of grain devoured the seven fat and mele’ot (full) heads of grain. And Pharaoh awoke; and, hinei, it was a chalom!

Then Pharaoh sent and summoned Yosef, and they brought him hastily out of the bor (dungeon); and he shaved, and changed his clothes, and came in unto Pharaoh.

And Yosef said unto Pharaoh, The chalom of Pharaoh is echad: HaElohim hath revealed to Pharaoh what He is about to do.

This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh; What HaElohim is about to do He showeth unto Pharaoh.

Hinei, there come sheva shanim of sava gadol (great fullness, plenty, abundance) throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim.

And there shall arise after them sheva shnei ra’av (seven years of famine) and kol hasava (all abundance) shall be forgotten in Eretz Mitzrayim; and the ra’av (famine) shall consume the land;

And the sava shall not be known in the land by reason of that ra’av (famine) following; for it shall be kaved me’od (very grievous).

And for that the chalom was doubled unto Pharaoh; it is because the thing is decidedly established by HaElohim, and HaElohim will shortly bring it to pass.
[33] Now therefore let Pharaoh select an ish navon and chochom (a man discerning and wise) and set him over Eretz Mitzrayim.

[34] Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint pekidim (officers, overseers, commissioners) over the land, and take up the fifth part [of the harvest] of Eretz Mitzrayim in the sheva shnei hasava.

[35] And let them gather kol ochel of those shanim hatovot that come, and store up grain under the yad Pharaoh, and let them be shomer over ochel in the cities.

[36] And that ochel shall be for reserves for the land against the sheva shnei hasava. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his avadim.

[37] And Pharaoh said unto his avadim, Can we find such an ish as this is, an ish in whom is the Ruach Elohim?

[38] And Pharaoh said unto Yosef, Forasmuch as Elohim hath showed thee all this, there is none so navon (discerning) and chochom (wise) as thou art; only with respect to the kisse will I be greater than thou.

[39] And Pharaoh said unto Yosef, Thou shalt be over my bais (palace), and according unto thy mouth shall all my people order themselves; only with respect to the kisse will I be greater than thou.

[40] And Pharaoh took off his taba'at (signet ring) from his yad, and put it upon yad Yosef, and arrayed him in garments of fine linen, and put a chain of zahav around his neck; and he gave him as isha Asenat Bat Poti Phera kohen of On. And Yosef went out over all Eretz Mitzrayim.

[41] And Pharaoh called shem Yosef Tzaphnat Pa'neach; and he gave him as isha Asenat Bat Poti Phera kohen of On. And Yosef went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim.

[42] And in the sheva shnei hasava the land brought forth by handfuls. And he gathered up kol ochel of the sheva shanim, which were in Eretz Mitzrayim, and laid up the ochel in the cities; the ochel of the sadeh, which surrounded every city, laid he up in the same.

[43] And Yosef gathered grain as the chol (sand) of the yam, very much, until he stopped counting; for it was without mispar (number).

[44] And unto Yosef were born two banim before the shnat ra'av came, which Asenat Bat Poti Phera kohen of On bore unto him.

[45] And Yosef called the shem of the bechor Menasheh: For Elohim, said he nashani, (hath made me forget) all my amal, and kol bais Avi.

[46] And the shem of the second called he Ephrayim: For Elohim hifrani (hath caused me to be fruitful) in the eretz of my oni (suffering).

[47] And the sheva shnei hasava that was in Eretz Mitzrayim were ended.

[48] And Yosef went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim. And Yosef was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim. And Yosef went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim.

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[54] And the sheva shnei hasava began to come, just as Yosef had said; and the ra'av was in all lands; but in kol Eretz Mitzrayim there was lechem.

[55] And when kol Eretz Mitzrayim was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for lechem; and Pharaoh said unto kol Mitzrayim, Go unto Yosef; what he saith to you, do.

[56] And the ra'av (famine) was over kol pnei ha'aretz; and Yosef opened all that was in them, and sold unto the Mizrayim; and the ra'av (famine) became severe in Eretz Mitzrayim.

[57] And kol HaAretz (all the world) came into Mitzrayim to Yosef to buy grain; because that the ra'av (famine) was so chazak in kol HaAretz.

[58] Now when Ya'akov saw that there was shever (grain) in Mitzrayim, Ya'akov said unto his banim, Why do ye look one upon another?

[59] And he said, Hinei, I have heard that there is shever (grain) in Mitzrayim; get you down to there, and buy for us from there; that we may live, and not die.

[60] And the Bnei Yisroel came to make purchase among those that were coming; for the ra'av (famine) was in Eretz Kena'an.

[61] And Yosef was the Shalit Al HaAretz, and he it was that sold to kol Am HaAretz: and Achei Yosef came, and prostrated themselves before him with their faces to the ground.

[62] And Yosef saw his achim, and he recognized them, but made himself a...
stranger unto them, and spoke roughly unto them; and he said unto them, From where come ye? And they said, From Eretz Kena’an to buy ochel.

[8] And Yosef recognized his achim, but they recognized not him.

[9] And Yosef remembered the chalomet which he dreamed about them, and said unto them, Ye are meragelim (spies); to see the ervat ha’aretz (nakedness of the land) ye came.

[10] And they said unto him, Lo, adoni, but to buy okhel are thy avadam come.

[11] We are all bnei ish echad; we are truthful ones, thy avadam are no meragelim.

[12] And he said unto them, Lo, but to see the ervat ha’aretz ye came.

[13] And they said, Thy avadam are Shneym Asar Achim, the bnei ish echad in Eretz Kena’an; and, hinei, the katon is today with Avinu, and one is not.

[14] And Yosef said unto them, That is just as I spoke unto you, Ye are meragelim;

[15] Hereby ye shall be tested: by the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth from here, except achichem hakaton (your youngest brother) come here.

[16] Send one of you, and let him bring back achichem, and ye shall be kept prisoner, that your words may be tested, whether there be any enes in you; or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are meragelim (spies).

[17] And he put them all together el-mishmar (in custody) shloschet yamim.

[18] And Yosef said unto them on the Yom HaShlishi [see 1C 15:4 OJBC], This do, and live; for I fear HaElohim:

[19] If ye be truthful ones, let one of your achim be bound in your bais mishmar; go ye, carry grain for the ra’avon (famine of) bateichem (your house);

[20] But bring achichem hakaton unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so.

[21] And they said one to another, Surely we are ashemim (guilty ones) because of achinu (our brother), in that we saw the tzeros of his nefesh, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this tzoros come upon us.

[22] And Reuven answered them, saying, Spoke I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the yeled; and ye would not hear? Therefore, hinei, the accounting for his dahm is required [of us (see Mt 27:25 OJBC)].

[23] And they had no da’as that Yosef understood them; for he spoke unto them by the melitz (go-between, interpreter).

[24] And he turned himself away from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and spoke with them, and took and returned to them Shimon, and bound him before their eyes.

[25] Then Yosef commanded to fill their kelim with grain, and to restore every man’s kesef into his sack, and to give them provision for the derech; and thus did he unto them.

[26] And they loaded their chamorim with the grain, and departed from there.

[27] And as one of them opened his sack to get feed for his chamor in the malon (inn), he saw his kesef; for, hinei, it was in the mouth of his sack.

[28] And he said unto his achim, My kesef is restored; and, hinei, it is even in my sack; and their lev failed them, and they shokw with fear, saying one to another, What is this that Elohim hath done unto us?

[29] And they came unto Yaakov Avihem in Eretz Kena’an, and told him all that befell unto them; saying,

[30] The ish, who is adonei HaAretz, spoke roughly to us, and took us for meragelim HaAretz.

[31] And we said unto him, We are truthful ones; we are no meragelim;

[32] We are Shneym Asar Achim, Bnei Avinu; one is not, and the katon is today with Avinu in Eretz Kena’an.

[33] And the ish, adonei HaAretz, said unto us hereby, Ye shall I know that ye are truthful ones; leave one of your achim here with me, and that which is needful for the ra’avon bateichem (famine of your houses), take and be gone;

[34] And bring achichem hakaton unto me; then shall I know that ye are not meragelim, but that ye are truthful ones: so will I restore you achichem, and ye shall freely trade in the land.

[35] And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, hinei, every man’s pouch of kesef was in his sack; and when both they and Avihem saw the pouches of kesef, they were afraid.

[36] And Yaakov Avihem said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children; Yosef is not, and Shimon is not, and ye will take Binyamin away; all these things are against me.

[37] And Reuven spoke unto Aviv, saying, Slay my two banim, if I bring him not to thee; entrust him into my yad, and I will bring him to thee again.

[38] And he said, Beni (my son) shall not go down with you; for achiv is dead, and he is left alone; if ason (harm, evil) befall him on the derech in which ye go,
then shall ye bring down my gray hair in yagon (sorrow) to Sheol.

And the ra’av (famine) was kaved (heavy, severe) in the land.

2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the shever (grain) which they had brought out of Mitzrayim, then Avihem said unto them, Shuvu (return)! Buy for us a little ochel.

3 And Yehudah spoke unto him, saying, The ish did solemnly warn us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, unless achichem be with you.

4 If thou wilt send achinu (our brother) with us, we will go down and buy thee ochel; but if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down; for the ish said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, unless achichem be with you.

5 And Yisroel said, Why dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the ish whether ye had yet another ach (brother)?

6 And they said, The ish asked in detail about us and about our moledet (kindred), saying, Is Avichem yet alive? Have ye another ach? And we declared to him according to these words of his inquiry; could we certainly know that he would say, Bring down achichem?

7 And Yehudah said unto Yisroel Aviv, Send na’ar with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones.

8 I will be surety for him; of my yad shalt thou require an account­ing for him; if I bring him not back unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame kol hayamim;

9 For if we had not delayed, surely now we had returned zeh pa’amayim (this second time).

10 And Yisroel Avihem said unto them, If it must be so now, do this; take of mizimerat HaAretz (the best fruits of the land) in your kelim (vessels), and carry down to the ish a minchah (present), a little balm, and a little devash (honey), nekhot (spices), loht (myrrh), batenim (pistachio nuts), and shekedim (almonds);

11 And take ke­sef mishneh (double money) in your yad; and the ke­sef that was returned in the mouth of your sacks, carry it back in your yad; perhaps it was mishge­h (mistake);

12 Take also achichem, and arise, shuvu (return) unto the ish;

13 And El Shaddai give you rachamim before the ish, that he may send away achichem acher (your other brother), and Binyamin. If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

14 And the anashim took that minchah, and they took mishneh kesef (double money) in their yad; and the kese­f that was returned in the mouth of your sacks, carry it back in your yad; perhaps it was mishgeh (mistake);

15 And the anashim took that minchah, and they took mishneh kesef (double money) in their yad and Binyamin; and rose up, and went down to Mitzrayim, and stood before Yosef.

16 And when Yosef saw Binyamin with them, he said to the ish over Bais Yosef, Bring these anashim home, and slaughter the tevach, and make ready; for these anashim shall dine with me at tzahorayim (noon).

17 And the ish did as Yosef said; and the ish brought the anashim into the house of Yosef, and gave them mayim, and gave them food to eat there.

18 And when Yosef came home, they presented him the minchah which was in their yad in the house, and prostrated themselves to the ground before him.

19 And he asked them Ishalom (about their welfare), and said, Is there shalom with avichem (your father)? And they answered, There is shalom with thy eved avinu; he is still alive. And they bowed their heads, and prostrated themselves.
29. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw achiv Binyamin, ben immo, and said, Is this achichem hakaton (your younger brother), of whom ye spoke unto me? And he said, Elohim be gracious unto thee, beni.

30. And Yosef made haste; for his compassion was stirred upon achiv (his brother); and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his cheder, and wept there.

31. And he washed his face, and went out, and controlled himself, and said, Serve lechem.

32. And they served him by himself, and them by themselves, and the Mitzrim (Egyptians), which did eat with him, by themselves; because Mitzrim could not eat lechem with the Ivrim; for that is a to'evah (abomination) unto the Mitzrim.

33. And they sat before him, the bechor according to his bechorah (birthright), and the youngest according to his youth; and the anashim marvelled one with another.

34. And he took and sent masot (portions) unto them from before him; but masat Binyamin was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and feasted with him.

35. As soon as the boker ohr, the anashim were sent away, they and their chamorim. And they were sent away, they and their chamorim.

36. And he commanded the ish over Bais Yosef, saying, Fill the sacks of the anashim with ochel, as much as they can carry, and put kesef ish in the mouth of his sack.

37. And put my cup, gevi'a hakesef (cup of silver), in the mouth of the sack of the katon, and his kesef for shever (grain). And he did according to the davar Yosef had spoken.

38. And he said unto them, What ma'aseh (deed) is this that ye have done? Know ye not that an ish like me can find things out as a menachesh (diviner)?

39. And Yehudah said, What shall we say unto adoni? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? HaElohim hath found out the avon (iniquity) of thy avadim; look at us, we are now avadim laadoni, both we, and he also with whom the gevi'a (cup) is found.

40. And he [Yosef] said, Chalilah (far be it) that thy avadim should do according to this thing: Hinei, the kesef, which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we brought back unto thee out of Eretz Kena'an; how then should we be ganavim stealing kesef or zahav out of the bais adonecha?

41. With whomsoever of thy avadim it be found, both let him die, and we also will be avadim of adoni.

42. And he said, Now also let it be according unto your devarim; he with whom it is found shall be to me eved; and ye shall be nekiyim (blameless).

43. Then they speedily took down every ish his sack to the ground, and opened every ish his sack.

44. And he commanded the ish over Bais Yosef, saying, Fill the sacks of the anashim with ochel, as much as they can carry, and put kesef ish in the mouth of his sack.

19. Adoni asked his avadim, saying, Have ye an av, or an ach?

20. And we said unto adoni, We have an av, a zaken, and a yeled zekunim katan (child of his old age, a little one); and achiv is dead, and he alone is left of immo, and aviv loveth him.

21. And thou saidst unto thy avadim, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him.

22. And we said unto adoni, The na'ar cannot leave aviv; for if he should leave aviv, aviv would die.
23 And thou saidst unto thy avadim, Except achichem hakaton (your youngest brother) come down with you, ye shall see my face no more.

24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy eved Avi we told him the divrei adoni.

25 And avinu said, Shuvu, (go back, return) and buy us a little ochel.

26 And we said, We cannot go down; if achinu hakaton (our youngest brother) be with us, then will we go down; for we may not see the face of Halsh, except achinu hakaton be with us.

27 And thy eved Avi said unto us, Ye know that my wife bore me two banim;

28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn to pieces; and I saw him not ad-hennah (until now);

29 And if ye take this also from me, and ason (evil, harm) befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hair in ra'ah (misery) to Sheol.

30 Now therefore when I come to thy eved Avi, and the na'ar be not with us; seeing that his nefesh is bound up in the nefesh of the na'ar;

31 It shall come to pass, when he seeth that the na'ar is not with us, that he will die; and thy avadim shall bring down my gray hair in ra'ah (misery) to Sheol.

32 For thy eved became surety for the na'ar unto Avi, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame before Avi kol hayamim.

33 Therefore, let thy eved, now, abide instead of the na'ar, an eved to adoni; and let the na'ar go up with his achim.

34 For how shall I go up to Avi, and the na'ar be not with me? Lest I see the rah that would overtake Avi.

Then Yosef could not control himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause kol ish to go out from me. And there stood no ish with him, while Yosef made himself known unto his achim.

2 And he wept aloud; and the Mitzrayim and the Bais Pharaoh heard.

3 And Yosef said unto his achim (brethren), I am Yosef; doth Avi yet live? And his achim could not answer him; for they were shocked with dismay at his presence.

4 And Yosef said unto his achim, Come near to me, now. And they came near. And he said, I am Yosef achichem (your brother), whom ye sold into Mitzrayim.

5 Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me here; for Elohim did send me before you to save life.

6 For these two years hath the ra'av (famine) been in the land; and yet there are chamesh shanim (five years), in the which there shall neither be plowing nor harvest.

7 And Elohim sent me before you to save you a she'erit (remnant) in the earth, and to save life for you by a peletah gedolah (great deliverance, escape).

8 So now it was not you that sent me here; but HaElohim; and He hath made me as an Av to Pharaoh, and adon of all his Bais, and Moshel throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim.

9 Haste ye, and go up to Avi, and say unto him, Thus saith thy ben, Yosef, Elohim hath made me as adon kol Mitzrayim; come down unto me, tarry not;

10 And thou shalt dwell in Eretz Goshen, and thou shalt be karov (near) unto me, thou, and thy banim, and thy bnei banecha, and thy tzon, and thy bakar, and all that thou hast [see Ex 14:3 OJBC];

11 And there will I nourish thee; for yet there are chamesh shanim of ra'av (famine); lest thou, and thy bais, and all that thou hast, come to destitution.

12 And, hinei, your eyes see, and the eyes of achi Binyamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you.

13 And ye shall tell Avi of kol my kavod b'Mitzrayim, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall haste and bring down Avi here.

14 And he fell upon the neck of Binyamin achiv, and wept; and Binyamin wept upon his neck.

15 Moreover he kissed all his achim, and wept upon them; and after that his achim talked with him.

16 And the news thereof was heard in Bais Pharaoh saying, Achei Yosef are come; and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his avadim.

17 And Pharaoh said unto Yosef, Say unto thy achim, This do ye; load your beasts, and go, get you unto Eretz Kena'an;

18 And take Avichem and your households, and come unto me; and I will give you the best of Eretz Mitzrayim, ye shall eat the chelev haaretz.

19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye; take you agalot (wagons) out of Eretz Mitzrayim for your little ones, and for your nashim, and bring Avichem, and come.

20 Also regard not your kelim; for the best of kol Eretz Mitzrayim is yours.

21 And the Bnei Yisroel did so; and Yosef gave them agalot,
according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the derech. 
[22] To all of them he gave each man chalifot semalot; but to Binyamin he gave three hundred pieces of kesef, and chamesh chalifot semalot. 
[23] And to Aviv he sent after this manner; ten chamorim loaded with the best of Mitzrayim, and ten female donkeys loaded with grain and lechem and provision for Aviv for the derech. 
[24] So he sent his achim away, and they departed; and he said unto them, See that ye not quarrel by the derech. 
[25] And they went up out of Mitzrayim, and came into Eretz Kena’an unto Ya’akov avihem, 
[26] And told him, saying, Yosef chai! Yosef is yet alive, and he is Moshel kol Eretz Mitzrayim. And Ya’akov’s lev fainted, for he believed them not [see Lk 24:10-11 OJBC]. 
[27] And they told him kol divrei Yosef, which he had said unto them; and when he saw the agalot which Yosef had sent to carry him, the ruach Ya’akov avi hem revived; 
[28] Yosef Beni chai! Yosef Beni is yet alive; I will go and see him before I die. 

And Yisroel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Be’erah Sheva, and offered zevakhim unto Elohei Aviv Yitzchak. 
[2] And Elohim spoke unto Yisroel in the marot halailah, and said, Ya’akov, Ya’akov. 
[3] And He said, I am El Elohei Avicha; fear not to go down to Mizrayim; for there I will make thee a Goy Gadol; 
[4] I will go down with thee to Mizrayim; and I will also surely bring thee up again; and Yosef shall put his yad upon thine eyes. 
[5] And Ya’akov rose up from Be’er-Sheva; and the Bnei Yisroel carried Ya’akov Avivhem, and their little ones, and their nashim, in the agalot which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 
[6] And they took their mikneh, and their possessions, which they had acquired in Eretz Kena’an, and came to Mizrayim, Ya’akov, and all his zera with him; 
[7] His banim, and his bnei banim with him, his banot, and his banot banim, and all his zera brought he with him to Mizrayim. 
[8] And these are the shemot Bnei Yisroel, which came to Mizrayim: Ya’akov, and his banim: Reuven, bechor Ya’akov; 
[10] And the Bnei Shimon: Yemuel, and Yamin, and Ohad, and Yachin, and Tzochar, and Shaul Ben HaKena’anit. 
[12] And the Bnei Yehudah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Peretz, and Zarach; but Er and Onan died in Eretz Kena’an. And the Bnei Peretz were Chetzron and Chamul. 
[15] These are the Bnei Leah, which she bore unto Ya’akov in Padan Aram, with his bat Dinah; kol nefesh of his banim and his banot were thirty and three. 
[17] And the Bnei Asher: Ymnah, and Yishvah, and Yishvi, and Beriah, and Serach their achat; and the Bnei Beriah: Chever, and Malkiel. 
[18] These are the Bnei Zilpah, whom Lavan gave to Leah his bat, and these she bore unto Ya’akov, even sixteen nefesh. 
[20] And unto Yosef in Eretz Mizrayim were born Menasheh and Ephrayim, which Asenat Bat Poti Phera kohen of On bore unto him. 
[21] And the Bnei Binyamin were Belah, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Echi, and Rosh, Muppim, and Chuppim, and Ard. 
[22] These are the Bnei Rachel, which were born to Ya’akov; kol nefesh were fourteen. 
[23] And the Bnei Dan: Chushim. 
[25] These are the Bnei Bilhah, which Lavan gave unto Rachel his bat, and she bore these unto Ya’akov; kol nefesh were shivah. 
[26] Kol hanefesh that came with Ya’akov to Mizrayim, which came out of his loins, apart from the nashim of the Bnei Ya’akov, kol nefesh were threecore and six; 
[27] And the Bnei Yosef, which were born to him in Mitzrayim, were two nefesh; kol hanefesh of Bais Ya’akov, which came into Mizrayim, were shivim (seventy). 
[28] And he sent Yehudah before him unto Yosef, to direct his face unto Goshen; and they came into Eretz Goshen. 
[29] And Yosef made ready his mervakavah, and went up to meet Yisroel Aviv, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his
neck, and wept on his neck a long time.

30 And Yisroel said unto Yosef, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive.

31 And Yosef said unto his achim, and unto Bais Aviv, I will go up, and speak to Pharaoh, and say unto him, My achim and Bais Avi, which were in Eretz Kena'an, are come unto me;

32 And the anashim are roei tzon (shepherds), keepers of livestock; and they have brought their tzon, and their bakar, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is ma'aseichem (your occupation)?

34 That ye shall say, Thy avadim hath been keepers of livestock from our youth even until now, both we, and also Avoteinu; that ye may dwell in Eretz Goshen; for every ro'eh tzon is a toevat Mitzrayim.

Then Yosef came and told Pharaoh, and said, Avi and my achim, and their tzon, and their bakar, and all that they have, are come out of Eretz Kena'an; and they are now in Eretz Goshen.

2 And he took some of his achim, even five anashim, and presented them unto Pharaoh.

3 And Pharaoh said unto his achim, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy avadim are roeh tzon, both we, and also Avoteinu.

4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in the land are we come; for thy avadim have no mireh (pasture) for their tzon; for the ra'av (famine) is heavy in Eretz Kena'an; now therefore, let now thy avadim dwell in Eretz Goshen.

5 And Pharaoh spoke unto Yosef, saying, Avicha and acheicha are come unto thee;

6 Eretz Mitzrayim is before thee; in the best of the land make avicha and acheicha to dwell; in Eretz Goshen let them dwell; and if thou knowest any anshei chayil among them, then make them sarei mikneh (royal overseers of livestock) of mine.

7 And Yosef brought in Ya'akov aviv, and set him before Pharaoh; and Ya'akov made on Pharaoh a brocha.

8 And Pharaoh said unto Ya'akov, How old art thou?

9 And Ya'akov said unto Pharaoh, The days of the shanim of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty shanah; few and bad have the days of the years of my life been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my avot in the days of their pilgrimage.

10 And Ya'akov made a brocha on Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh.

11 And Yosef settled aviv, and his achim, and kol bais aviv, with lechem, according to the children.

12 And Yosef provided for aviv, and his achim, and kol bais aviv, with lechem, according to the children.

13 And there was no lechem in kol ha'aretz; for the ra'av (famine) was very heavy, so that Eretz Mitzrayim and kol Eretz Kena'an fainted by reason of the ra'av (famine).

14 And Yosef gathered up all the kesef that was found in the Eretz Mitzrayim, and in Eretz Kena'an, kol Mitzrayim came unto Yosef, and said, Give us lechem; for why should we die in thy presence? For the kesef is gone.

15 And Yosef said, Give your mikneh; and I will give you for your mikneh, if kesef is gone.

16 And they brought their mikneh unto Yosef; and Yosef gave them lechem in exchange for susim, and for the tzon, and for the mikneh of the bakar, and for the chamorim; and he fed them lechem for all their mikneh for that year.

17 When that year was ended, they came unto him the shanah hashenit, and said unto him, We will not hide it from adoni, how that our kesef is gone; adoni also hath our mikneh of behemah; there is not ought left in the sight of adoni, but geviyyatenu (our bodies), and adematenu (our lands);

18 Why shall we die before thine eyes, both we and adematenu? Buy us and adematenu for lechem, and we and adematenu will be avadim unto Pharaoh; and give us zera, that we may live, and not die, that the adamah be not desolate.

19 And Yosef bought kol Admat Mitzrayim for Pharaoh; for the Mitzrayim sold every ish his sadeh, because the ra'av (famine) was chazak over them; so the land became Pharaoh's.

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21 And as for the people, he removed them to cities from one end of the borders of Mitzrayim even to the other end thereof.

22 Only the admat hakohanim bought he not; for the kohanim had a chok assigned them of
Pharaoh, and did eat their chok which Pharaoh gave them; therefore they sold not their lands.

[23] Then Yosef said unto the people, See, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is zera for you, and ye shall sow the adamah.

[24] And it shall come to pass in the tevu'ot, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for zera of the sadeh, and for your ochel, and for them of your batim, and for food for your children.

[25] And they said, Thou hast saved our lives; let us find chen in the sight of adoni, and we will be avadim to Pharaoh.

[26] And Yosef made it a chok over Eretz Mitzrayim unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part, except the admat hakohanim only, which became not Pharaoh's.

[27] And Yisroel settled in Eretz Mitzrayim, in Eretz Goshen; and they acquired property therein, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly.

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[28] And Ya'akov lived in Eretz Mitzrayim seventeen shanah; so the whole age of Ya'akov was a hundred forty and seven shanah.

[29] And the time drew near that Yisroel must die; and he called bno Yosef, and said unto him, If now I have found chen in thy sight, bring, now, thy yad under my thigh, and do chesed and emes with me; bury me not, now, in Mitzrayim; but I will lie with my avot, and thou shalt carry me out of Mitzrayim, and bury me in their kever. And he said, I will do as thou hast said.

[30] And he said, Swear unto me. And he swore unto him. And Yisroel prostrated toward the rosh hamittah.

[31] And it came to pass after these things, that one told Yosef, Hinei, Avicha is choleh (ill); and he took with him his two banim, Menasheh and Ephrayim.

[32] And one told Ya'akov, and said, Hinei, the ben of thee Yosef cometh unto thee; and Yisroel strengthened himself, and sat up upon the mittah.

[33] And Ya'akov said unto Yosef, El Shaddai appeared unto me at Luz in Eretz Kena'an, and made on me a brocha,

[34] And said unto me, Hineni, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a kehal of ammim; and will give HaAretz Hazot to thy zera after thee for an achuzzat olam (everlasting possession).

[35] And now thy two banim, Ephrayim and Menasheh, which were born unto thee in Eretz Mitzrayim before I came unto thee into Mitzrayim, are mine; like Reuven and Shimon, they shall be mine.

[36] And thy moledet, which are born to thee after them, shall be thine; and shall be called after the shem of their achim in their nachalah.

[37] And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in Eretz Kena'an in the way, when there was yet but a space of land to go unto Ephratah; and I buried her there by the derech Ephrat; the same is Beit-Lechem.

[38] And Yisroel beheld Bnei Yosef, and said, Who are these?
he took hold of yad aviv, to
remove it from rosh Ephrayim
unto rosh Menasheh.
[18] And Yosef said unto aviv,
Not so, Avi; for this is the
bechor; put thy yamin upon
his rosh.
[19] And aviv refused, and
said, I know it, beni (my son), I
know it; he also shall become
a people, and he also shall be
great; but truly achiv hakaton
shall be greater than he, and
his zera shall become a
multitude of Goyim.
[20] And he made a brocha
on that day, saying, In
thee shall Yisroel bless, saying,
Elohim make thee like
Ephrayim and like Menasheh;
and he set Ephrayim before
Menasheh.
[21] And Yisroel said unto
Yosef, Hinei I die; but Elohim
shall be with you, and bring
you back unto the Eretz
Avoteichem.
[22] Moreover, I have given to
thee one portion above thy
achim, which I took out of the
yad HaEmori with my cherev
and with my keshet.

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And Ya’akov called
unto his banim, and
said, Gather yourselves
together, that I may
tell you that which shall befall
you in the acharit hayamim
(last days).
together, and hear, ye Bnei
Ya’akov; and pay heed unto
Yisroel Avitechem.
[3] Reuven, thou art my
hechor, my koach, and the
reshit of my strength, the
eccellency of honor, and
excellency of oz (power);
[4] Unstable as mayim, thou
shall not excel; because thou
wentest up to mishkevei
avicha (thy father’s bed, i.e.
incest); then defiledst thou it;
he went up to my couch.
[5] Shimon and Levi are
achim; kelei chamas
(instruments of violence) are
in their swords.
[6] O my nefesh, enter not
thou into their sod (secret,
council); unto their kehal,
mine kavod, be not thou
united; for in their anger they
slaughtered ish, and in their
ratzon (self-will) they lamed
shor (ox).
[7] Arur (cursed) be their
anger, for it was fierce; and
their wrath, for it was cruel; I
will dispense them in Ya’akov,
and scatter them in Yisroel.
[8] Yehudah, thou art he
whom thy achim yoducha
(they will praise you); thy yad
shall be in the oref (neck) of
thine enemies; Bnei Avicha
shall bow down before thee.
[9] Yehudah is the cub of an
aryeh (lion); from the prey,
beni (my son), thou hast gone
up; he stooped down, he
couched like an aryeh, and
like a lioness; who shall rouse
him?
[10] The shevet (sceptre) shall
not depart from Yehudah, nor
a Mekhokek (Lawgiver) from
between his raglayim, until
Shiloh come; and unto him
shall be the obedience of the
amim (peoples, nations).
[11] He ties his foal unto the
gefen (vine), and his donkey's
colt unto the choice vine; he
will wash his levush
(garments) in yayin, and his
robe in the dahm anavim
(blood of grapes);
[12] His eyes shall be darker
with yayin, and his shinayim
(teeth) whiter than cholov
(milk).
[13] Zevulun shall dwell at
the seashore; and he shall be a
haven for oniyot (ships); and
his border shall be unto
Tzidon.
[14] Yissakhar is a strong
chamor (donkey) lying down
between two saddlebags;
[15] And he saw that a
menuchah (resting place) was
tov, and haaretz that it was
pleasant; and bowed his
shoulder to bear, and became
oved (submitting, enslaved) at
forced labor.
[16] Dan yadin (shall judge)
his people, as one of the
Shivtei Yisroel.
[17] Dan shall be a nachash
beside the derech, a viper
along the orach (path) that
bieth the ikkvei sus (the horse
heels), so that its rider shall
fall backward.
[18] I have waited for Thy
Yeshuah (Salvation), Hashem.
[19] Gad, gedud (raider) shall
raid him; but he shall raid
akev (at the heel).
[20] Out of Asher his lechem
shall be rich, and he shall
yield royal dainties.
[21] Naphtali is a doe let
loose; he giveth goodly sayings.
[22] Yosef is a ben of a fruit-
tree, even ben of a fruit-tree
near an ayin (spring, well); its
daughters (i.e., branches) run
over the wall;
[23] The ba’alei khitzim
(archers) provoke him, and
shoot at him, and hate him;
[24] But his keshet (bow)
remained steady, and the
arms of his hands remain
strong, from the hands of the
Avir Ya’akov, from there, from
the Ro’eh, Even Yisroel;
[25] And from El Avicha, who
shall help thee; and Shaddai,
who shall make brocha over
thee with Birkat Shomayim
above, Birkat Tehom that lieth
beneath, Birkat Shadayim and
of Rekhem.
[26] Birkat Avicha surpass
the Birkat of my
progenitors unto the
utmost border of the giveot olam (everlasting hills); they shall come on the rosh Yosef, and on the brow of the Prince among his achim.

[27] Binyamin—a ze’ev (wolf) which tears in pieces; in the boker he shall devour the prey, and at erev he shall divide the plunder.

[28] All these are the Shivtei Yisroel; and this is it that Avichem spoke unto them, and made a brocha on them; every one according to his berakhah he blessed them.

[29] And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people; bury me with Avotai in the me’arah (cave) that is in the sadeh of Ephron the Chitti.

[30] In the me’arah that is in the sadeh of Machpelah, which is near Mamre, in Eretz Kena’an, which Avraham bought with the sadeh of Ephron the Chitti for an achuzzat kever (burial estate).

[31] There they buried Avraham and Sarah his isha; there they buried Yitzchak and Rivkah his isha; and there I buried Leah.

[32] The purchase of the sadeh and of the me’arah (cave) that is therein was from the Bnei Chet (Heth).

[33] And when Ya’akov had made an end of commanding his banim, he gathered up his raglayim into the mittah, and expired, and was gathered unto his people.

And Yosef fell upon the face of Aviv, and wept over him, and kissed him.

[2] And Yosef commanded his avadim the rofe’im (physicians) to embalm Aviv; and the rofe’im embalmed Yisroel.

[3] And arba’im yom were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of those which are embalmed; and the Mitzra’im mourned for him shivim yom (seventy days).

[4] And when the days of his mourning were past, Yosef spoke unto the Bais Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found chen in your eyes, speak, now, in the oznayim of Pharaoh, saying,

[5] Avi made me swear, saying, Hinei, I die; in my kever which I dug for myself in Eretz Kana’an, there shalt thou bury me. Therefore let me go up, now, and bury Avi, and I will return.

[6] And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury Avicha, according as he made thee swear.

[7] And Yosef went up to bury Aviv; and with him went up all the avadim of Pharaoh, the zekenim of his Bais, and all the zekenim of Eretz Mizrayim.

[8] And kol Bais Yosef, and his achim, and Bais Aviv; only their little ones, and their tzon, and their bakar (cattle), they left in Eretz Goshen.

[9] And there went up with him both merkavot and parashim; and it was a very great machaneh.

[10] And they came to the goren (threshing floor) of Atad, which is beyond the Yarden, and there they mourned with a gadol and very bitter lamentation; and he made evel (mourning) for Aviv shivat yamim.

[11] And when the inhabitants of HaAretz, the Kena’ani, saw the evel (mourning) in the goren Atad, they said, This is a grievous evel to the Mizrayim; therefore the shem of it was called Evel Mitzrayim. It is beyond the Yarden.

[12] And his [Ya’akov’s] banim did unto him according as he commanded them;

[13] For his banim carried him into Eretz Kena’an, and buried him in the me’arah (cave) of the sadeh of Machpelah, near Mamre, the sadeh which Avraham had bought for an achuzzat kever (burial estate) and made the purchase from Ephron the Chitti.

[14] And, after burying Aviv, Yosef returned into Mitzrayim, he, and his achim, and all that went up with him to bury Aviv.

[15] And when the Achei Yosef (the brothers of Yosef) saw that Avihem was dead, they said, What if Yosef will hate us, and will certainly requite us all the ra’ah which we did unto him.

[16] And they sent word unto Yosef, saying, Avicha died in a tovah place; and now, forgive the peysha of the Avdei Elohei Avicha. And Yosef wept when they spoke unto him.

[17] So shall ye say unto Yosef, Forgive, now, the peysha of thy achim, and their chattat; for they did unto thee ra’ah; and now, forgive the peysha of the Avdei Elohei Avicha. And Yosef wept when they spoke unto him.

[18] And his achim also went and fell down before him; and they said, Behold us, we are thy avadim.

[19] And Yosef said unto them, Fear not; for am I in the place of Elohim?

[20] But as for you, ye intended ra’ah against me; but Elohim intended it for tovah, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save Am Rav (much people) alive.

[21] Now therefore fear ye not; I will provide for you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly unto their hearts.

[22] And Yosef dwelt in Mitzrayim, he, and Bais Aviv; and Yosef lived one hundred and ten shanim.

[23] And Yosef saw Ephraim’s bnei shileshim (children to the third generation); also the Bnei Machir Ben Menasheh

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were brought up upon the birkei Yosef (knees of Yosef).

[24] And Yosef said unto his achim, I die; and Elohim will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto HaAretz which He promised by oath to Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Ya’akov.

[25] And Yosef made the Bnei Yisroel take an oath, saying, Elohim will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my atzmot from hence.

[26] So Yosef died, being in age one hundred and ten shanim; and they embalmed him, and he was placed in an aron in Mitzrayim.

[SHEMOS]

1 Now these are the Shemot Bnei Yisroel, which came into Mitzrayim; every ish and his bais came with Ya’akov:

[2] Reuven, Simeon, Levi, and Yehudah,
[3] Yissakhar, Zevulun, and Binyamin,

[5] And all the nefesh that came out of the loins of Ya’akov were seventy nefesh; for Yosef was in Mitzrayim already.

[6] And Yosef died, and all his achim, and all that generation.

[7] And the Bnei Yisroel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and became exceeding strong; and the land was filled with them.

[8] Now there arose a melech chadash over Mitzrayim, which had no da’as of Yosef.

[9] And he said unto his people, Hinei, the Am Bnei Yisroel are more and stronger than we.

[10] Come, let us outsmart them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any milchamah, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get them up out of the land.

[11] Therefore they did set over them serei missim (taskmasters) to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pitom and Raamses.

[12] But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and spread out. And they were in dread because of the Bnei Yisroel.

[13] And the Egyptians made the Bnei Yisroel to serve with rigor;

[14] And they made their lives bitter with avodah kashah (hard bondage), in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of avodah in the sadeh; all their service, wherein they made them serve, was with rigor.

[15] And Melech Mitzrayim spoke to the meyalledot HaIvriyyot (Hebrew midwives), of which the shem of the one was Shiphrah, and of the other Puah;

[16] And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to HaIvriyyot (the Hebrew women) and see them upon the delivery stool; if it be a ben, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a bat, then she shall live.

[17] But the meyalledot feared HaElohim, and did not as Melech Mitzrayim commanded them, but saved the yeladim alive.

[18] So Melech Mitzrayim called for the meyalledot, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the yeladim alive?

[19] And the meyalledot said unto Pharaoh, Because Halvriyyot are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous, and are delivered before the meyalledot come in unto them.

[20] Therefore Elohim dealt well with the meyalledot; and the people multiplied, and grew very strong.

[21] And it came to pass, because the meyalledot feared HaElohim, that He established them batim.

[22] And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every ben that is born ye shall cast into the Nile, and every bat ye shall save alive.

2 And there went an ish of the Bais Levi, and took to wife a bat Levi.

[2] And the isha conceived, and bore a ben; and when she saw him that he was tov, she hid him three months.

[3] And when she could no longer hide him, she took for him a tevah (ark) of papyrus, and daubed it with tar and with pitch, and put the yeled therein; and she set it in the reeds by the bank of the Nile.

[4] And his achot stood afar off, to see what would be done to him.

[5] And the Bat Pharaoh came down to bathe herself at the Nile; and her na’arot walked along by the Nile’s bank; and when she saw the tevah (ark) among the reeds, and put the yeled therein; and she set it in the reeds by the bank of the Nile.

[6] And his achot stood afar off, to see what would be done to him.

[7] Then said his achot to Bat Pharaoh, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of HaIvriyyot, that she may nurse the yeled for thee?
And Bat Pharaoh said to her, Go. And haahlah [see Gn 24:43; Isa 7:14] went and called the em hayeled.

And Bat Pharaoh said unto her, Take this yeled away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the isha took the yeled, and nursed it.

And the yeled grew, and she brought him unto Bat Pharaoh, and he became her ben. And she called shmo Moshe: and she said, Because meshehihu (I drew him) out of the mayim.

And it came to pass in those days, when Moshe was grown, that he went out unto his achim, and looked on their sevalot: and he spied an Egyptian striking an ish Ivri, one of his achim.

And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no ish, he killed the Egyptian, and hid him in the chol (sand).

And when he went out the second day, hinei, two anashim Ivrim were fighting; he said to him in the wrong, Why strike thou thy re’a? thou are not burned up.

And he said to him in the wrong, An Egyptian striking an ish Ivri, whom thou hast killed, and hid him in the chol; and I spied an Egyptian striking an ish Ivri, one of his achim.

And when he went out unto a certain place where he saw an Egyptian that smote a Hebrew who was one of his brethren, and he looked, and, behold, there was none to save him.

And he said, Surely this thing is known.

Now when Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to slay Moshe. But Moshe fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in Eretz Midyan; and he sat down by a well.

Now the kohen of Midyan had sheva banot; and they came and drew mayim, and filled the troughs to water the tzon of their av.

And the roim (shepherds) came and drove them away; but Moshe stood up and rescued them, and watered their tzon.

And when they came to Reuel their av, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon today?

And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the yad of the roim (shepherds), and also drew enough for us, and watered the tzon.

And he said unto his banot, And where is he? Why is it that ye have left the ish? Call him, that he may eat lechem.

And Moshe was content to dwell with the ish; and he gave Moshe Tzipporah his bat.

And he bore him a ben, and he called shmo Gershom; for he said, I have been a ger in a foreign land.

And it came to pass in process of time, that Melech Mitzyrayim died; and the Bnei Yisroel groaned by reason of haAvodah (the Bondage), and they cried out, and their cry came up unto HaElohim by reason of haAvodah.

And Elohim heard their groaning, and Elohim remembered His brit (covenant) with Avraham, with Yitzchak, and with Ya’akov.

And Elohim looked upon the Bnei Yisroel, and Elohim had da’as of them.

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And Elohim looked upon the Bnei Yisroel, and Elohim had da’as of them.

Now Moshe was roeh (shepherding) the tzon of Yitro his khoten (father-in-law), the kohen Midyan; and he led the tzon to the backside of the midbar, and came to the Har HaElohim, even to Chorev.

And the Malach Hashem appeared unto him in a flame of eish out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and, hinei, the bush burned with eish, and the bush was not consumed.

And Moshe thought, I will now turn aside, and see this march hagadol, why the bush is not burned up.

And when he came to the Mitzyrayim, and there they were groaning by reason of haAvodah, and because of their makhovim (taskmasters); for I know their makhovim (sufferings);

And I am come down to deliver them out of the yad Mitzyrayim, and to bring them up out of that land unto an eretz tovah, a spacious eretz zavat cholov udevash; unto the place of the Kena’ani, and the Chitti, and the Emori, and the Perizzi, and the Chivi, and the Yevusi.

Now therefore, hinei, the cry of the Bnei Yisroel is come unto Me; and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, thou mayest bring forth My people the Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzyrayim.

And Moshe said unto HaElohim, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzyrayim?

And He said, Certainly Eh-heh-yeh (I will be [see verse 14 below!]) with thee; and this shall be haOt (the Sign) unto}
thee, that I have sent thee:
when thou hast
brought forth HaAm out of
Mitzrayim, ye shall serve
HaElohim upon this Har.
|13| And Moshe said unto
HaElohim, Hinei, when I
come unto the Bnei Yisroel,
and shall say unto them,
Elohei Avoteichem hath sent
me unto you; and they shall
say to me, What is Shmo?
what shall I say unto them?
|14| And Elohim said unto
Moshe, Eh-heh-yeh ashair Eh-
heh-yeh (I AM WHO I AM);
and He said, Thus shalt thou
say unto the Bnei Yisroel, EH-
HEH-YEH (I AM) hath sent
me unto you.
|15| And Elohim said
moreover unto Moshe, Thus
shall thou say unto Bnei
Yisroel: Hashem, Elohei
Avoteichem, Elohei Avraham,
Elohei Yitzchak, and Elohei
Ya'akov, hath sent me
unto you: this is Shemi l'olam,
and this is My remembrance
unto all generations.
|16| Go, and gather the
Ziknei Yisroel together, and
say unto them, Hashem
Elohei HaIvriyim hath met
with us; and let us go, now,
derech shloshet yamim into
the midbar, that we may
sacrifice to Hashem Eloheinu.

And Moshe answered
and said, But, what if
they will not believe me,
nor pay heed unto my voice
but will say, Hashem hath not
appeared unto thee.
|2| And Hashem said unto
him, What is that in thine
yad? And he said, A matteh (a
rod, staff).
|3| And He said, Cast it on
the ground. And he cast it on
the ground, and it became a
nachash; and Moshe fled from
before it.
|4| And Moshe answered
and said, But, what if
Melech Mitzrayim will not let
you go, no, except by a yad
chazakah.
|20| And I will stretch out My
yad, and strike Mitzrayim with
all My nifle'ot which I will do
in the midst thereof; and after
that he will let you go.
|21| And I will give this
people chen in the sight of the
Egyptians; and it shall come to
pass, that, when ye go, ye
shall not go empty-handed.
|22| But every isha shall
borrow of her neighbor, and of
her that sojourneth in her
bais, jewels of kesef, and
jewels of zahav, and clothing;
and ye shall put them upon
your banim, and upon your
banot; so ye shall plunder the
Egyptians.

|7| And He said, Put thine
yad into thy kheyk again. And
he put his yad into his kheyk
again; and plucked it out of
his kheyk, and, hinei, it was
turned again as his other
basar.
|8| And it shall come to pass,
if they will not believe thee,
neither pay heed to the voice
of haOt Harishon, that they
will believe the voice of haOt
haAcharon.
|9| And it shall come to pass,
if they will not believe also
these two otot, neither pay
heed unto thy voice, that thou
shall take of the mayim of the
Nile, and pour it upon the
yabashah (dry land); and the
mayim which thou takest out
of the Nile shall become dahm
upon the yabashah.
|10| And Moshe said unto
Hashem, O Adonoi, I am not
an ish devarim, neither
heretofore, nor since Thou
hast spoken unto Thy eved;
but I am slow of speech, and
of a slow lashon.
|11| And Hashem said unto
him, Who hath made man's
peh (mouth)? Or who maketh
dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or
blind? Is it not I, Hashem?
|12| Now therefore go, and
Eh-heh-yeh (I will be) with thy
mouth, and teach thee what
thou shalt say.
|13| And he said, O Adonoi,
send, now, by the yad of him
whom Thou wilt send.
|14| And the Af Hashem was
kindled against Moshe, and
He said, Is there not Aharon
thy ach the Levi? I know that
he can speak well. And also,
hinei, he cometh forth to meet
thee; and when he seeth thee,
he will be glad in his lev.
|15| And thou shalt speak
unto him, and put words in
his mouth; and Eh-heh-yeh (I
will be)
with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do.

16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou shalt be to him instead of Elohim.

17 And thou shalt take this matteh in thine yad, wherewith thou shalt do haOtot.

18 And Moshe went and returned to Yitro his khoten (father-in-law), and said unto him, Let me go, now, and return unto my achim which are in Mitzrayim, and see whether they be yet alive. And Yitro said to Moshe, Lech l'shalom (go in peace).

19 And Hashem said unto Moshe in Midyan, Go, shuv (return) into Mitzrayim; for all the anashim are dead which sought thy life.

20 And Moshe took his isha and his banim, and set them upon a donkey, and he returned to Eretz Mitzrayim; and matteh HaElohim in his yad.

21 And Hashem said to Moshe, When thou goest to return into Mitzrayim, see that thou do all those mofetim before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine yad: but I will harden his lev, that he shall not let HaAm go.

22 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Hashem, Yisroel is beni (My son), even My bechor (first-born):

23 And I say unto thee, Let beni (My son) go, that he may serve Me; and if thou refuse to let him go, hinei, I will slay thy ben, even thy bechor.

24 And it came to pass on the derech at the malon, that Hashem met him, and sought to kill him.

25 Then Tzipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the orlat ben (foreskin of son) of her, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a choson damim (a bridegroom of blood) art thou to me.

26 So He let him go; then she said, A choson damim thou art, because of the circumcision (i.e., [bris] milah).

27 And Hashem said to Aharon, Go into the midbar to meet Moshe. And he went, and met him in the Har HaElohim, and kissed him.

28 And Moshe told Aharon kol divrei Hashem who had sent him, and all haOtot He had commanded him.

29 And Moshe and Aharon went and assembled together kol Ziknei Bnei Yisroel;

30 And Aharon spoke all hadavevarim which Hashem had spoken unto Moshe; and he did haOtot before the eyes of HaAm.

31 And HaAm believed; and when they heard that Hashem had visited the Bnei Yisroel, and that He had looked upon their oni, then they bowed their heads and worshiped.

And afterward Moshe and Aharon went in, and told Pharaoh, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Let My people go, that they may hold a chag (feast) unto Me in the midbar.

2 And Pharaoh said, Who is Hashem, that I should obey His voice to let Yisroel go? I know not Hashem, neither will I let Yisroel go.

3 And they said, Hashem is Eloheinu; let us go and serve Hashem our Elohim.

4 But Pharaoh said, Why take ye this intolerable burden from among my people?

5 And Pharaoh said, Hinei, the Am HaAretz now are many, and ye make them rest from their sevalot.

6 And Pharaoh commanded the same day the nogesim of the people, and their foremen, saying,

7 Ye shall no more give HaAm straw to make brick, as heretofore; let them go and gather straw for themselves.

8 And the matkonet (quota) of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish ought thereof; for they are idle; therefore they cry out, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to Eloheinu.

9 Let there more avodah be laid upon the anashim, that they may labor therein; and let them not regard divrei sheker.

10 And the nogesim of HaAm went out, and their foremen; they spoke to HaAm, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw.

11 And Pharaoh said, Wherefore work ye more? Set out the work, why do ye not do your work with the same speed as before?

12 And the foremen of the Bnei Yisroel, which Pharaoh’s nogesim had set over them, were beaten, and were asked, Why have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick both yesterday and today, as heretofore?

13 Then the foremen of the Bnei Yisroel complained to Pharaoh, saying, Why dealest thou thus with thy avadim?
16 | There is no straw given unto thy avadim, and they say to us, Make brick. And, hinei, thy avadim are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. 
| 17 | But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and do sacrifice to Hashem. 
| 18 | Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the tokhen (full measure) of bricks.
| 19 | And the foremen of the Bnei Yisroel did see that they were in rah (trouble), after it was said, Ye shall not reduce ought from your bricks of your daily task.
| 20 | And they went to meet Moshe and Aharon, who stood waiting to meet them, as they came forth from Pharaoh: 
| 21 | And they said unto them, Hashem look upon you, and judge; because ye have made us stench to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his avadim, to put a cherev in their yad to slay us.
| 22 | And Moshe returned unto Hashem, and said, Adonoi, why hast Thou brought evil upon this people? why is it that Thou hast sent me? 
| 23 | For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy Shem, he hath done evil to this people; neither hast Thou delivered Thy people at all.

T.N. Genesis offers the promise of land and life but ends with nearly everyone being swept into a tomb (see Genesis 49:29-33), with the body of Yosef going back to that tomb in a 400 year long trek (Gn 50:24-26; Ex 13:19). But a victory over, and a defeat of, that tomb will occur when 'the 70' (Ex 1:5) burst forth from the tomb of Egypt in a great exodus of '600,000'. This death and resurrection of Yisroel was possible because of midwives who didn't believe in abortion (1:17), who did believe instead in the G-d of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as the G-d of the living. This awesome G-d commissions Moses while he is a shepherd in Midian on Mt. Sinai (Chorev) to deliver His people with the Matzah HaElohim (the Rod of G-d) performing signs and wonders (this word “wonder,” mofet in Ex.7:3, we will see again in a key Messianic passage in Zec 6:11-12 where the Moshiach’s personal name is revealed). The G-d of Israel reveals to Moses His personal covenant Name, that He is the G-d who always is (Ex. 3:14), the eternally self-existent true G-d. This one true G-d is the author of salvation (Ex. 6:1-8). 

Then Hashem said unto Moshe, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh; for through a yad chazakah shall he let them go, and with a yad chazakah shall he drive them out of his land.

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| 2 | And Elohim spoke unto Moshe, and said unto him, I am Hashem; 
| 3 | And I appeared unto Avraham, unto Yitzchak, and unto Ya’akov, and unto Yaakov, as El Shaddai, but by My Shem Hashem I did not make Myself known to them. 
| 4 | And I have also established My brit (covenant) with them, to give them Eretz Kena’an, the land of their sojourning, wherein they sojourned. 
| 5 | And I have also heard the groaning of the Bnei Yisroel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered My brit (covenant). 
| 6 | Therefore say unto the Bnei Yisroel, I am Hashem, and I will bring you out from under the sivlot Mitzrayim, and I will free you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out zero’a, and with mishpatim gedolim:
| 7 | And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you Elohim; and ye shall know that I am Hashem Eloheichem, which bringeth you out from under the sivlot Mitzrayim. 
| 8 | And I will bring you in unto HaAretz, concerning the which I did lift up My hand to swear to give it to Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Ya’akov; and I will give it to you for a morashah (heritage); I am Hashem. 
| 9 | And Moshe spoke so unto the Bnei Yisroel; but they did not listen unto Moshe because of their kotzer ruach (shortness of spirit, broken spirit), and for avodah kesheh (cruel bondage). 
| 10 | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, 
| 11 | Go in, speak unto Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, that he let the Bnei Yisroel go out of his land. 
| 12 | And Moshe spoke before Hashem, saying, See, the Bnei Yisroel have not paid heed unto Moise because of their kotzer ruach (shortness of spirit, broken spirit), and for avodah kesheh (cruel bondage). 
| 13 | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, and gave them a charge unto the Bnei Yisroel, and unto Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, to bring the
Bnei Yisroel out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

14 These are the Rashei Bais Avot: The Bnei Reuven the bechor Yisroel; Chanoch, and Pallu, Chetzron, and Carmi: these are the mishpokhot of Reuven.  

15 And the Bnei Shimon; Yemuel, and Yamin, and Ohad, and Yachin, and Tzochar, and Shaul ben of the mishpokhot of Shimon.

16 And these are the shemot Bnei Levi according to their toldot; Gershon, and Kehat, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred thirty and seven shanah.

17 The Bnei Gershon; Livni, and Shimi, according to their mishpokhot.

18 And the Bnei Kehat; Amram, and Yitzhar, and the years of the life of Kehat were a hundred thirty and three shanah.

19 And the Bnei Merari; Machli and Mushi: these are the mishpokhot of Levi according to their toledot.

20 And Amram took him Yocheved his father's sister to wife; and she bore him Aharon and Moshe: and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred and thirty and seven shanah.

21 And the Bnei Yitzhar; Korach, Nepheg, and Zichri.

22 And the Bnei Uzziel; Mishael, Eltzaphan, and Sitri.

23 And Aharon took him Elisheva, bat Amminadav, achat Nachshon, to wife; and she bore him Nadav, and Avihu, Elazar and Itamar.

24 And the Bnei Korach; Assir, and Elkanah, and Avisaph: these are the mishpokhot of the Korchi.

25 And Elazar ben Aharon took him one of the banot Putiel to wife; and she bore him Pinchas: these are the Rashei Avot HaLevi'im according to their mishpokhot.

26 These are that Aharon and Moshe, to whom Hashem said, Bring out the Bnei Yisroel from Eretz Mitzrayim according to their tzve'os.

27 These are they which spoke to Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, to bring out the Bnei Yisroel from Mitzrayim: these are that Moshe and Aharon.

28 And it came to pass on the day when Hashem spoke unto Moshe in Eretz Mitzrayim,

29 That Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, I am Hashem: speak thou unto Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim all that I say unto thee.

30 And Moshe said before Hashem, See, I am of oral sefatayim, and why should Pharaoh pay heed unto me.

31 And Hashem said unto Moshe, See, I have made thee as Elohim to Pharaoh: and Aharon thy brother shall be thy navi.

32 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aharon thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the Bnei Yisroel out of his land.

33 And I will harden the lev Pharaoh, and multiply My Otot and My Mofetim in Eretz Mitzrayim.

34 But Pharaoh shall not pay heed unto you, that I may lay My yad upon Mitzrayim, and bring forth Mine tzve'os, and My people the Bnei Yisroel, out of Eretz Mitzrayim by shefatim gedolim (great judgments).

35 And the Egyptians shall know that I am Hashem, when I stretch forth My yad upon Mitzrayim, bringing out Bnei Yisroel from among them.

36 And Moshe and Aharon did as Hashem commanded them, so did they.
that I am Hashem: hinei, I will strike with the mattheh that is in Mine yad upon the mayim which are in the Nile, and they shall be turned to dahm.

|18| And the dag (fish) that is in the Nile shall die, and the Nile shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the mayim of the Nile.

|19| And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, Say unto Aharon, Take thy mattheh, and stretch out thine yad upon the mayims of Mitzrayim, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their mikveh of mayim, that they may become dahm; and that there may be dahm throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone.

|20| And Moshe and Aharon did so, as Hashem commanded; and he lifted up the mattheh, and smote the waters that were in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his avadim; and all the mayim that were in the Nile were turned to dahm.

|21| And the dag (fish) that was in the Nile died; and the Nile stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the mayim of the Nile; and there was dahm throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim.

|22| And the charretumei Mitzrayim did so with their secret lore: and lev Pharaoh was hardened, neither did he pay heed unto them; as Hashem had said.

|23| And Pharaoh turned and went into his bais, neither did he set his mind to this also.

|24| And all the Egyptians dug around the Nile for mayim to drink; they could not drink of the mayim of the Nile.

|25| And seven days came and went, after Hashem had struck the Nile.
hardened, and he paid heed not unto them; as Hashem had said. [20:8:16] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Rise up early in the boker, and stand before Pharaoh; hinei, he cometh forth to the mayim; and say unto him, Thus saith Hashem, Let My people go, that they may serve Me. [21:8:17] Else, if thou wilt not let My people go, hinenyi, I will send swarms of arov upon thee, and upon thy avadim, and upon thy people, and into thy batim (houses); and the batim (houses) of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of arov, and also the ground whereon they are. [22:8:18] And I will deal differently in that day with Eretz Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of arov shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am Hashem in the midst of the earth. [23:8:19] And I will put a distinction between My people and thy people; tomorrow shall this Ot be. [24:8:20] And Hashem did so; there came a grievous swarm of arov into the bais Pharaoh, into batim of his avadim, into kol Eretz Mitzrayim; the land was corrupted from the swarm of arov. [25:8:21] And Pharaoh called for Moshe, for Aharon, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to Eloheichem in the land. [26:8:22] And Moshe said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the to’avor Egyptians to Hashem Eloheihem; lo, shall we sacrifice the to’avor Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? [27:8:23] We will go derech shloshet yamim into the midbar, and sacrifice to Hashem Eloheihem, as He shall command us. [28:8:24] And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to Hashem Eloheihem in the midbar; only ye shall not go very far away; entreat for me. [29:8:25] | And Moshe said, Hinei, I go out from thee, and I will entreat Hashem that the swarms of arov may depart from Pharaoh, from his avadim, and from his people, tomorrow; but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully anymore in not letting the people go to sacrifice to Hashem. [30:8:26] And Moshe went out from Pharaoh, and entreated Hashem. [31:8:27] And Hashem did according to the devar Moshe; and He removed the swarms of arov from Pharaoh, from his avadim, from his people; there remained not one. [32:8:28] And Pharaoh hardened his lev at this time also, neither would he let the people go. Then Hashem said unto Moshe, Go in unto Pharaoh, tell him, Thus saith Hashem Elohei HaIvrim, Let My people go, that they may serve Me. [2] For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, [3] Hinei, the Yad Hashem is upon thy mikneh (livestock) which is in the sadeh, upon the susim, upon the donkeys, upon the camels, upon the herd, and upon the tzon; there shall be a very grievous dever. [4] And Hashem shall separate between the mikneh Yisroel and the mikneh Mitzrayim; and there shall nothing die of all that belongs to the Bnei Yisroel. [5] And Hashem appointed a moed, saying, Tomorrow Hashem shall do this thing in the land. [6] And Hashem did that thing on the next day, and all the mikneh of Mitzrayim died; but of the mikneh of the Bnei Yisroel died not one. [7] And Pharaoh sent, and, hinei, there was not one of the mikneh Yisroel dead. And the lev Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let HaAm go. [8] And Hashem said unto Moshe and unto Aharon, Take to you handfuls of piach of the furnace, and let Moshe sprinkle it toward Shomayim in the sight of Pharaoh. [9] And it shall become fine dust in kol Eretz Mitzrayim, and shall be a sh’khin (boil) breaking forth with festerim upon adam, and upon behemah, throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim. [10] And they took piach of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moshe sprinkled it up toward Shomayim; and it became a sh’khin breaking forth with festerim upon adam, and upon behemah. [11] And the charetumim could not stand before Moshe because of the sh’khin; for the sh’khin was upon the charetumim, and upon kol Mitzrayim. [12] And Hashem hardened the lev Pharaoh, and he paid heed not unto them; as Hashem had spoken unto Moshe. [13] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Rise up early in the boker, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith Hashem Elohei HaIvrim, Let My people go, that they may serve Me. [14] For I will at this time send all My maggefot upon thine lev, and upon thy avadim, and upon thy people; that thou mayest have da’as that there is none like Me in kol ha’aretz.
For now I will stretch out My Hand, that I may strike thee and thy people with severe; and thou shalt be cut off from ha'aretz.

In fact for this cause have I raised thee up, for to show in thee My power; and that My Shem may be declared throughout kol ha'aretz.

Thou still art exalting thyself against My people, that thou wilt not let them go.

Hinei, tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain very grievous barad (hail), such as hath not been in Mitzrayim since the foundation thereof even until now.

Send therefore now, and gather thy mikneh, and all that thou hast in the sadeh; for upon every adam (man) and behemah (beast) which shall be found in the sadeh, and shall not be brought into shelter, the barad shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

He that feared the Devar Hashem among the avadim of Pharaoh made his avadim and his mikneh flee into the shelters;

And he that took not to heart the Devar Hashem left his avadim and his mikneh in the sadeh.

And Hashem said unto Moshe, Stretch forth thine yad toward Shomayim; and Hashem sent thunder and barad, and the eish flashed down upon the ground; and Hashem rained barad upon Eretz Mitzrayim.

And Moshe stretched forth his matteh toward Shomayim; and Hashem sent thunder and barad, and the eish flashed down upon the ground; and Hashem rained barad upon Eretz Mitzrayim.

So there was barad, and eish mingled with the barad, very grievous, such as there was none like it in kol Eretz Mitzrayim since it became a nation.

And the barad struck throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim all that was in the sadeh, both adam and behemah; the barad struck kol esev hasadeh, and beat down kol etz of the sadeh.

And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moshe and Aharon, and said unto them, chatati (I have sinned) this time: Hashem HaTzaddik (is righteous), and I and my people are haresha'im (wicked, guilty, wrong).

Entreat Hashem for it is enough, that there be no more Elohim thunderings and barad; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

And Moshe said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the Ir, I will spread out my palms [davening] unto Hashem; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more barad; that thou mayest have da'as that ha'aretz is Hashem's.

But as for thee and thy avadim, I know that ye will not yet fear Hashem Elohim.

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And the flax and the barley was struck; for the barley was ripe, and the flax was in bud.

And they shall cover the face of ha'aretz, that one cannot be able to see ha'aretz; and they shall devour the remnant of that which remaineth unto you from the barad, and shall eat kol haetz which groweth for you out of the sadeh; and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his lev, he and his avadim.

And the lev Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the Bnei Yisroel go; as Hashem had spoken by Moshe.

And Hashem said unto Moshe, Go in unto Pharaoh; for I have hardened his lev, and the lev of his avadim, that I might show these My otot before him;

And thou mayest tell in the ears of thy ben, and of thy ben's ben, what things I have wrought in Mitzrayim, and My otot which I have done among them; that ye may have da'as that I am Hashem.

And Moshe and Aharon came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith Hashem Elohei HaIvrim, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

Else, if thou refuse to let My people go, hineni, tomorrow will I bring the arbeh into thy border;

And they shall cover the face of ha'aretz, that one cannot be able to see ha'aretz; and they shall devour the remnant of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the barad, and shall eat kol haetz which growth for you out of the sadeh;

And they shall fill thy batim (houses), and the batim (houses) of all thy avadim, and the batim (houses) of kol Mitzrayim; which neither thy avot, nor the avot of thy avot have seen, since the day that they were upon ha'aretz unto this day. And he turned
himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

[7] And Pharaoh's avadim said unto him, How long shall this man be a mokesh (snare) unto us? Let the anashim go, that they may serve Hashem Eloheihem; knowest thou not yet that Mitzrayim is destroyed?

[8] And Moshe and Aharon were brought again unto Pharaoh; and he said unto them, Go, serve Hashem Eloheichem; but who are they that shall go?

[9] And Moshe said, We will go with ne'areinu and with zekeineinu, with baneinu and with benoteinu, with tzoneinu and with bekareinu (our herds) will we go; for Chag Hashem lanu.

[10] And he said unto them, Hashem will indeed be with you, if ever I let you go, and your little ones; look to it, evil intent is before you.

[11] Not so; go now ye that are gevarim, and serve Hashem; for that ye did request. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

[12] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Stretch out thine yad over Eretz Mitzrayim for the arbeh, that they may come up upon Eretz Mitzrayim, and devour kol esev ha'aretz, even all that the barad hath left as remnant.

[13] And Moshe stretched forth his matteh over Eretz Mitzrayim, and Hashem brought a ruach kadim upon the land all that yom, and all that laiah; and when it was boker, the ruach hakadim brought the arbeh.

[14] And the arbeh went up over kol Eretz Mitzrayim, and rested on the entire border of Mitzrayim: very grievous were they; before them there were no such arbeh as they, neither after them shall be such.

[15] For they covered the kol ha'a'retz, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat kol esev ha'a'retz, and kol p'ri haetz which the barad had left as remnant; and there remained not any yerek baetz, or in the esev hasadeh, through kol Eretz Mitzrayim.

[16] Then Pharaoh called for Moshe and Aharon in haste; and he said, chatati (I have sinned) against Hashem Eloheichem, and against you.

[17] Therefore forgive, now, my sin only this once, and entreat Hashem Eloheichem, that He would only take away from me this mavet.

[18] And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated Hashem.

[19] And Hashem turned a west ruach chazak me'od, which took away the arbeh, and cast them into the Yam Suf; there remained not one arbeh in all the borders of Mitzrayim.

[20] But Hashem hardened lev Pharaoh, so that he would not let them go.

[21] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Stretch out thine yad toward Shomayim, that there may be choshech over Eretz Mitzrayim, even choshech which he can feel.

[22] And Moshe stretched forth his yad toward Shomayim; and there was a thick choshech in kol Eretz Mitzrayim shloshet yamim;

[23] They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for shloshet yamim; but kol Bnei Yisroel had Ohr in their dwellings.

[24] And Pharaoh called unto Moshe, and said, Go ye, serve Hashem; only let your tzon and your herds remain behind; let your little ones also go with you.

[25] And Moshe said, Thou must give us also zevakhim and olot, that we may sacrifice unto Hashem Eloheinu.

[26] Also mikneinu shall go with us; there shall not a hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve Hashem Eloheinu; and we know not with what we must serve Hashem, until we come to there.

[27] But Hashem hardened lev Pharaoh, and he would not let them go.

[28] And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in that day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

[29] And Moshe said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

[30] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Yet will I bring one nega (plague; see Isa 53:8 regarding Moshiach) more upon Pharaoh, and upon Mitzrayim; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let you go, he shall surely drive you out hence altogether.

[31] Speak now in the ears of HaAm, let every ish request of his neighbor, every isha of her neighbor, articles of kesef and articles of zahav.

[32] And Hashem gave the people chen in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the ish Moshe was gadol me'od in Eretz Mitzrayim, in the sight of Pharaoh's avadim, and in the sight of the people.

[33] And Moshe said, Thus saith Hashem, About khatzot halailah (midnight) will I go out into the midst of Mitzrayim;

[34] And all the bechor in Eretz Mitzrayim shall die, from the bechor Pharaoh that sitteth upon his kisse, even unto the bechor hashifchah that is behind the millstone; and all the bechor behemah.
[6] And there shall be a great cry throughout kol Eretz Mitzrayim, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more.

[7] But against any of the Bnei Yisroel shall not a kelev move his leshon, against ish or behemah; that ye may have da’as that Hashem doth differentiate between Mitzrayim and Yisroel.

[8] And all these thy avadim shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and kol HaAm that follow thee; and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger.

[9] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Pharaoh shall not pay heed unto you; that My mofetim may be multiplied in Eretz Mitzrayim, and Yisroel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall begin the checking for blemishes up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and kol Kehal Adat Yisroel shall slaughter (shachat) it in the afternoon (before dark).

[10] And they shall take of the dahm, and strike it upon the two mezuzot (doorposts) and on the mashkof (lintel) of the batim (houses), wherein they shall eat it.

[11] And they shall eat the hasar in that night, roasted over eish, and matzot; and with maror they shall eat it. [See Yochanan 6:53-54 where Moshiach alludes to this verse and Isaiah 53:7.]

[12] Eat not of it raw, nor soaked or boiled in mayim, but roasted over eish; this includes its rosh with its legs, and with the inner parts thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the boker; and that which remaineth of it until the boker ye shall burn with eish.

[13] And thus shall ye eat it; with your robe girded up [i.e., pulled up and tucked in under the belt, for travel], your sandals on your feet, and your walking staff in your yad; and ye shall eat it with urgent haste; it is Hashem’s Pesach.

[14] For I will pass through Eretz Mitzrayim balalah hazeh, and will strike fatally kol bechor Eretz Mitzrayim, both adam and behemah; and against all the clohei Mitzrayim I will execute judgment; I am Hashem.

[15] And the dahm shall be for you, an ot (sign) upon the batim (houses) where ye are; and when I see the dahm, oofasachti (then I will pass over, skip, spare) you [plural], and the negef (plague, blow, striking, i.e., death of firstborn) shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I strike fatally with a blow against Eretz Mitzrayim.

[16] And hayom hazeh shall be unto you for zikaron (remembrance, remembering); and ye shall keep it a Chag (Feast) to Hashem throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a Chag (Feast) by a chukkat olam.

[17] Shivat yamim shall ye eat matzot; but the first day ye shall put away se’or (yeast, leaven) out of your batim (houses); for whosoever eateth chametz from the first day until the seventh day, that nefesh shall be cut off from Yisroel.

[18] And in the yom harishon there shall be a mikra kodesh, and in the yom hashevi’i there shall be a mikra kodesh to you; no manner of melachah shall be done in them, except that which every nefesh must eat [i.e., activity necessary for the preparation of food], that only may be done of you.

[19] And ye shall be shomer to safeguard the matzot; for on this very day I brought your tzva’os out of Eretz Mitzrayim; therefore shall ye be shomer over this day in your generations by a chukkat olam.

[20] In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at erev, ye shall eat matzot, until the one and twentieth day of the month at erev.

[21] Shivat yamim shall there be no se’or (yeast, leaven) found in your batim (houses); whosoever eateth that basar in that night, roasted over eish, and matzot; and with maror they shall eat it. [See Yeshayah 53:7 and Isaiah 53:7.]

[22] Eat not of it raw, nor soaked or boiled in mayim, but roasted over eish; this includes its rosh with its legs, and with the inner parts thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the boker; and that which remaineth of it until the boker ye shall burn with eish.

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nefesh shall be cut off from
Adat Yisroel, whether he be a
ger, or native born in ha'aretz.
[20] Ye shall eat nothing
leavened; in all your dwelling-
places shall ye eat matzot.
[21] Then Moshe called for
all the Ziknei Yisroel, and said
unto them, Draw out as
separate and take for
yourselves a lamb according to
your mishpokhot, and
slaughter (shachat) the Pesach
offering, i.e., Pesach lamb (see
Yeshayah 53:7).
[22] And ye shall take a
bunch of hyssop, and dip it in
the dahm upon the mashkof,
and the two mezuzot (door
sideposts) with the dahm that
is in the basin;  and none of
you shall go out the door of his
bais until boker.
[23] For Hashem will pass
through to strike the
Mitzrayim; and when He seeth
through to strike the
bais where there was not one
dead.  For there was not a
gedolah (great wail) in
ekol avadim, and kol Mitzrayim;
and there was a tze'akah
avadim, and kol Mitzrayim;
[24] And it shall come to
pass, that at midnight Hashem struck
down kol bechor in Eretz
Mitzrayim, from the bechor of
Pharaoh sitting on his throne
unto the bechor of the captive
that was in the dungeon; and all
the bechor behemah.
[25] And it shall come to
pass, that kol Tzivos
Hashem went out from Eretz
Mitzrayim.  And the people
bowed down and worshiped.
[26] And ye shall be shomer
over this word as a chok
ordinance) to thee and your
children ad olam (forever).
[27] That ye shall say, It is the
zevach of Hashem's Pesach,
who pasach (passed over,
skipped, spared) the batim
(households) of the Bnei
Yisroel in Mitzrayim, when He
struck down the Egyptians,
and spared bateinu (our
houses). And the people
bowed down and worshiped.
[28] And the Bnei Yisroel
went away, and did as
Hashem had commanded
Moshe and Aharon, so did
they.
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down kol bechor in Eretz
Mitzrayim, from the bechor of
Pharaoh sitting on his throne
unto the bechor of the captive
that was in the dungeon; and all
the bechor behemah.
[30] And Pharaoh rose up in
the lailah, he, and all his
avadam, and kol Mitzrayim;
and there was a tze'akah
gedolah (great wail) in
Mitzrayim; for there was not a
bais where there was not one
dead.
[31] And he called for Moshe
and Aharon, so did
Hashem had commanded
Moshe and Aharon, This is the
Chukkat HaPesach: there
shall no ben nekhar eat
thereof; shall no ben nekhar eat
thereof;
[32] Also take your tzon and
herds, as ye have said.
[33] And the Egyptians were
urgent upon the people, that
they might send them out of
Mitzrayim, into round flat
cakes of matzot; ki lo chametz,
dead ones).
[34] And the people took
their batzek (deaf dough)
and carried) upon their
shoulders.
[35] And the Bnei Yisroel did
according to the devar Moshe;
they requested of the
Egyptians klei kesef, and klei
zahav, and garments;
[36] And Hashem gave the
people favor in the sight of the
Mitzrayim, so that they
granted their request. So they
plundered the Egyptians.
[37] And the Bnei Yisroel
journeyed from Rameses
towards Sukkot, about
600,000 gevarim on foot, not
counting women and children.
[38] And an erev rav (mixed
multitude, a mixed company
that was large) went along also
with them; and tzon, and
herds, even very many
domestic animals.
[39] And they baked the
batzek (deaf dough) which
they brought forth out of
Mitzrayim, into round flat
cakes of matzot; ki lo chametz,
because they were thrust out
of Mitzrayim, and could not
hurry (linger), neither had they
prepared for tzeidah (supply
of food, provision).
[40] Now the moshav (time
period of residence) of the
Bnei Yisroel dwelling in
Mitzrayim was four hundred
and thirty shanah.
[41] And it came to pass at
the ketz (end) of the four
hundred and thirty
shanah, even the exact day it
came to pass, that kol Tzivos
Hashem went out from Eretz
Mitzrayim.
[42] It is a night of
shimmurim (keepings,
watchings, vigils) for kol Bnei
Yisroel dwelling in Eretz
Mitzrayim, into round flat
cakes of matzot; ki lo chametz,
that is bought for kesef, when
thou hast
given him bris milah, then shall he eat thereof.
|45| A toshav and a sachir shall not eat thereof.
|46| In bais echad shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth any of the basar outside the bais; neither shall ye break a bone thereof [see Yochanan 19:36 OJBC].

[47] Kol Adat Yisroel shall celebrate it.

[48] And when a ger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the Pesach unto Hashem, let all his zahas receive bris milah, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is native born in ha’aretz; for no arel (uncircumcised person) shall eat thereof.

[49] Torah echad shall be to him that is native-born, and unto the ger that sojourneth among you.

[50] Thus did kol Bnei Yisroel; as Hashem commanded Moshe and Aharon, so did they.

[51] And it came to pass the very same day, that Hashem did bring the Bnei Yisroel out of Eretz Mitzrayim by their tzvaos.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Set apart as kodesh unto Me kol bechor, whatsoever openeth the rechem (womb) among the Bnei Yisroel, both of adam and of behemah; it is Mine.

[3] And Moshe said unto HaAm, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Mitzrayim, out of the bais avadim; for by chozek yad Hashem brought you out from this place; there shall no chometz be eaten.

[4] This day came ye out in the month Aviv.

[5] And it shall be when Hashem shall bring thee into the land of the Kena’ani, and the Chitti, and the Emori, and the Chivi, and the Yevusi, which He swore unto thy Avot to give thee, an eretz flowing with cholov and devash, that thou shalt observe this avodah (service) in this month.

[6] Shivat yamim thou shalt eat matzot, and in the seventh day shall be a Chag (Feast) to Hashem.

[7] Matzot shall be eaten shivat hayamim; and there shall no chametz be seen with thee, neither shall there be se’or seen with thee within all thy borders.

[8] And thou shalt show thy ben in that day, saying, This is because of what Hashem did for me when I came forth out of Mitzrayim.

[9] And thou shalt shew thy ben in that day, saying, This is because of what Hashem did for me when I came forth out of Mitzrayim.

[10] Thou shalt therefore be shomer over this chukkah in its mo’ed (season, fixed time) perpetually.

[11] And it shall be when Hashem shall bring thee into the land of the Kena’ani, as He swore unto thee and to thy avot, and shall give it thee,

[12] That thou shalt set apart unto Hashem all that openeth the rechem (womb), and every firstling that is born of a behemah which thou hast; hazecharim (the males) shall be Hashem’s.

[13] And every firstling of a he-donkey thou shalt redeem with a seh; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck; and kol bechor adam among thy banim shalt thou redeem.

[14] And it shall be when thy ben asketh thee in time to come, saying, Mah zot? (What is this?) that thou shalt say unto him, By chozek yad Hashem brought us out from Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim;

[15] And it came to pass, when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, that Hashem killed kol bechor of Eretz Mitzrayim, both the bechor adam, and the bechor behemah; therefore Ani zovei’ach laHashem (I sacrifice to Hashem) kol that openeth the rechem (womb), being hazecharim (the males); but kol bechor of my banim I redeem.

[16] And it shall be for an ot (sign) upon thine hand, and for totafos (ornaments, frontlets, bands, phylactery) between thine eyes; for by chozek yad Hashem brought us forth out of Mitzrayim.

[BEHALLACH]

[17] And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that Elohim led them not through the derech of the eretz of the Pelishtim (Philistines), although that was near; for Elohim said, Lest perhaps the people change their mind when they see milchamah, and they return to Mitzrayim;

[18] So Elohim led HaAm about, through the derech of the midbar of the Yam Suf; and the Bnei Yisroel went up out of Eretz Mitzrayim ready for battle.

[19] And Moshe took the atzmot Yosef with him; for Yosef had made the Bnei Yisroel swear unconditionally, saying, Elohim will surely visit
you; and ye shall carry up my atzmot away from here with you.

|20| And they took their journey from Sukkot, and encamped in Etam, at the edge of the midbar.

|21| And Hashem went before them by day in an ammud anan, to guide them haderech; and by lailah in an ammud eish, to give them ohr; so they could travel yomam valailah (day or night);

|22| He took not away the ammud heanan by day, nor the ammud haeish by night, from before HaAm.

Then Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

|2| Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, that they turn back and encamp before Pi-Hachirot, between Migdol and the yam, in front of Baal Zephon; opposite it shall ye encamp by the yam.

|3| For Pharaoh will think of the Bnei Yisroel, They are entangled in the land [wandering in confusion], the midbar hath shut them in.

|4| And I will harden lev Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, so that he pursued after the Bnei Yisroel; and the Bnei Yisroel went out with a high hand [deliberately with assurance].

|5| But the Mitzrayim pursued after them, all the susim and chariots of Pharaoh, and his parash, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the yam, by Pi-Hachirot, in front of Baal Zephon.

|6| And when Pharaoh drew near, the Bnei Yisroel lifted up their eyes, and, hinei, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were very terrified; and the Bnei Yisroel cried out unto Hashem.

|7| And they said unto Moshe, Because there were no kevarim in Mitzrayim, hast thou taken us away to die in the midbar? What hast thou done to us, in bringing us forth out of Mitzrayim?

|8| Is not this the very thing that we did tell thee in Mitzrayim, saying, Let us alone, that we may slave for the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to slave for the Egyptians, than that we should die in the midbar.

|9| And Moshe said unto HaAm, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the Yeshuat Hashem, which He will bring to you today; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more ad olam.

|10| And Hashem shall fight for you, and ye shall keep still.

|11| Then Moshe stretched out his yad over the yam; and Hashem caused the yam to go back by a strong east wind all that night, so that the yam was made dry land, and the mayim were divided.

|12| So it came to pass, that when came the watch of the boker, Hashem looked down on the machaneh Mitzrayim through the ammud eish (pillar of fire) and of the anan, and caused confusion over the machaneh Mitzrayim.
|25| And turned awry their chariot wheels, that they drove them with difficulty; so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the presence of Yisroel; because Hashem fighteth for them against the Egyptians.  
|26| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Stretch out thine yad over the yam, that the mayim may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their parash.  
|27| And Moshe stretched forth his yad over the yam, and the yam rushed back to its place as dawn of the boker appeared; but Hashem swept the Egyptians into the middle of the yam.  
|28| And the mayim rushed back, and covered the chariots, and the parashim, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the yam after them; there remained as survivors not so much as one of them.  
|29| But the Bnei Yisroel walked upon yabashah through the yam; and the mayim were a chomah unto them on their right, and on their left.  
|30| Thus Hashem saved Yisroel yom hahu out of the hand of Mitzrayim; and Yisroel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.  

|2| Hashem is my oz and zimrah (song of praise), and He is become to me Yeshuah (salvation); He is Eli (my G-d), and I will praise Him; Elohei Avi, and I will exalt Him.  
|3| Hashem is an Ish Milchamah; Hashem shmo.  
|4| Markevot Pharaoh and his army hath He cast into the yam; his select commanders also are drowned in Yam Suf.  
|5| The tehomot (depths) have covered them; they sank into the bottom like an even (stone).  
|6| Thy right hand, Hashem, is become glorious in ko’ach; Thy right hand, Hashem, hath dashed into pieces the oyev.  
|7| And in the greatness of Thine majesty Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against Thee; Thou sentest forth Thy charon (wrath), which consumed them as stubble.  
|8| And with the blast of Thy nostrils the mayim were gathered together, the floods stood upright like a stack, and the tehomot were congealed in the lev yam (heart of the sea).  
|9| The oyev said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will share the plunder; my battle-lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my cherev, my yad shall take possession of them.  
|10| Thou didst blow with Thy ruach, the yam covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.  
|11| Mi chamochah ba’elim, Adonoi (Who is like unto Thee, Hashem, among the elim [g-ds]? Who is like Thee, glorious in kodesh (holiness), awesome in praiseworthy acts, doing wonders?  
|12| Thou didst stretch out Thy right hand, eretz swallowed them.  
|13| Thou in Thy chesed hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed (acquired back); Thou hast guided them in Thy oz unto Thy neveh kodesh (holy habitation, i.e., a neveh is the abode of a shepherd).  
|14| The nations shall hear, and be afraid; anguish shall take hold on the inhabitants of Peleshet (Philistia).  
|15| Then the chief men of Edom shall be amazed; the mighty men of Moav, trembling shall take hold upon them; all the inhabitants of Kena’an shall melt away with weakness.  
|16| Terror and pachad shall fall upon them; by the greatness of Thine zera’ot they shall be struck dumb as an even (stone); till Thy people pass by, Hashem, till the people pass by, which Thou hast purchased.  
|17| Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the har of Thine nachalah, in the place, Hashem, which Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in, in the Mikdash, Adonoi, which Thy hands have established.  
|18| Hashem shall reign l’olam va’ed.  
|19| For the sus Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his parash into the yam, and Hashem brought again the waters of the yam upon them; but the Bnei Yisroel went on yabashah (dry land) in the middle of the yam.  
|20| And Mireyam the neviah, the achot Aharon, took the tof (hand drum) in her yad; and all the nashim went out after her with hand-drums and with dancing.  
|21| And Mireyam sang to them, Sing ye to Hashem, for He hath triumphed gloriously; the sus and its rider hath He cast into the yam.  
|22| So Moshe brought Yisroel from the Yam Suf, and they went out into the midbar of Shur;
and they went shloshet yamim in the midbar, and found no mayim.

[23] And when they came to Marah (Bitter Place), they could not drink of the mayim from Marah, for they were marim; therefore the shem of it was called Marah.

[24] So the people murmured against Moshe, saying, Mah nishteh (what shall we drink)?

[25] And he cried unto Hashem; and Hashem showed him an etz (tree) which when he had cast into the mayim, the waters were made sweet (i.e., potable, fit for drinking); at that place He made for them a chok (statute, requirement, obligation) and a mishpat (divine judgment), and there He tested them,

[26] And said, If thou wilt diligently pay heed to the voice of Hashem Eloheicha, and will do that which is yashar in His sight, and will give ear to do His mitzvot, and be shomer over all His chok, I will put none of these machalah (diseases) upon thee, which I put upon the Egyptians; for Ani Adonoi rofecha (I am Hashem that healeth thee). 

[27] And they came to Elim (Great Trees). There were twelve springs of mayim, and threescore and ten date-palm trees; and they encamped there by the mayim.

16 And they took their journey from Elim, and kol Adat Bnei Yisroel came unto the midbar of Siyn (pronounced ‘Seen’), which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

[2] And kol Adat Bnei Yisroel murmured against Moshe and Aharon in the midbar;

[3] And the Bnei Yisroel said unto them, If only G-d would have made us die by the yad Hashem in Eretz Mitzrayim, when we sat by the sir habasar (pot of meat), and when we did eat lechem to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this midbar, to kill this kol hakahal with ra’av (hunger).

[4] Then said Hashem unto Moshe, Hineni, I will rain lechem from Shomayim upon you; and HaAm shall go out and gather a certain daily provision, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My torah, or no.

[5] And it shall come to pass, that on the yom hashishi (sixth day) they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

[6] And Moshe and Aharon said unto kol Bnei Yisroel, At erev, then ye shall know that Hashem hath brought you out from Eretz Mitzrayim;

[7] And it shall come to pass, at twilight ye shall eat basar, and in the boker ye shall be glutted with lechem; and ye shall know [by experience] that I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[8] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[9] I have heard the telunnot Bnei Yisroel; speak unto them, saying, At twilight ye shall eat basar, and in the boker ye shall be glutted with lechem; and ye shall know [by experience] that I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[10] And it came to pass, that at erev the quails came up, and covered the machaneh; and in the boker there was a layer of tal (dew) about the machaneh.

[11] And when the layer of tal evaporated, hinei, upon the surface of the midbar there lay thin flakes, as thin as a layer of kfor (frost) upon ha’aretz.

[12] And when the Bnei Yisroel saw it, they said one to another, Mahn hu (What is it?) For they knew not mah hu (what is this). And Moshe said unto them, This is the lechem which Hashem hath given you to eat.

[13] And this is the thing which Hashem hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating [need], an omer per person, according to the number of your nefashot; take ye every man for them which are in his ohel.

[14] And the Bnei Yisroel did so, and gathered, some more, some less.

[15] And when they did measure it by the omer, he that gathered much had nothing extra, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating [need].

[16] And when they did measure it by the omer, he that gathered much had nothing extra, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating [need].

[17] And Moshe said, Let no ish leave of it until boker.

[18] And although they measured it by the omer, he that gathered much had nothing extra, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating [need].

[19] And Moshe said, Let no ish leave of it until boker.

[20] Notwithstanding, they paid heed not unto Moshe; but some left part of it until
boker, and [the leftovers] bred tola'ım (worms), and stank; and Moshe was angry with them.

|21| And they gathered it every boker, every man according to his eating [need]; and when the shemesh grew hot, it melted.

|22| And it came to pass, that on yom hashishi they gathered twice as much lechem, two omers for one man; and all the nesi'im of the Edah came and told Moshe.

|23| And he said unto them, This is that which Hashem hath said, Tomorrow is a Shabbaton (day of rest), Shabbos Kodesh unto Hashem; bake that which ye will bake today, and boil that ye will boil; and that which remaineth over lay up for you for mishmeret (for keeping) until boker.

|24| And they laid it up, saving it until boker, as Moshe commanded; and it did not stink, neither was there any infestation therein.

|25| And Moshe said, Eat that today; for today is a Shabbos unto Hashem; today ye shall not find it in the sadeh.

|26| Sheshet yamim ye shall gather it; but on the yom hashevi'i, which is Shabbos, in it there shall be none.

|27| And it came to pass, that there went out some from HaAm on the yom hashevi'i to gather, and they found none.

|28| And Hashem said unto Moshe, How long refuse ye to be shomer over My mitzvot and My torot?

|29| See, that Hashem hath given you the Shabbos, therefore He giveth you on yom hashishi lechem for two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out from his place on yom hashevi'i.

|30| So HaAm rested on yom hashevi'i.

|31| And Bais Yisroel called the shem thereof Manna; and it was like coriander seed, lavan (white); and the taste of it was like flat cakes fried in devash.

|32| And Moshe said, This is the thing which Hashem commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be mishmeret (kept) for your dorot; that they may see the lechem wherewith I have fed you in the midbar, when I brought you forth from Eretz Mitzrayim.

|33| And Moshe said unto Aharon, Take a jar, and put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before Hashem, to be kept for your dorot.

|34| As Hashem commanded Moshe, so Aharon laid it up before the Edut (the [Ark] of the Testimony), for mishmeret (to be kept).

|35| And the Bnei Yisroel did eat manna arba'im shanah, until they came to an eretz noshavet (an inhabited land); they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of Eretz Kena'an.

|36| Now an omer [i.e., two quarts dry measure] is the tenth part of an ephah [T.N. an ephah is about one-half bushel].

|37| And kol Adat Bnei Yisroel journeyed from the midbar of Siyn, setting out, according to the commandment of Hashem, and encamped in Rephidim; and there was no mayim for HaAm to drink.

|38| Wherefore the people did chide (quarrel, become dissatisfied with) Moshe, and said, Give us mayim that we may drink. And Moshe said unto them, Why do ye put Hashem to the test?

|39| And HaAm thirsted there for mayim; and the people murmured against Moshe, and said, Why is this that thou hast brought us up out of Mitzrayim, to kill me and my banim and my livestock with tzama (thirst)?

|40| And Moshe cried unto Hashem, saying, What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.

|41| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Go on ahead of HaAm, and take with thee Ziknei Yisroel; and thy matteh (staff) wherewith thou struck the Nile, take in thine yad, and go.

|42| Hinenu, I will stand before thee there upon the tzur in Chorev; thou shalt strike the tzur, and there shall come mayim out of it, that HaAm may drink. Moshe did so in the sight of the Ziknei Yisroel.

|43| And he called the shem of the place Massah (Testing), and Merivah (Dissatisfaction), because of the riv (chiding, quarreling) of the Bnei Yisroel, and because they put Hashem to the test, saying, Is Hashem among us, or not?

|44| Then came Amalek, and did battle against Yisroel in Rephidim.

|45| And Moshe said unto Yehoshua, Choose for us anashim, and go out, do battle with Amalek; tomorrow I will station myself on the top of the hill with the matteh HaElohim in mine yad.

|46| So Yehoshua did as Moshe had said to him, and did battle with Amalek; and Moshe, Aharon, and Chur went up to the top of the hill.

|47| And it came to pass, as long as Moshe held up his yad, that Yisroel prevailed; and when he let down his yad, Amalek prevailed.

|48| When the hands of Moshe grew heavy, they took an even (stone), and kol Adat Bnei Yisroel journeyed from the midbar of Siyn, setting out, according to the commandment of Hashem, and encamped in Rephidim; and there was no mayim for HaAm to drink.
and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aharon and Chur supported his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands held emunah (steady) until bo hashemesh (sunset).

|13| And Yehoshua disabled Amalek and his army with the edge of the cherev.

|14| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Write this for a zikaron (memorial, remembering) in a sefer, and rehearse it in the ears of Yehoshua; for I will utterly efface the memory of Amalek from under Shomayim.

|15| And Moshe built a Mizbe'ach, and called the shem of it Hashem Nissi (Hashem is my Standard [rallying point]);

|16| For he said, Because a yad has been against the kes Hashem (throne of Hashem), Hashem hath milchamah against Amalek from dor to dor.

[YITRO]

**18** When Yitro, the kohen of Midyan, Moshe’s khoten (father-in-law), heard of all that Elohim had done for Moshe, and for Yisroel His people, and that Hashem had brought Yisroel out of Mitzrayim;

|2| Then Yitro, Moshe’s khoten, received Tzipporah, Moshe’s wife, after Moshe had sent her away,

|3| And her two banim; of which the shem of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been a ger in a foreign land;

|4| And the shem of the other was Eliezer; for the Elohei Avi, said he, was ezri (my help), and delivered me from the cherev of Pharaoh;

|5| And Yitro, Moshe’s khoten, came with his banim and his isha unto Moshe into the midbar, where he encamped at the Har HaElohim;

|6| And he said unto Moshe, I thy khoten (father-in-law) Yitro am come unto thee, and thy isha, and her two banim with her.

|7| And Moshe went out to meet his khoten, bowed low, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their shalom (welfare); and they came into the ohel.

|8| And Moshe told his khoten all that Hashem had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for the sake of Yisroel, and all the travail that had befallen them along the derech, and how Hashem saved and delivered them.

|9| And Yitro rejoiced for all the tovah which Hashem had done for Yisroel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

|10| And Yitro said, Baruch Hashem, Who hath rescued you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and all the travaile and the travaile that had befallen them along the derech, and how Hashem saved and delivered them.

|11| Now I have da’as that Hashem is gadol than kol haelohim; for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly He was above them.

|12| And Yitro rejoiced for all that Hashem had done for Yisroel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

|13| And Yitro said to Moshe, Baruch Hashem, Who hath rescued you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and all the travail that had befallen them along the derech, and how Hashem saved and delivered them.

|14| And Yitro rejoiced for all that Hashem had done for Yisroel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

|15| And Yitro rejoiced for all that Hashem had done for Yisroel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

|16| And Yitro rejoiced for all that Hashem had done for Yisroel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

|17| And Yitro rejoiced for all that Hashem had done for Yisroel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians.

|18| Thou wilt surely wear out, both thou, and HaAm hazeh that is with thee; for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.

|19| Shema (pay heed) now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and may Elohim be with thee; be thou for HaAm before HaElohim, that thou mayest bring the disputes unto HaElohim;

|20| And thou shalt teach them chukkim and torot, and shalt show them the derech wherein they must walk, and the ma’aseh that they must do.

|21| Moreover thou shalt provide out of kol HaAm anshei chayil (able men), yirei Elohim, anshei emes, hating bribes; and place such over them, to be over thousands, and over hundreds, over fifties, and over tens;

|22| And let them judge HaAm at all times; and it shall be, that every davar hagadol they shall bring unto thee, but every davar hakaton they shall judge; so shall it be eased for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.

|23| If thou shalt do this thing, and Elohim command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and kol HaAm hazeh shall also go to their place in shalom.
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[24] So Moshe paid heed to the voice of his khoten, and did all that he had said. [25] And Moshe chose anshei chayil out of kol Yisroel, and made them rashim over HaAm, over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. [26] And they judged HaAm at all times; the davar hakasheh (difficult case) they brought unto Moshe, but every devar hakaton they judged themselves. [27] And Moshe let his khoten depart; and he went his way into his own land.

In the chodesh hashelishi (third new moon), after the Bnei Yisroel had their exodus from Eretz Mitzrayim, on that very day they came into the Midbar Sinai. [2] For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to Midbar Sinai, and had encamped in the midbar; and there Yisroel camped before HaHar. [3] And Moshe went up to HaElohim, and Hashem called out unto him from HaHar, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the Bais Ya'akov, and declare unto the Bnei Yisroel; [4] You yourselves have seen what I did unto the Mitzrayim, and how I carried you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto Myself. [5] Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice very carefully, and be shomer over My brit, then ye shall be a segullah (treasured possession) unto Me above all people; for kol ha'aretz is Mine;

[6] And ye shall be unto Me a mamlechet kohanim, and a goy kadosh. These are the words which thou shalt recount unto the Bnei Yisroel. [7] And Moshe came and summoned the Ziknei HaAm, and set authoritatively before their faces all these words just as Hashem commanded him. [8] And kol HaAm answered together, and said, All that Hashem hath spoken we will do. And Moshe brought back the words of HaAm unto Hashem. [9] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Hinei, I am coming unto thee in a thick cloud, that HaAm may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee lolam. Then Moshe told the words of HaAm unto Hashem. [10] So Hashem said unto Moshe, Go unto HaAm, and set them apart as kodesh today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothing; [11] And be ready by Yom HaShelishi; for Yom HaShelishi Hashem will come down in the sight of kol HaAm upon Mt. Sinai. [12] And thou shalt set boundaries unto HaAm all around, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into HaHar, or touch the edge of it; whosoever toucheth HaHar shall be surely put to death; [13] There shall no yad touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or surely mortally shot; whether it be behemah or ish, it shall not live; when the yovel soundeth long, they shall come up to HaHar. [14] So Moshe came down from HaHar unto HaAm, and set apart as kodesh HaAm; and they washed their clothes. [15] Then he said to HaAm, Be ready by Sheloshet Yamim; come not into your isha. [16] And it came to pass on the Yom HaShelishi when the boker was breaking, that there were thunderings and lightnings, and a heavy cloud upon HaHar, and the blast of the shofar exceeding loud; so that kol HaAm that was in the machaneh trembled with terror. [17] And Moshe led HaAm forth out of the machaneh to encounter HaElohim; and they stood at the foot of HaHar. [18] And Mt. Sinai was altogether smoking, because Hashem descended upon it in eish; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of the furnace, and kol HaHar shook violently. [19] And when the sound of the shofar was moving [closer], and grew louder and louder, Moshe spoke, and HaElohim answered him in thunder.

[20] And Hashem came down upon Mt. Sinai, onto the top of HaHar; and Hashem summoned Moshe up to the top of HaHar; and Moshe went up. [21] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Go down, warn HaAm, lest they push through toward Hashem to gaze, and many of them fall perishing. [22] And let the kohanim also, which come near to Hashem, set themselves apart as kodesh, lest Hashem break forth upon them. [23] And Moshe said unto Hashem, HaAm cannot come up to Mt. Sinai; for You Yourself charged us, saying, Establish boundaries for HaHar, and set it apart as kodesh. [24] And Hashem said unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aharon with thee; but let not the kohanim and HaAm push through to come up unto Hashem, lest He break forth upon them. [25] So Moshe went down unto HaAm and told them.

Then Elohim spoke all these words, saying,
I am Hashem Eloheicha, Who brought thee out of Eretz Mitzrayim, out of the bais avadim (house of slaves).

 Thou shalt have no elohim acherim in My presence.

 Thou shalt not make unto thee any pesel, or any temunah of any thing that is in Shomayim above, or that is in the mayim under ha’aretz.

 Thou shalt not tishtacheveh to them, nor serve them; for I Hashem Eloheicha am an El kanna, visiting the avon Avot upon the Banim unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me;

 But showing chesed unto thousands of them that love Me, and are shomer over My mitzvot.

 Thou shalt not take the Shem Hashem Eloheicha in vain; for Hashem will not hold him guiltless that taketh Shmo in vain.

 Remember Yom HaShabbos, to keep it kodesh.

 Sheshet yamim shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: But the Yom HaShevi'i is the Shabbos of Hashem Eloheicha; in it thou shalt not do any melachah, thou, nor thy ben, nor thy bat, nor thy eved, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy ger that is within thy gates;

 For in sheshet yamim Hashem made Shomayim and Ha’Aretz, the yam, and all that in them is, and rested Yom HaShevi'i; for this reason Hashem blessed Yom HaShabbos, and set it apart as kodesh.

 Honor thy av and thy em; that thy yamim may be long upon ha’adamah which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee.

 Thou shalt not murder.

 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

 Thou shalt not steal.

 Thou shalt not bear ed sheker against thy neighbor.

 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's bais, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's isha, nor his eved, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

 And kol HaAm saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the sound of the shofar, and HaHar smoking; and when HaAm saw it, they drew back, and stood afar off.

 And they said unto Moshe, Thou speak with us, and we will hear; but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die (see Bereshis 42:23).

 And Moshe said unto HaAm, Fear not: for HaElohim is come to test you, and that His fear may be upon your faces, that ye sin not.

 And HaAm stood afar off, while Moshe drew near unto the thick cloud where HaElohim was.

 And Hashem said unto Moshe, Thus thou shalt say unto the Bnei Yisroel, You yourselves have seen that from Shomayim I have spoken with you.

 Ye shall not make beside Me elohei kesef, neither shall ye make for yourselves elohei zahav.

 Mizbe’ach adamah thou shalt make unto Me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy olat, and thy shelemim, thy tzon, and thine oxen; in all places where I cause My Shem to be remembered, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee.

 And if thou wilt make Me a Mizbe’ach avanim, thou shalt not build it of cut stone; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast rendered it polluted.

 Neither shalt thou go up by stairs unto Mine Mizbe’ach, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

 Now these are the mishpatim which thou shalt set before them.

 If thou acquire an eved Ivri, shesh shanim he shall serve; and in the seventh he shall go out lachafeshi (to the freedom) for no charge.

 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he were a baal isha, then his isha shall go out with him.

 If his adon have given him an isha, and to him she gives birth to banim or banot; the isha and her yeledim shall be her adon’s, and he shall go out [free] by himself.

 And if the eved shall plainly say, I love adoni, my isha, and my banim; I will not go out lachafeshi (to the freedom);

 Then his adon shall bring him unto HaElohim; he shall also bring him to the delet (door), or unto the mezuzah; and his adon shall pierce through his ozen (ear) with a piercing-tool; then he shall serve him l’olam.

 If he have betrothed her unto his ben, he shall deal with her according to the mishpat habanot (rights
of [free] daughters; i.e., those rights of verse 10.
[10] If he take him another, her food, her clothing, and her onah (conjugal rights) shall he not deprive.
[11] And if he does not perform these three unto her, then shall she go out free without kesef.
[12] He that strikes down an ish, so that the ish die, shall be surely put to death.
[13] And if he lie not in ambush, but HaElohim deliver him into his yad, then I will appoint thee a makom (i.e., city of refuge) where he shall flee there.
[14] But if an ish come premeditatedly upon his re'a, to murder him by guile; thou shalt take him from Mine Mizbe'ach for capital punishment.
[15] And he that striketh down his av, or his em, shall be surely put to death.
[16] And he that kidnaps an ish, and selleth him, or if he be found in his power, the kidnapper shall surely be put to death.
[17] And he that curses his av, or his em, shall surely be put to death.
[18] And if anashim quarrel, and one strike another with an even (stone), or with his egrof (fist), and he die not, but is bedfast;
[19] If he rise again, and walk around outside upon his staff, then shall he that struck down him be absolved; only shivto yiten (he shall give for his lost time), and shall provide for him to be thoroughly healed.
[20] And if an ish strikes his eved, or his amah, with a shevet (rod), and he die under his yad; he shall be surely avenged.
[21] Notwithstanding, if he continue a yom or two, he shall not be avenged; for he is his kesef.
[22] If men fight, and hurt an isha harah (pregnant woman), so that she gives birth prematurely but not with any injury; he shall be surely punished, according as the ba'al haisha will assess a fine upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.
[23] And if any ason (harm, fatality) follow, then thou shalt take nefesh for nefesh, ayin for ayin, shen for shen, regel for regel,
[24] Burn for burn, wound for wound, chaburah (stripe laceration) for chaburah.
[25] And if an ish strike the ayin of his eved, or the ayin of his amah, that it perish; he shall let him go free for his ayin's sake.
[26] And if he strike his eved's shen (tooth), or his amah's shen; he shall let him go free for his shen's sake.
[27] If an ox gore an ish or an isha, that they die; then the ox shall be surely stoned, and his basar shall not be eaten; but the ba'al hashor (owner of the ox) shall be exempt from punishment.
[28] But if the shor habitually from mitmol (yesterday) gored, and his ba'al hath not kept it in the bull pen; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the carcass shall belong to him.
[29] If a ganav takes a shor, or a seh, and slaughter it, or sell it; he shall restore five cattle for an ox, and the seh.
[30] If a ganav be caught breaking in, and be struck down so that he die, there shall be no guilt of bloodshed for him.
[31] If the shemesh be risen upon him, there shall be guilt of bloodshed; the ganav should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then the ganav shall be sold to make restitution for his theft.
[32] If the theft be certainly found in his yad chayyim, whether it be ox, or donkey, or seh; he shall pay back double.
[33] And if an ish shall open a bor (pit), or if an ish shall dig a bor and not cover it, and an ox or a donkey fall therein;
[34] The ba'al habor shall make restitution, and give kesef unto their ba'alim; and the carcass shall be his.
[35] And if the shor ish (ox of a man) hurt the ox of a neighbor, that it die; then they shall sell the shor hachai (live ox), and divide the kesef of it; and the carcass also they shall divide.
[36] Or if it be known that the shor hath habitually from mitmol (yesterday) gored, and his ba'al hath not kept it in the bull pen; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the carcass shall belong to him.

(21:37) If a ganav takes a shrubbery, or a vineyard, and sell it or eat it, he shall restore five sadeh for an ox, and the vineyard.

(22) If a ganav be caught breaking in, and be struck down so that he die, there shall be no guilt of bloodshed for him.
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another, then from the best of his own sadeh, and of the best of his own kerem (vineyard), shall he make restitution.

|6(5)| If eish break out, and spreads in kotzim (thorns), so that the stacks of grain, or the standing grain, or the sadeh, be consumed therewith; he that kindled the eish shall surely make restitution.

|7(6)| If an ish shall give unto his re’a kesef or vessels to be shomer over, and it be stolen out of the bais haish; if the ganav be found, let him pay back double.

|8(7)| If the ganav be not found, then the ba’al habais shall be brought before HaElohim, to see whether he has put his yad on the property of his neighbor.

|9(8)| For all manner of pesha (trespass, liability), whether it be for ox, for donkey, for seh, for clothing, or for any manner of avedah (lost property, missing thing) which another says, This is it, the case of both shall come before HaElohim; and whom Elohim shall condemn, he shall pay back double unto his re’a.

|10(9)| If an ish deliver unto his re’a a donkey, or an ox, or a seh, or any behemah, to be shomer over; and it die, or be injured, or carried away, with no eye witness; then shall a shevuat Hashem be between them both, that he hath not laid his yad on the property of his neighbor; and whom Elohim shall condemn, he shall pay back double unto his re’a.

|11(10)| Then shall a shuvat Hashem be between them both, that he hath not laid his yad on the property of his re’a; and the property’s ba’al shall accept thereof, and he shall not make restitution.

|12(11)| And if it be certainly stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the ba’al thereof.

|13(12)| If it be indeed tarof (torn by a wild animal, predator), then let him bring it for ed (witness), and he shall not make restitution for the terefah (torn animal).

|14(13)| And if an ish asks to borrow of his re’a, and the animal borrowed be injured, or die, the ba’al thereof being not with it, he shall surely make restitution.

|15(14)| But if the ba’al thereof be with it, he shall not make restitution; if it be sakhir (rented, hired), it came for its hire.

|16(15)| And if an ish entice a betulah that is not orasah (betrothed, pledged), and lie with her, he shall surely endow her with a marriage contract as his isha.

|17(16)| If her av utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay kesef according to the mohar habetulot (marriage contract, dowry of the virgins).

|18(17)| Thou shalt not allow a mekhashefah (witch, sorceress) to live.

|19(18)| Kol shochev (every one having sexual relations) with a behemah shall surely be put to death.

|20(19)| He that sacrificeth unto elohim (the g-ds), other than unto Hashem only, he shall be destroyed.

|21(20)| Thou shalt neither mistreat a ger, nor oppress him; for ye were gerim in Eretz Mitzrayim.

|22(21)| Ye shall not cause pain to any almanah, or yatom.

|23(22)| If thou cause them pain in any way, and they cry at all unto Me, I will surely hear their cry;

|24(23)| And My wrath shall be kindled, and I will kill you with the cherev; and your nashim shall be almanot, and your banim shall be yetomim.

|25(24)| If thou lend kesef to any of My people that is poor among thee, thou shalt not be to him as a nosheh (usurer), neither shalt thou lay upon him neshkel (usury, interest).

|26(25)| If thou at all take the cloak of thy re’a as security, thou shalt return it unto him by bo hashemesh (sunset); for that is his covering only, it is his cloak for his skin; wherein shall he sleep? And it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto Me, that I will hear; for I am channun (compassionate).

|27(26)| Thou shalt not revile Elohim, nor curse the nasi of thy people.

|28(27)| Thou shalt not delay to offer thy fullness offering (i.e., bikkurim) or thy kohen’s heave offering (i.e. terumah); the bechor of thy banim shalt thou present unto Me.

|29(28)| Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy tzon; shivat yamim it shall be with its em; on the yom hashemi’ni thou shalt give it Me.

|30(29)| And ye shall be anshei kodesh unto Me; neither shall ye eat any basar that is terefah (torn of beasts) in the sadeh; ye shall cast it to the kelev (dog).

|31(30)| Thou shalt not spread a false report; put not thine hand with the rashah to be an ed chamas (malicious witness).

|2| Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a riv (cause, lawsuit) to turn aside after many to pervert justice;

|3| Neither shalt thou favor a poor man in his riv (cause, lawsuit).

|4| If thou meet thine enemy’s shor (ox) or his chamor (donkey) going astray, thou shalt
[5] If thou see the chamor of him that hateth thee lying under his massa, and wouldest refrain from helping him, thou shalt surely help with him.

[6] Thou shalt not pervert the mishpat of thy poor in his riv (cause, lawsuit).

[7] Keep thee far from a devar sheker (false matter); and the naki (innocent) and tzaddik shlay thou not; for I will not acquit the rashah.

[8] And thou shalt take no shochar (bribe, gift); for the shochar blindeth the seeing, and perverteth the words of the tzaddikim.

[9] Also thou shalt not oppress a ger; for ye know the nefesh of a ger, seeing ye were gerim in Eretz Mitzrayim.

[10] And shesh shanim thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the crops thereof; and the shevi'it thou shalt gather in the crops thereof; but the shevi'it thou shalt leave it shamat (unplowed) and let it lie fallow; that the evyon (poor) of thy people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the sadeh shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy kerem (vineyard), and with thy zayit (olive) grove.

[11] But the sheviit thou shalt leave it shamat (unplowed) and let it lie fallow; that the evyon (poor) of thy people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the sadeh shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy kerem (vineyard), and with thy zayit (olive) grove.

[12] Sheshet yamim thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the crops thereof; and the shevi'it thou shalt leave it shamat (unplowed) and let it lie fallow; that the evyon (poor) of thy people may eat; and what they leave the beasts of the sadeh shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy kerem (vineyard), and with thy zayit (olive) grove.

[13] And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect; and make no mention of the shem elohim acherim, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.


[15] Thou shalt be shomer to keep the Chag HaMatzot; thou shalt eat matzot shivah yamim, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Aviv; for in it thou camest out from Mitzrayim; and none shall appear before Me empty-handed.

[16] And the Chag HaKatzir, Bikkurim [see Ac chp 2] of thy labors, which thou hast sown in the sadeh; and the Chag HaAsif [Feast of Ingathering [see Yn chp 7]], which is in the end of the shanah, when thou hast gathered in thy labors out of the sadeh.

[17] Shalosh pa'amim in the shanah all thy zacchar shall appear before HaAdon Hashem.

[18] Thou shalt not offer the dahm of My zevach with chametz; neither shall the chelev of My sacrifice remain until the boker.

[19] The reshit bikkurim of thy land thou shalt bring into the Bais Hashem Eloheicha [see Ac chp 2]. Thou shalt not cook a kid in his mother's cholov.

[20] Hinei, I send Malach before thee, to be shomer over thee in the derech, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

[21] Pay heed to him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your peysha'am; for My Shem is in him.

[22] But if thou shalt indeed obey his [bat] kol, and do all that I speak; then will I be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries.

[23] For My Malach shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Emori, and the Chitti, and the Perizzi, and the Kena'ani, the Chivi, and the Yevusi; I will cut them off.

[24] Thou shalt not bow down to their elohim, nor shall eat matzot shivah yamim, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Aviv; for in it thou camest out from Mitzrayim; and none shall appear before Me empty-handed;

[25] And ye shall serve Hashem Eloheichem, and He shall bless thy lechem, and thy mayim; and I will take machalah (sickness) away from the midst of thee.

[26] There shall nothing miscarry their young, nor be barren, in thy land; the mispar (number) of thy yamim I will fulfill.

[27] I will send My ehmah (terror) ahead of thee, and will throw into confusion all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

[28] And I will send the tzirah (hornet) ahead of thee, which shall drive out the Chivi, the Kena'ani, and the Chitti, from before thee.

[29] I will not drive them out from before thee in shanah, but I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit ha'aretz.

[30] And I will establish thy borders from the Yam Suf even unto the Yam Pelishtim, and from the Midbar unto the [Euphrates] River: for I will deliver the inhabitants of ha'aretz into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out from before thee.

[31] Thou shalt make no brit (covenant) with them, nor with their elohim.

[32] They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against Me; for if thou serve their elohim, it will surely be a mokeh (snare) unto thee.
And He said unto Moshe, Come up unto Hashem, thou, and Aharon, Nadav, and Avihu, and shive'im (seventy) of the Ziknei Yisroel; and worship ye afar off.

And Moshe alone shall come near Hashem; but they shall not come near; neither shall HaAm go up with him.

And Moshe came and told HaAm kol divrei Hashem, and all the mishpatim; and kol HaAm answered with one voice, and said, All the words which Hashem hath said will we do.

And Moshe wrote kol divrei Hashem, and rose up early in the boker, and built a Mizbe'ach at the base of HaHar, and twelve matzevah (stone pillars), according to the twelve Shivtei Yisroel.

And he sent out na'arei Bnei Yisroel, which offered olot (burnt offerings), and sacrificed shelamim (peace offerings) of bulls unto Hashem.

And Moshe took half of the dahm, and put it in bowls; and the other half of the dahm he sprinkled upon the Mizbe'ach.

Then went up Moshe, and Aharon, Nadav, and Avihu, and shive'im Ziknei Yisroel; and there was under His feet the likeness of sapphire stone pavement, and like the very Shomayim in its clearness.

And against the leaders of the Bnei Yisroel He laid not His yad; also they saw HaElohim, and did eat and drink.

And Hashem said unto Moshe, Come up to Me into HaHar, and remain there; and I will give thee the Luchot HaEven, and the torah, and the mitzvot which I have written to teach them.

And Moshe rose up, and Yehoshua meshareto (the one aiding him, the one ministering to him); and Moshe went up into the Har HaElohim.

And he said unto the Zekenim, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you; and, hinei, Aharon and Chur are with you; if any man have a grievance, let him come unto them.

And Moshe went up into the midst of the anan, going up into HaHar; and Moshe was in HaHar arba'im yom v'arba'im lailah.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying.

Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, that they bring Me a terumah (offering); of every man that giveth it willingly with his lev ye shall receive My terumah (offering).

And this is the terumah (offering) which ye shall receive of them; zahav, and kesef, and nechoshet, and turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and linen, and goat hair, and ram skins dyed red, and tachash skins, and acacia wood, Shemen for the light, spices for shemen hamishchah (anointing oil) and aromatic ketoret (incense), Shoham stone, and stones to be set in the Ephod, and in the Choshen (Breastplate).

And let them make Me a Mikdash; that I may dwell among them.

According to all that I show thee, after the tavnit HaMishkan (pattern of the Tabernacle), and the tavnit of all the vessels thereof, even so shall ye make it.

And they shall make an Aron (Ark) of acacia wood; two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the width thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

And thou shalt overlay it with zahav tahor, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a gold crown all around.

And thou shalt cast four rings of zahav for it, and put them in the four corners thereof, and two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the width thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

And thou shalt overlay it with zahav tahor, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a gold crown all around.

And thou shalt cast four rings of zahav for it, and put them in the four corners thereof, and two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it.

And thou shalt make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with zahav.

And thou shalt put the poles into the rings by the sides of the Aron, that the Aron may be carried with them.

The poles shall be in the rings of the
Aron; they shall not be removed from it.

16 And thou shalt put into the Aron the Edut (Testimony of Tablets) which I shall give thee.

17 And thou shalt make a kapporet of zahav tahor; two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the width thereof.

18 And thou shalt make two keruvim of zahav, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the kapporet.

19 And make one keruv on the one end, and the other keruv on the other end, with the kapporet (atonement cover) shall ye make the keruvim on the two ends thereof.

20 And the keruvim shall stretch forth their wings upward, covering the kapporet with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the kapporet shall the faces of the keruvim be.

21 And thou shalt place the kapporet on the Aron from above; and into the Aron thou shalt place the Edut that I shall give thee.

22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the kapporet, from between the two keruvim which are upon the Aron HaEdut, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the Bnei Yisroel.

23 Thou shalt also make a Shulchan of acacia wood; two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the width thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof.

24 And thou shalt overlay it with zahav tahor, and make thereto a crown of zahav around.

25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about, and thou shalt make a golden crown on the rim thereof round about.

26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of zahav, and place the rings in the four corners that are on the four legs thereof.

27 Over against the rim shall the rings be for holders of the poles to carry the Shulchan.

28 And thou shalt make the poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with zahav, that the Shulchan may be carried with them.

29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons thereof, and shelving-tubes thereof, and bowls thereof, with which it shall be used to pour libations; of zahav tahor shalt thou make them.

30 And thou shalt set upon the Shulchan the Lechem Panim before Me always.

31 And thou shalt make a Menorah of zahav tahor; hammered out shall the Menorah be made; its base, its shaft, and its cups, its knobs, and its blossoms, shall be of the same.

32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the menorah out of the one side, and three branches of the menorah out of the other side;

33 Three cups engraved with almonds on the one branch, a knob and a flower; and three cups made like almonds in the other branch, with a knob and a flower; so for the six branches that come out of the Menorah.

34 And on the Menorah shall be four cups engraved like almonds, its knobs and its flowers.

35 And there shall be a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the Menorah.

36 Their knobs and their branches shall be of the same; all of it shall be one hammered out work of zahav tahor.

37 And thou shalt make the nerot shivah thereof; and they shall kindle the nerot thereof, that they may give light toward its face.

38 And the tongs thereof, and the spoons thereof, shall be of zahav tahor.

39 Of a talent of zahav tahor shall he make it, with all these vessels.

40 And see that thou make them after their tavnit, which was shown thee in HaHar.

Moreover thou shalt make the Mishkan (Tabernacle) with ten curtains of twisted linen with turquoise, purple, and scarlet wool; with keruvim of artistic needle work shalt thou make them.

2 The length of one curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the width of one curtain four cubits; and every one of the curtains shall have middah achat (one size).

3 The five curtains shall be choverot (joined together) one to another; and the other five curtains shall be choverot one to another.

4 And thou shalt make loops of turquoise wool upon the edge of the outermost curtain of the set; and likewise shalt thou make loops upon the edge of the outermost curtain, in the second set.

5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the first curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make on the edge of the outermost curtain that is in the
second set; that the loops may be opposite one another.

6. And thou shalt make fifty hooks of zahav, and join the curtains together with the hooks: so that the Mishkan shall become echad.

7. And thou shalt make curtains of goat hair to be an Ohel over the Mishkan: eleven curtains shalt thou make.

8. The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, the width of one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains shall be all of the middah achat (same size).

9. And thou shalt join into one five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt fold the sixth curtain over the front of the Ohel.

10. And thou shalt make fifty loops along the edge of the first curtain at the end of one choveret (set), and fifty loops on the edge of the curtain of the second choveret (set).

11. And thou shalt make fifty hooks of nechoshet, and put the hooks into the loops, and attach the Ohel, so that it may become echad (one).

12. And the remnant of the overhang of the curtains of the Ohel, half of the curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back of the Mishkan.

13. And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remaineth, shall hang over the back of the Mishkan.

14. And thou shalt make a Mikhseh for the Ohel of ram skins dyed red, and a Mikhseh of tachash skins above.

15. And thou shalt make the kerashim (planks) of the Mishkan of acacia wood, standing erect.

16. Ten cubits shall be the length of each keresh (plank), and a cubit and a half shall be the width of each keresh (plank).

17. Two yadot (tenons, projections) shall there be in each keresh (plank), set in order one against another: thus shalt thou make for all the kerashim (planks) of the Mishkan.

18. And thou shalt make the kerashim (planks) for the Mishkan, twenty kerashim (planks) on the south side southward.

19. And thou shalt make arba'im sockets of kesef under the twenty kerashim (planks); two sockets under one keresh (plank) for its two yadot (tenons, projections), and two sockets under the next keresh (plank) for its two yadot.

20. And for the second wall of the Mishkan on the tafon (north) side there shall be twenty kerashim (planks): And their arba'im sockets of kesef; two sockets under one keresh (plank), and two sockets under the next keresh (plank).

21. And thou shalt make six kerashim (planks).

22. And for the back of the Mishkan on the west, thou shalt make six kerashim (planks).

23. And two kerashim (planks) shalt thou make for the corners of the Mishkan in the rear.

24. And they shall be even beneath at the bottom, and they shall be joined together at the top of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners.

25. And they shall be shemoneh kerashim (eight planks), and their sockets of kesef, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one keresh, two sockets under the next keresh.

26. And thou shalt make crossbars of acacia wood; five for the kerashim (planks) of the one side of the Mishkan, and five crossbars for the kerashim (planks) of the second wall of the Mishkan, and five crossbars for the kerashim (planks) of the wall of the Mishkan at the back, westward.

27. And the middle crossbar inside the kerashim (planks) shall extend from end to end.

28. And thou shalt overlay the kerashim (planks) with zahav, and make their rings of zahav as housing for the crossbars: and thou shalt overlay the crossbars with zahav.

29. And thou shalt erect the Mishkan according to the mishpat (plan, specifications) thereof which was showed thee in HaHar.

30. And thou shalt make a Parochet of turquoise, purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted linen of ma'aseh choshev (artistic craftwork) with keruvim shall it be made:

31. And thou shalt hang it upon four ammudim of acacia wood overlaid with zahav: their hooks shall be of zahav, upon the four sockets of kesef.

32. And thou shalt hang up the Parochet under the hooks, that thou mayest bring in there behind the Parochet, the Aron HaEdut: and the Parochet shall separate unto you between HaKodesh and the Kodesh HaKodashim.

33. And thou shalt put the Kapporet upon the Aron HaEdut in the Kodesh HaKodashim.

34. And thou shalt place the Shulchan michutz (outside) the Parochet, and the Menorah opposite the Shulchan on the south side of the Mishkan: and thou shalt place the Shulchan on the north side.

35. And thou shalt place the Shulchan michutz (outside) the Parochet, and the Menorah opposite the Shulchan on the south side of the Mishkan: and thou shalt place the Shulchan on the north side.

36. And thou shalt make a Masach (Screen, Curtain) for the petach
And thou shalt make the Mizbe'ach of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits wide; the Mizbe'ach shall be foursquare; and the height thereof shall be shalosh cubits.

And thou shalt make it a mikhabar (grate), a strainer reshet (mesh, netting) of nechoshet; and upon the meshwork shalt thou make four taba'ot (rings) in the four corners thereof.

And thou shalt put it under the karkov (surrounding border, ledge) of the Mizbe'ach from below, that the meshwork may be half the height of the Mizbe'ach.

And thou shalt make badim (carrying poles) designed for the Mizbe'ach, poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with nechoshet.

And the badim shall be put into the taba'ot, and the badim shall be upon the two sides of the Mizbe'ach, to carry it.

Hollow, with luchot (planks, boards, panels), shalt thou make as it was showed thee on HaHar, so shall they make it.

And thou shalt make the Khatzer (Courtyard) of the Mishkan; for the south side southward there shall be kela'im (curtains, hangings) for the Khatzer (Courtyard) of twisted linen of a hundred cubits long for one side;

And the twenty ammudim thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of nechoshet; the hooks of the ammudim and their bands shall be of kesef.

And likewise for the north side in length there shall be kela'im (curtains, hangings) of a hundred cubits long, and its twenty ammudim and their twenty sockets of nechoshet; the hooks of the ammudim and their bands of kesef.

And for the width of the Khatzer (Courtyard) on the west side shall be kela'im (curtains, hangings) of fifty cubits; their ammudim ten, and their sockets ten.

And for the width of the Khatzer (Courtyard) on the east side mizrachah (eastward, toward sunrise) shall be fifty cubits.

The kela'im (curtains, hangings) of one shoulder [of the entrance] shall be fifteen cubits; their ammudim ten, and their sockets shloshah.

And on the other shoulder [of the entrance] shall be hangings shloshah cubits; their ammudim shloshah, and their sockets shloshah.

And thou shalt command the Bnei Yisroel, that they bring thee pure pressed shemen zayit (olive oil) for the ohr, to kindle the Ner Tamid (Perpetual Lamp).

In the Ohel Moed outside the Parochet, which is before the Edut, Aharon and his banim shall arrange it from erev to boker before Hashem; it shall be a chukkat olam (service) thereof, and all the pegs thereof, and all the pegs of the Khatzer (Courtyard) shall be of nechoshet.

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In the Ohel Moed outside the Parochet, which is before the Edut, Aharon and his banim shall arrange it from erev to boker before Hashem; it shall be a chukkat olam unto their dorot from the Bnei Yisroel.
the kohen’s office, even Aharon, Nadav and Avihu, Elazar and Itamar, Bnei Aharon.

[3] And thou shalt speak unto all that are of chochmei lev, whom I have filled with the Ruach Chochmah, that they may make Bigdei Aharon to set him apart as kodesh, that he may minister unto Me in the kohen’s office.

[4] And these are HaBegadim which they shall make: a Choshen, and an Ephod, and a Me’il, and a Kesones of a box-like knitting work, a Mitnefet, and an Avnet; and they shall make Bigdei Kodesh for Aharon thy brother, and his Banim, that he may minister unto Me in the kohen’s office.

[5] And they shall take zahav, and turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and linen.
[6] And they shall make the Ephod of zahav, of turquoise, and of purple, of scarlet wool, and twisted linen, with ma’aseh choshev (artistic embroidery).

[7] It shall have the two ketefot (shoulder straps) thereof joined at the two sides thereof; and so it shall be joined together.
[8] And the Cheishev of his Ephod, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; even of zahav, of turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted linen.
[9] And thou shalt take two avnei shoah (onyx stones), and engrave on them the Shemot of the Bnei Yisroel: Shisha of their Shemot on one even (stone), and the other Shemot of the shisha remaining on the other even (stone), according to toledot (in the order in which they were born).

[10] With the work of a charash even (engraver in gemstones), like the engravings of a chotam (signet ring), shalt thou engrave the two avanim with the Shemot Bnei Yisroel; thou shalt make them to be set in mishbetzot zahav (filigrees of gold).

[11] And thou shalt fasten the two avanim upon the Kitfot HaEphod for avnei zikaron (memorial stones) unto the Bnei Yisroel; and Aharon shall bear their Shemot before Hashem upon his two ketefayim for a zikaron.

[12] And thou shalt make mishbetzot zahav (filigrees of gold); for them thou shalt make mishbetzot zahav tahor (chains of pure gold) at the edges; of braided artistic work shalt thou make them, and fasten the braided sharsherot (chains) to the mishbetzot (filigrees).

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[15] And thou shalt make the Choshen Mishpat with artistic work; like the work of the Ephod thou shalt make it; of zahav, of turquoise, and of purple, and of scarlet wool, and of twisted linen, shalt thou make it.

[16] Ravu’a (foursquare, square) it shall be folded; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span shall be the width thereof.

[17] And thou shalt set in it settings of even (stone), four rows of gemstones: the first row shall be an odem, a pitdah, and bareket: this shall be the first row.

[18] And the second row shall be nofech, sapphire, and yahalom.

[19] And the third row a leshem, shevo, and achlamah.

[20] And the fourth row tarshish, shoham, and yashfeh; they shall be set in zahav in their settings.

[21] And the avanim (gemstones) shall be for the Shemot Bnei Yisroel, Shetym Esreh (Twelve), according to their Shemot, like the engravings of a chotam (signet ring); every one with shmo shall they be according to the Shnei Asar Shevet (Twelve Tribes).

[22] And thou shalt make for the Choshen at the edges of braided artistic work of zahav tahor (pure gold).

[23] And thou shalt make upon the Choshen two rings of zahav, and shalt fasten the two rings on the two ends of the Choshen.

[24] And thou shalt fasten the two ropes of zahav on the two rings which are on the ends of the Choshen.

[25] And the other two ends of the two ropes thou shalt fasten in the two mishbetzot (filigrees), and attach them to the Ketefot HaEphod (Shoulder Straps of the Ephod) toward its front.

[26] And thou shalt make two rings of zahav, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the Choshen on the lower border thereof, on the inside toward the Ephod.

[27] And two other rings of zahav thou shalt make, and shalt put them on at the bottom of the Kitfot HaEphod toward the front thereof, opposite the seam thereof, above the Cheishev HaEphod (Belt of the Ephod).

[28] And they shall bind the Choshen by the rings thereof unto the rings of the Ephod with a turquoise woolen cord, that it may be above the Cheishev HaEphod, and that the Choshen be not loosed from the Ephod.

[29] And Aharon shall bear the Shemot Bnei Yisroel in the Choshen.
HaMishpat upon his lev, when he goeth in unto HaKodesh, for a zikaron (memorial) before Hashem tamid.  

|30| And thou shalt put in the Choshen HaMishpat the Urim and the Tummim; and they shall be upon the lev Aharon, when he goeth in before Hashem; and Aharon shall nasa (bear [see this word Yeshayah 53:12]) the Mishpat Bnei Yisroel upon his lev before Hashem tamid.  

|31| And thou shalt make the Me'il HaEphod all of turquoise wool.  

|32| And there shall be a head opening in the top of it, in the middle thereof; it shall have a border of artistic embroidery around the head opening of it, like the head opening of a coat of mail; that it be not torn.  

|33| And beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates of turquoise, and of purple, and of scarlet, around the hem thereof; and bells of zahav between them round about:  

|34| A bell of zahav and a pomegranate, a bell of zahav and a pomegranate, upon the hem thereof; and bells of zahav between them round about:  

|35| And thou shalt embroider the Kesones of fine linen, and thou shalt make the Mitznefet of fine linen, and thou shalt make the Avnet of artistic embroidery.  

|36| And for Bnei Aharon thou shalt make Kuttanot (Tunics), and thou shalt make for them Avnetim, and Migba'ot shalt thou make for them, for kavod and for tiferet.  

|37| And thou shalt put them upon Aharon thy brother, and his banim with him; and shalt anoint them, and ordain them, and set them apart as kodesh, that they may minister unto Me in the kohen's office.  

|38| And thou shalt embroidery the Kesones of fine linen, and thou shalt make the Mitznefet of fine linen, and thou shalt make the Avnet of artistic embroidery.  

|39| And thou shalt put the Mitznefet upon his head, and put the Nezer HaKodesh upon the Mitznefet.  

|40| Then shalt thou take the Shemen HaMishchah, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.  

|41| And thou shalt bring near his banim, and put kuttanot upon them.  

|42| And thou shalt gird them with Avnet, Aharon and his banim, and put the migba'ot on them; and the Kehunnah shall be theirs for a chukkat olam; and thou shalt ordain [i.e. fill their hands (invest them with authority as ministers)] Aharon and his banim.  

|43| And thou shalt cause a bull to be brought before the Ohel Mo'ed; Aharon and his banim shall put their hands upon the head of the bull.  

|44| And thou shalt slaughter (shachat) the bull before Hashem, by the petach of the Mizbe'ach.  

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|54| And thou shalt slaughter (shachat) the bull before Hashem, by the petach of the Mizbe'ach.  

|55| And thou shalt take the Shemen HaMishchah, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.
Mizbe'ach with thy finger, and pour all the dahm on the yesod (base) of the Mizbe'ach.

[13] And thou shalt take all the chelav that covereth the innards, and the diaphragm with the liver, and the two kidneys, and the chelav that is upon them, and burn them upon the Mizbe'ach.

[14] But the basar of the bull, and his hide, and his dung, shalt thou burn with eish outside the machaneh; it is a chattat.

[15] Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aharon and his banim shall put their hands upon the head of the ram.

[16] And thou shalt slaughter the ram, and thou shalt take his dahm, and sprinkle it around upon the Mizbe'ach [see Yeshayah 52:15 on Moshe'ach's sprinkling of the Goym].

[17] And thou shalt cut the ayil (ram) into pieces, and wash the innards of him, and his legs, and put them with his pieces, and his head.

[18] And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the Mizbe'ach: it is an olah unto Hashem: it is a re'ach hannichoach [see Pp 4:18 OJBC], an offering made by eish unto Hashem.

[19] And thou shalt take the other ayil; and Aharon and his banim shall lay their hands upon the head of the ayil.

[20] Then shalt thou slaughter (shachat) the ayil, and take of his dahm, and put it upon the lobe of the right ear of Aharon, and upon the lobe of the right ear of his banim, and upon the thumb of their right yad, and upon the bohen of their right foot, and sprinkle the dahm upon the Mizbe'ach, all around.

[21] And thou shalt take of the dahm that is upon the Mizbe'ach, and of the shemen hamishchah, and sprinkle it upon Aharon, upon his garments, upon his banim, upon the garments of his banim with him; he shall be set apart as kodesh, and his garments, his banim, his banim's garments with him.

[22] Also thou shalt take of the ram the chelav and the tail, and the fat that covereth the innards, and the diaphragm with the liver, and the two kidneys, and the chelav that is on them, and the right thigh; for it is an ayil millu'im (ram of ordination).

[23] And one kekar lechem (loaf of bread), and one challah of lechem shemen (oily loaf of bread), and one wafer out of the basket of the matzot that is before Hashem.

[24] And thou shalt put all in the hands of Aharon, and in the hands of his banim; and shalt wave them for a tenufah before Hashem.

[25] And thou shalt take them from their hands, and burn them upon the Mizbe'ach for an olah, for a re'ach hannichoach [see Pp 4:18 OJBC] before Hashem: it is an offering made by eish unto Hashem.

[26] And thou shalt take the breast of the ayil hamillu'im (ram of ordination) for Aharon, and wave it for a tenufah before Hashem; and it shall be thy portion.

[27] And thou shalt set apart as kodesh the breast of the tenufah, and the thigh of the terumah, which is waved, and which is raised up, of the ayil hamillu'im, even of that which is for Aharon, and of that which is for his banim.

[28] And it shall be Aharon's and his banim's by a chok olam from the Bnei Yisroel; for it is a terumah; and it shall be a terumah from the Bnei Yisroel of the zivkhei shelemim of them, even their terumah unto Hashem.

[29] And the Bigdei Hakodesh of Aharon shall be his banim's after him, to be anointed therein, and to be ordained in them.

[30] And that ben that is kohen in his succession shall put them on shivat yamim, when he cometh into the Ohel Mo'ed to minister in HaKodesh.

[31] And thou shalt take the ayil hamillu'im, and cook his basar in the Makom Kodesh.

[32] And Aharon and his banim shall eat the basar of the ayil, and the lechem that is in the sal petach Ohel Mo'ed.

[33] And they shall eat those things wherewith the kapporah was made, to ordain and to set them apart as kodesh; but a zar shall not eat thereof, because they are kodesh.

[34] And if anything remains of the basar of the millu'im, or of the lechem, unto the boker, then shalt thou burn the remainder with eish; it shall not be eaten, because it is kodesh.

[35] And thus shalt thou do unto Aharon, and to his banim, according to all things which I have commanded thee; shivat yamim shalt thou ordain them.

[36] And thou shalt offer every day the bull of the chattat for kippurim (blood atonements); and thou shalt purify the Mizbe'ach, when thou hast made a kapporah for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to set it apart as kodesh.

[37] Shivat yamim thou shalt make a kapporah for the Mizbe'ach, and set it apart as kodesh; and it shall be a Mizbe'ach kodesh kodashim; whatsoever toucheth the Mizbe'ach shall be kodesh.

[38] Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the Mizbe'ach: two
And thou shalt make a Mizbe'ach to burn ketonet (incense) upon; of acacia wood shalt thou make it.

And with the one lamb a tenth ephah of fine flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of pressed shemen; and the fourth part of a hin of yayin for a nesekh (drink offering [see Pp 2:17 OJBC]).

And thou shalt overlay it with zahav tahor, the top thereof, and the sides thereof all around, and the karnenot thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of zahav all around.

And thou shalt make the carrying poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with zahav.

And thou shalt put it in front of the Parochet that is before the Aron HaEdut, before the Kapporet that is over HaEdut, where I will set My meetings with thee.

And Aharon shall burn thereon spice ketoret every boker; when he cleaneth the nerot (lamps), he shall burn it.

And when Aharon lighteth the nerot (lamps) in the afternoon, he shall burn ketoret upon it, ketoret tamid before Hashem throughout your dorot.

Ye shall offer no ketoret zarah thereon, nor olah, nor minchah; neither shall ye pour nesekh thereon.

And Aharon shall make kapporah upon the karenot of it once in a year with the damh of the chattat hakippurim; once in the year shall he make kapporah upon it throughout your dorot; it is kodesh kodashim unto Hashem [see Lev 16 on this].

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

When thou takest the census of the Bnei Yisroel after their number, then shall they give every man a kofer nafsho (life price, atoning payment for his nefesh or soul) unto Hashem, when thou numberest them; that there be no negef (plague) among them, when thou numberest them.

This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are pekudim (numbered, counted), half a shekel after the shekel of HaKodesh. (A shekel is twenty gerahs.) A half shekel shall be the terumah (offering) unto Hashem.

Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give a terumah (offering) unto Hashem.

The oisher (rich man) shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when they give a terumah (offering) unto Hashem, to make kapporah for your nefashot.

And thou shalt take the kesef hakippurim of the Bnei Yisroel, and shalt appoint it for the Avodat Ohel Moed (Work, Service of the Tent of Appointed Meeting); that it may be a zikaron unto the Bnei Yisroel before Hashem, to make kapporah for your nefashot [see Psalm 49; 1K 1:18-19 OJBC].

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

Thou shalt also make a Kiyor of
nechoshet, and its Stand also of nechoshet, to wash withal; and thou shalt place it between the Ohel Mo'ed and the Mizbe'ach, and thou shalt put mayim therein.

For Aharon and his banim shall wash their hands and their feet thereat; when they go into the Ohel Mo'ed, they shall wash with mayim, that they die not; or when they come near to the Mizbe'ach to minister, to present offering made by eish unto Hashem; So they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not; or when they come near to the Mizbe'ach to minister, to present offering made by eish unto Hashem; Moreover Hashem spoke unto Moshe, Take thou also unto thee choice spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekel-weights, and of fragrant cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty, and of fragrant cane spice two hundred and fifty, And of cassia five hundred shekel-weights, after the shekel of HaKodesh, and of shemen zayit (oil olive) a hin: And thou shalt make it a compound of spice, the art of a perfumer, mixed thoroughly together, tahor and kodesh; And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and place it in front of HaEdut in the Ohel Mo'ed, where I will set a meeting with thee; it shall be unto you kodesh kodashim. And as for the ketoret which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the formulation thereof; it shall be unto thee kodesh for Hashem. Whosoever shall make its like, to smell it, shall even be cut off from his people. And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, See, I have called by shem Bezelek ben Uri, ben Chur, of the tribe of Yehudah; And I, hinei, I have given with him Oholiav ben Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all chacham lev I have put chochmah, that they may make all that I have commanded thee:

And Hashem said unto Moshe, Take unto thee spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these spices with pure frankincense; of each shall there be an equal weight; And thou shalt make it a compound of spice, the art of a perfumer, mixed thoroughly together, tahor and kodesh; And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and place it in front of HaEdut in the Ohel Mo'ed, where I will set a meeting with thee; it shall be unto you kodesh kodashim. And Hashem has charged Moshe to tell the children of Israel, saying, Verily My Shabbatot ye shall be shomer over; for it is an ot (sign) between Me and you throughout your dorot; that ye may have da'as that I am Hashem Who doth set thee apart as kodesh.
14 Ye shall be shomer Shabbos therefore; for it is kodesh unto you; every one that is chillul Shabbos (desecrates Shabbos) shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that nefesh shall be cut off from among his people.

15 Sheshet yamim may work be done; but in the Yom HaShevi'i is Shabbos HaShabbaton, kodesh to Hashem; whosoever doeth any work in the Yom HaShabbos, he shall surely be put to death.

16 Wherefore the Bnei Yisroel shall be shomer Shabbos, to observe Shabbos throughout their dorot, for a brit olam.

17 It is an ot between Me and the Bnei Yisroel l'olam; for in sheshet yamim Hashem made Shomayim and HaAretz, and on Yom HaShevi'i He rested (shavat, ceased working), and was refreshed.

18 And He gave unto Moshe, when He had made an end of speaking with him upon Mt. Sinai, two Luchot HaEdut (Tablets of the Testimony), Luchot Even (Tablets of Stone), written with the Etzba Elohim (Finger of G-d).

32 And when HaAm saw that Moshe delayed to come down from HaHar, HaAm gathered themselves together unto Aharon, and said unto him, Up, make us elohim (g-ds), which shall go before us; for as for this Moshe, the ish that brought us up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, we know not what is become of him.

2 And Aharon said unto them, Take off the rings of zahav in the ears of your nashim, of your banim, and of your banot, and bring them unto me.

3 And kol HaAm removed the rings of zahav which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aharon.

4 And he received them at their yad, and fashioned it with a cheret, after he had made it an Egel Masekhah (Molten Calf); and they said, These be thy elohim, O Yisroel, which brought thee up out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

5 And when Aharon saw it, he built a Mizbe'ach before it; and Aharon made proclamation, and said, Tomorrow is a chag (feast) to Hashem.

6 And they rose up early the next day, and offered olot, and brought shelamim; and HaAm sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up letzachek (to revel).

7 And Hashem said unto Moshe, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of Eretz Mitzrayim, have corrupted themselves; they have turned aside quickly from HaDerech which I commanded them; they have made them an Egel Masekhah, and have bowed down to it, and have brought shelamim; and HaAm sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up letzachek (to revel).

8 They have turned aside quickly from HaDerech which I commanded them; they have made them an Egel Masekhah, and have bowed down to it, and have sacrificed therunto, and said, These be thy elohim, O Yisroel, which have brought thee up out of the Eretz Mitzrayim.

9 And Hashem said unto Moshe, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of Eretz Mitzrayim, have corrupted themselves;

10 Now therefore let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them, and that I may consume them; I will make of thee a Goy Gadol.

11 And Moshe besought Hashem Elohay, and said, Hashem, why doth Thy wrath burn hot against Thy people, which Thou hast brought forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim with ko'ach gadol, and with a yad chazakah?

12 Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, For ra'ah (evil intent) did He bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of ha'adamah? Turn from Thy fierce wrath, and relent of the ra'ah against Thy people.

13 Remember Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yisroel, Thy avadim, to whom Thou swore by Thine own Self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your zera as the kokhavim of Shomayim, and kol haaretz hazot that I have spoken of will I give unto your zera, and they shall inherit it Iolam.

14 And Hashem relented of the ra'ah which He thought to do unto His people.

15 And Moshe turned, and went down from HaHar, and the two Luchot HaEdut were in his yad; the Luchot were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.

16 And the Luchot were the ma'aseh Elohim, the writing was the Mikhtav Elohim, engraved upon the Luchot.

17 And when Yehoshua heard the kol HaAm as they shouted, he said unto Moshe, There is a noise of milchamah in the machaneh.

18 And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for gevurah, neither is it the voice of them that cry of chalushah; but the noise of them that sing that I hear.

19 And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the machaneh, that he saw the Egel, and the mecholot (dancing); and the anger of Moshe burned hot against them, and that I may consume them; I will make of thee a Goy Gadol.

20 And he took the Egel which they had made, and burned it in
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the eish, and ground it to powder, and scattered it upon the mayim, and made the Bnei Yisroel drink of it.

[21] And Moshe said unto Aharon, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so chata'ah gedolah upon them?

[22] And Aharon said, Let not the anger of adoni burn hot; thou knowest HaAm, that they are prone to rah (evil).

[23] For they said unto me, Make for us elohim, which shall go before us; for as for this Moshe, the ish that brought us up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, we know not what is become of him.

[24] And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any zahav, let them remove it. So they gave it me; then I cast it into the eish, and there came out this Egel. And when Moshe saw that HaAm were exposed; (for Aharon had exposed them to derision among their enemies;)

[25] Then Moshe stood in the sha'ar of the machaneh, and said, Who is on Hashem's side? Let him rally unto me. And all the Bnei Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

[26] And he said unto them, Whosoever hath any zahav, let them remove it. So they gave it me; then I cast it into the eish, and there came out this Egel.

[27] And when Moshe saw that HaAm were exposed; (for Aharon had exposed them to derision among their enemies;)

[28] The Bnei Levi stood in the sha'ar of the machaneh, and said, Who is on Hashem's side? Let him rally unto me. And all the Bnei Levi gathered themselves together unto him.

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[31] And he said unto them, Whosoever hath any zahav, let them remove it. So they gave it me; then I cast it into the eish, and there came out this Egel.

[32] Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their chattat but if not, blot me, now, out of Thy Sefer which Thou hast written.

[33] And Moshe said unto Hashem, Whosoever hath sinned against Me, him will I blot out of My Sefer.

[34] Therefore now go, lead HaAm unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; hinei, Malachi shall go before thee; nevertheless in the yom when I visit them, I will visit their sin upon them.

[35] And Hashem plagued HaAm, because they made the Egel, which Aharon made.

[36] And Moshe said unto Hashem, Depart, and go from here, thou and HaAm which thou hast brought up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; hinei, Malachi shall go before thee; nevertheless in the yom when I visit them, I will visit their sin upon them.

[37] And Hashem plaguing HaAm, because they made the Egel, which Aharon made.

[38] And Moshe said unto Moshe, Depart, and go from here, thou and HaAm which thou hast brought up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; hinei, Malachi shall go before thee; nevertheless in the yom when I visit them, I will visit their sin upon them.

[39] And Hashem plaguing HaAm, because they made the Egel, which Aharon made.

[40] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Depart, and go from here, thou and HaAm which thou hast brought up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; hinei, Malachi shall go before thee; nevertheless in the yom when I visit them, I will visit their sin upon them.

[41] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Depart, and go from here, thou and HaAm which thou hast brought up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; hinei, Malachi shall go before thee; nevertheless in the yom when I visit them, I will visit their sin upon them.

[42] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Depart, and go from here, thou and HaAm which thou hast brought up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; hinei, Malachi shall go before thee; nevertheless in the yom when I visit them, I will visit their sin upon them.

[43] And Moshe said unto Hashem, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring this people onward; and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know thee by shem, and thou hast also found

mourned; and no ish did put on him his ornamental attire.

[5] For Hashem had said unto Moshe, Say unto the Bnei Yisroel, Ye are an Am Kesheh Oref; I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee; therefore now put off thy ornamental attire from thee, that I may decide what to do unto thee.

[6] And the Bnei Yisroel stripped themselves of their ornamental attire by Mt. Chorev.

[7] And Moshe would take the Ohel, and pitch it outside the machaneh, afar off from the machaneh, and called it the Ohel Mo'ed. And it came to pass, that every one which sought Hashem went out unto the Ohel Mo'ed, which was outside the machaneh.

[8] And it came to pass, when Moshe went out unto the Ohel, that kol HaAm rose up and watched after Moshe, until he was gone into the Ohel.

[9] And Moshe entered into the Ohel, the Ammud of the Anan descended, and stood at the petach Ohel, and Hashem would speak with Moshe.

[10] And kol HaAm saw the Ammud of the Anan stand at the petach Ohel; and kol HaAm rose up and worshiped, every man in his petach ohel.

[11] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe face to face, as an ish speaketh unto his re'a. And he returned into the machaneh; but his mesharet Yehoshua ben Nun, a na'ar, departed not out of the Ohel.

[12] And Moshe said unto Hashem, See, Thou sayest unto me, Bring this people onward; and Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know thee by shem, and thou hast also found

mourned; and no ish did put on him his ornamental attire.
chen (grace, unmerited favor) in My sight.

Therefore, now, if I have found chen in Thy sight, show me now Thy Derech, that I may have da'as of Thee, and consider that this nation is Thy people.

And He said unto Him, If Thy Presence go not with me, bringing us not from here [Sinai].

For how then shall it be known that I and Thy people have found chen in Thy sight? Is it not in that Thou goest with us? So shall we be made distinct as separate, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of ha'adamah.

And Hashem said unto Moshe, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken; for thou hast found chen in My sight, and I know thee by shem.

And he chiseled two Luchot Avanim like the first ones; and Moshe rose up early in the boker, and went up unto Mt.Sinai, as Hashem had commanded him, and took in his yad the two Luchot Avanim.

And Hashem descended in the anan, and stood with him there, and called out the Shem of Hashem.

And Hashem passed by before him, and proclaimed, Hashem, Hashem El Rachum v'Channun, slow to anger, and abundant in chesed and emes, preserving chesed for thousands, forgiving avon and pesha and chatta'ah, and by no means leaving the guilty unpunished; visiting the avon of the avot upon the banim, and upon the bnei banim, unto the third and to the fourth generation.

And Moshe made haste, and bowed his head toward the ground, and worshiped.

And he said, If now I have found chen in Thy sight, Adonoi, let Adonoi, now, go among us; although it is an Am Kesheh Oref; and forgive avoneinu and chattateinu, and take us for Thine nachalah.

And He said, Hinei, I cut a brit; before all thy people I will do nifla'ot, such as have not been done in kol ha'aretz, nor in kol HaGoyim; and kol HaAm among which thou art shall see the ma'aseh Hashem; for it is a norah that I will do with thee.

Be thou shomer over that which I command thee this day; hinei, I drive out before thee the Emori, and the Kena'ani, and the Chitti, and the Perizzi, and the Chivi, and the Yevusi.

Be shomer over thyself, lest thou make a brit with the inhabitants of HaAretz whither thou goest, lest it be for a mokesh (snare) in the midst of thee;

But ye shall destroy their mizbechot, break their matzebot, and cut down theirasherah (sacred trees, poles);

For thou shalt worship no el acher; for Hashem, Whose Shem is Jealous, is El Kanah;

Lest thou make a brit with the inhabitants of HaAretz, and they go a-whoring after eloheihem, and do sacrifice unto eloheihem, and one invite thee, and thou eat of his zevach (sacrifice, i.e., participate in his pagan worship);

And thou take of their banot unto thy banim, and their banot go a-whoring after their eloheim, and make thy banim go a-whoring after their eloheim.

Thou shalt make thee no elohei massekhah.

The Chag Hamatzot shalt thou be shomer over. Shivat yamim thou shalt eat matzot, as I commanded thee, in the mo'ed of the month Aviv; for in the month Aviv thou camest out from Mitzrayim.
|19| All that openeth the rechem (womb) is Mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or seh, that is zachar.
|20| But the firstling of a donkey thou shalt redeem with a seh; and if thou redeem him not, then shalt thou break his neck. Kol bechor of thy banim thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty.
|21| Sheshet yamim thou shalt work, but on the yom hashevi'i thou shalt rest; in plowing and in harvest thou shalt rest.
|22| And thou shalt observe Chag Shavu'os [Ac chp 2], with the firstfruits the ketzir chittim (wheat harvest), and the Chag HaAsif (Festival of Ingathering, Harvesttime [Yn chp 7]) shall be at the tekufat hashanah (changing, turning of the year).
|23| Shalosh in the year shall all your men children appear before HaAdon Hashem Elohei Yisroel.
|24| For I will drive out the Goyim before thee, and enlarge thy borders; neither shall any man covet thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before Hashem Eloheicha shalosh in the shanah.
|25| Thou shalt not offer the dahm of My zevach with chametz; neither shall the zevach of the Chag HaPesach be left overnight unto the boker.
|26| The reshit bikkurim of thy land thou shalt bring unto the Beis Hashem Eloheicha. Thou shalt not cook a kid in cholov immo.
|27| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Write thou these Devarim; for according to these Devarim I have cut a brit with thee and with Yisroel.
|28| And he was there with Hashem arba'im yom and arba'im lailah; he did neither eat lechem, nor drink mayim. And he wrote upon the Luchot the Divrei HaBrit (Words of the Covenant), the Aseres Hadevarim (Ten Commandments).
|29| And it came to pass, when Moshe came down from Mt. Sinai with the two Luchot HaEdut in the yad Moshe, when he came down from HaHar, that Moshe had no da'as that the ohr (skin) of his face had become radiant when he had spoken with Him.
|30| And when Aharon and kol Bnei Yisroel saw Moshe, hinei, the ohr (skin) of his face was radiant; and they were afraid to come near him.
|31| And Moshe called unto them; and Aharon and kol HaNesi'im of the Edah returned unto him; and Moshe spoke with them.
|32| And afterward kol Bnei Yisroel came near; and he gave them in commandment all that Hashem had spoken with him in Mt Sinai.
|33| When Moshe had finished speaking with them, and Aharon and kol HaNesi'im of the Edah returned unto him; and Moshe spoke with them.
|34| But when Moshe went in before Hashem to speak with Him, he took the masveh off, until he came out. And he came out, and spoke unto the Bnei Yisroel that which he was commanded.
|35| And the Bnei Yisroel saw the face of Moshe, that the ohr of the face of Moshe was radiant; and Moshe put the masveh upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

[VAYYAKHEL]

And Moshe assembled kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, and said unto them, These are the Devarim which Hashem hath commanded, that ye should do them.

[2] Sheshet yamim shall work be done, but on the Yom HaShevi’i shall be to you plural Kodesh Shabbos Shabbaton to Hashem; whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.
|3| Ye shall kindle no eish throughout your habitations upon Yom HaShabbos.
|4| And Moshe spoke unto kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, saying, This is the thing which Hashem commanded, saying.
|5| Take ye from among you a terumah (offering) unto Hashem; all of nediav lev of him (i.e., urged by his heart), let him bring it, a terumat Hashem, zahav, and kesef, and nechoshet.
|6| And turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and fine linen, and goat hair, |7| And red-dyed ram skins, and tachash skins, and acacia wood,
|8| And shemen for the light, and spices for shemen hamishchah, and for the aromatic ketoret,
|9| And shoham stones, and gemstones to be set for the Ephod, and for the Choshen.
|10| And kol chacham lev among you shall come, and make all that Hashem hath commanded:
|11| The Mishkan, its Ohel, and its Mikhseh, its hooks, and its kerashim (planks), its crossbars, its ammudim, and its sockets,
|12| The Aron, and the carrying poles thereof, with the Kapporet, and the Parochet HaMasach,
|13| The Shulchan, and its carrying poles, and all its utensils, and the Lechem HaPanim,
|14| The Menorat HaMaohr, and its utensils, and its nerot (lamps), with the Shemen HaMaohr,
|15| And the Mizbe'ach HaKetoret, and its carrying poles, and the Shemen HaMishchah, and the ketoret spices, and the masach hapetach at the petach of the Mishkan, the Mizbe'ach HaOlah, with its mikhbar hanechoshet, its carrying poles, and all its utensils, the Kiyor, and its Stand, the curtains of the khatzer, its ammudim, and its sockets, and the masach Sha'ar HaKhatzer, the tent pegs of the Mishkan, and the tent pegs of the khatzer, and their cords, the Bigdei HaSerad leSharet baKodesh (to do service in HaKodesh), the Bigdei HaKodesh for Aharon the kohen, and the garments of his banim, to minister in the kohen's office. And all the Adat Bnei Yisroel departed from the presence of Moshe. And they came, every one whose lev moved him, and every one of nedevah ruach of him, and they brought terumat Hashem to the work of the Ohel Mo'ed, and for kol avodat of it, and for the Bigdei HaKodesh. And they came, both anashim and nashim, as many as were nediv lev, and brought bracelets, and face-adornment rings, and rings, and body ornaments, all jewelry of zahav; and every ish that offered offered a tenufat zahav unto Hashem. And kol ish, with whom was found turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and fine linen, and goat hair, and dyed red rams skin, and tachash skins, brought them. Every one that did offer a terumat kesef and nechoshet brought the terumat Hashem; and found acacia wood for any melachet haAvodah, brought it. And every isha that was chachmat lev spun with her hands, and brought the spun yarn, both of turquoise, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen. And all the nashim whose lev stirred them up in chochmah spun goat hair. And the nesi'im brought shoham stones, and gemstones to be set, for the Ephod, and for the Choshen; And spice, and shemen for the light, and for the shemen hamishchah, and for the ketoret spices. The Bnei Yisroel brought a nedavah unto Hashem, kol ish and isha, with nadav lev of them brought for kol hamelachah, which Hashem had commanded to be done through Moshe. And Moshe said unto the Bnei Yisroel, See, Hashem hath called by shem Bezalel ben Uri, ben Chur, of the tribe of Yehudah; And He hath filled him with the Ruach Elohim in chochmah, in understanding, and in da'as, and in all manner of workmanship; And to make machashavot (artistic works), to work in zahav, and in kesef, and in nechoshet, and in the cutting of gems, to set them, and in wood carving, to make every melachet machshevet (work of art). And He hath given him with the Ruach Elohim, in chochmah, in understanding, and in da'as, and in all manner of workmanship; And to make machashavot (artistic works), to work in zahav, and in kesef, and in nechoshet, and in the cutting of gems, to set them, and in wood carving, to make every mealachet machshevet (work of art). And He hath given him the ability to teach, both he, and Oholiav ben Achisamach, of the tribe of Dan. And Them hath He filled with chochmat lev, to do all manner of artistic work, of the carver, and of the weaver of artistic design work, and of the embroiderer, in turquoise, and in purple, in scarlet wool, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do artistic work, and of those that make artistic designs. Then Bezalel and Oholiav, and kol ish chacham lev, in whom Hashem gave chochmah and tevunah to have da’as to do all manner of work for the Avodas HaKodesh, according to all that Hashem had commanded. And Moshe called Bezalel and Oholiav, and kol ish chacham lev, in whose lev Hashem had given chochmah, even every one whose lev stirred him up to come unto the work to do it; And they received of Moshe kol hataterumah, which the Bnei Yisroel had brought for the work of the Avodas HaKodesh, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him nedavah every boker. And all the chachamim, that wrought all the work of HaKodesh, came every man from his work which they were doing; And they spoke unto Moshe, saying, HaAm bring much more than enough for the Avodah of the work, which Hashem commanded to do. And Moshe gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the machaneh, saying, Let neither ish nor isha make any more work for the terumat HaKodesh. So HaAm were restrained from bringing. For the work had been sufficient for all the work to do it vhoter. And kol chacham lev among them that wrought the work of the Mishkan made ten curtains of fine linen, twisted with turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool; with keruvim in a woven artistic design made he Bezalel them.
The length of each curtain was twenty and eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits; the curtains were all of the one size.

And he joined five curtains one unto another; and the other five curtains he joined one unto another.

And he made loops of turquoise wool on the edge of one curtain at the end of the first set; likewise he made them along the edge of the end curtains of the second set.

Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the end curtain in the second set; the loops were to be opposite one another.

And he made fifty hooks of zahav, and joined the curtains one unto another with the hooks; so it became Mishkan Echad.

And he made curtains of goat hair for the Ohel over the Mishkan; eleven curtains he made them.

The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the width of one curtain; the eleven curtains were of the one size.

And he joined five curtains into a set, and six curtains into a set.

And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain at the end of the set, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain of the other set.

And he made fifty hooks of zahav, and joined the curtains one unto another with the hooks; so it became Mishkan Echad.

And he made crossbars of acacia wood; five for the kerashim of the one side of the Mishkan, and five crossbars for the kerashim of the other side of the Mishkan, and five crossbars for the kerashim of the Mishkan for the sides westward. And he made the middle crossbar to extend within the kerashim from the one end to the other.

And he overlaid the kerashim with zahav, and made their rings of zahav to be housing for the crossbars, and overlaid the crossbars with zahav.

And he made a Parochet [see Mk 15:38] of turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted fine linen; with keruvim made he it of artistic embroidery.

And he made thereunto four ammudim of acacia wood, and overlaid them with zahav; their hooks were of zahav; and he cast for them four sockets of kesef.

And he made a Masach for the petach of the Ohel of turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted fine linen, the work of artistic embroidery;

And the five ammudim of it with their hooks; and he overlaid their tops and their bands with zahav; but their five sockets were of nechoshet.
And he made the Kapporet of zahav tahor; two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the width thereof.

One keruv on the end on this side, and another keruv on the other end on that side; from the Kapporet made he the keruvim on the two ends thereof.

And he made the Shulchan of acacia wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the width thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof;

He overlaid it with zahav tahor, and made thereunto a crown of zahav all around.

He made thereunto a misgeret (moulding, rim) of a handbreadth all around; and made a crown of zahav for the misgeret thereof all around.

And he cast for it four rings of zahav, and put the rings upon the four corners of its four legs thereof.

Over against the misgeret were the rings, the housing for the carrying poles to bear the Shulchan.

And he made the carrying poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with zahav.

And he made the Mizbe'ach HaOlah of acacia wood; five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the width thereof; it was ravu'a (square, foursquare); and three cubits the height thereof.

And he made the karenot thereof on the four corners of it; the karenot thereof were from it; and he overlaid it with nechoshet.

And he made the Klei HaMizbe'ach, the pots, and the shovels, and the sprinkling basins, and the meat hooks, and the firepans; all the utensils thereof made he of nechoshet.

And he made for the Mizbe'ach HaKetoret of acacia wood; the length of it was a cubit, and the width of it a cubit; it was ravu'a (square, foursquare); and two cubits was the height of it; from it were its karenot.

And he made the Miskhah Kodesh, and the ketoret spices, tahor, according to the artistic work of a perfumer.

And he made the Shemen HaMishchah Kodesh, and the ketoret spices, tahor, according to the artistic work of a perfumer.

And he made the Mizbe'ach HaKetoret of acacia wood; the length of it was a cubit, and the width of it a cubit; its base and its shaft, and its cups, its knobs, its flowers, were of the same;

And six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the Menorah out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the Menorah out of the other side thereof;

Shloshah cups made like almonds in one branch, a knob and a flower; and three cups made like almonds in another branch, a knob and a flower; so throughout the six branches going out of the Menorah.

And in the Menorah were four cups made like almonds, its knobs, and its flowers;

And a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it.

Their knobs and their branches were of the same: all of it was one hammered-out work of zahav tahor.

And he made its seven nerot (lamps), and its tongs, and its spoons, of zahav tahor.

And he made for the Mizbe'ach HaKetoret of acacia wood; the length of it was a cubit, and the width of it a cubit; it was ravu'a (square, foursquare); and two cubits was the height of it; from it were its karenot.

And he overlaid it with zahav tahor, both the top of it, and the sides thereof all around, and the karenot of it; also he made unto it a crown of zahav all around.

And he made two rings of zahav for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be housing for the carrying poles to bear it withal.

And he made the carrying poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with zahav.

And he made the Shemen HaMishchah Kodesh, and the ketoret spices, tahor, according to the artistic work of a perfumer.
And he put the carrying poles into the rings on the sides of the Mizbe'ach, to bear it withal; he made the Mizbe'ach hollow with luchot.

And he made the Kiyor of nechoshet, and the stand of it of nechoshet, of the mirrors of the tzve'ot, who assembled at the petach Ohel Mo'ed.

And he made the khatzer; on the south side southward the hangings of the khatzer were of twisted fine linen, a hundred cubits;

Their ammudim were twenty, and their sockets of nechoshet twenty; the hooks of the ammudim and their bands were of kesef.

And for the north side the hangings were a hundred cubits, their ammudim were twenty, and their sockets of nechoshet twenty; the hooks of the ammudim and their bands were of kesef.

And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their ammudim ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the ammudim and their bands of kesef.

And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

The hangings of the one side of the entrance were fifteen cubits; their ammudim ten, and their sockets shloshah, and their hooks shloshah.

And for the other side. On each side of the khatzer, were hangings of fifteen cubits; their ammudim shloshah, and their sockets shloshah.

All the hangings of the khatzer all around were of twisted fine linen.

And the sockets for the ammudim were of nechoshet; the hooks of the ammudim and their bands of kesef; and the overlaying of their tops of kesef; and all the ammudim of the khatzer were banded with kesef.

And the masach for the sha’ar of the khatzer was the artistic work of an embroiderer, of turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted fine linen; and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in width was five cubits, corresponding to the hangings of the khatzer.

And their ammudim were four, and their sockets of nechoshet four; their hooks of kesef, and the overlaying of their tops and their bands of kesef.

And all the tent pegs of the Mishkan, and of the khatzer all around, were of nechoshet.

These are the pekudei Mishkan, even of the Mishkan HaEdut, as it was recorded, according to the command of Moshe, for the Avodat HaLevi'im, by the yad of Itamar ben Aharon the kohen.

Bezalel ben Uri ben Chur, of the tribe of Yehudah, made all that Hashem commanded Moshe.

And with him was Oholiav ben Achisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an artistic carver, weaver, and an embroiderer in turquoise, and in purple, and in scarlet wool, and fine linen.

All the zahav that was occupied for the work in all the work of HaKodesh, even the zahav of the tenufah, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and seventy and three hundred and fifty shekels, after the shekel of HaKodesh, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men.

And of the hundred talents of kesef were cast the sockets of HaKadosh, and the sockets of the Parochet; a hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the ammudim, and overlaid their tops, and made bands for them.

And the nechoshet of the tenufah was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels.

And therewith he made the sockets to the petach Ohel Mo'ed, and the Mizbe'ach HaNechoshet, and the mikhtbar hanechoshet for it, and all the Klei HaMizbe'ach.

And from the turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, they made bigdei serad (elaborately woven garments) for service in HaKodesh, and made Bigdei Hakodesh for Aharon; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And he [Bezalel] made the Ephod of zahav, turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted fine linen.

And they did hammer the zahav into thin sheets, and cut threads, to work into the turquoise, and into the purple, and into the fine linen, the artistic weaver’s work.
They made attaching ketefot (shoulder straps) for it, which were attached to its two [upper] ends.

And the Cheishev (Belt) of his Ephod, which is upon it, was of the same according to the work thereof; of zahav, turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and twisted linen; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And they made the avnei shoham (onyx stones), set in settings of zahav, engraved, like chotam (signet ring) is engraved, according to the Shemot Bnei Yisroel.

And he fastened them upon the Kitfot HaEphod, that they should be Avnei Zikaron (Memorial Stones) unto the Bnei Yisroel; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And they made the Choshen of artistic weaver's work, like the workmanship of the Ephod; of zahav, turquoise, and purple, and scarlet wool, and fine twisted linen.

It was ravu'a (square); they made the Choshen folded double; a span was the length thereof, and a span the width thereof, being doubled.

And they set in it four rows of gemstones; the first row was an odem, a pitdah, and barekes; this was the first row.

And the second row, a nofech, sapphire, and yahalom.

And the third row, a leshem, shevo, and achlamah.

And the fourth row, a tarshish, shoham, and yashfeh; they were set in zahav in their settings.

And the gemstones were according to the Shemot Bnei Yisroel, Shteym Esreh (Twelve), according to their Shemot, like the engravings of a chotam (signet ring), every one with shmo, according to the Shneym Asar Shevet.

And they made upon the Choshen sharsherot (chains) at the ends braided artistic work of zahav tborah.

And they made two mishbetzot (filigrees) of zahav, and two rings of zahav; and put the two rings in the two ends of the Choshen.

And they fastened the two ropes of zahav into the two rings on the ends of the Choshen.

And the [other] two ends of the two ropes they fastened in the two filigree settings, and put them on the ketefot HaEphod toward its front.

And they made two rings of zahav, and put them on the two ends of the Choshen, upon the lower border thereof, on the inside toward the Ephod.

And they made two other rings of zahav, and put them on the two kitfot HaEphod on the bottom, toward the front thereof, opposite the seam thereof, above the Cheishev HaEphod.

And they did bind the Choshen by its rings unto the rings of the Ephod with a turquoise woolen cord, that it might be above the Cheishev HaEphod, and that the Choshen might not be loosed from the Ephod; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And they tied unto it a turquoise cord, to fasten it on the Mitznefet above; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

Thus was all the work of the Mishkan of the Ohel Mo'ed finished; and the Bnei Yisroel did according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe, so did they.

And they brought the Mishkan unto Moshe, the Ohel, and all its utensils, its hooks, its kerashim, its crossbars, and its ammudim, and its sockets.

And the Mikhseh of red-dyed ram skins, and the Mikhseh of tachash skins, and the Parochet HaMasach, the Aron HaEdut, and the carrying poles thereof, and the Kapporet, the Shulchan, and all the utensils thereof, and the Lechem HaPanim,
of zahav tborah, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the Meil, all around between the pomegranates;
The Menorah
Hatehorah, with the nerot (lamps) thereof, even with the nerot (lamps) of the order prescribed, and all the utensils thereof, and the Shemen HaMaohr,
And the Mizbe‘ach Hazahav, and the Shemen HaMishchah, and the aromatic ketoret, and the Masach petach HaOhel,
The Mizbe‘ach Hanechoshet, and its mikhbar hanechoshet (grate, netting of copper), its carrying poles, and all its utensils, the Kiyor and its Stand,
The curtains of the khatzer (courtyard), its ammudim, and its sockets, and the masach Sha‘ar HaKhatzer, its cords, and its tent pegs, and all the utensils of the Avodas HaMishkan, for the Ohel Mo‘ed,
The bigdei serad for service in HaKodesh, and the Bigdei Hakodesh for Aharon the kohen, and the garments of his banim, to minister in the kohen’s office.

Thus did Moshe; according to all that Hashem commanded him, so did he.
And Moshe erected the Mishkan, and fastened its sockets, and set up the kerashim thereof, and put in the crossbars thereof, and set up its ammudim.
And he spread the Ohel over the Mishkan, and put the Mikhseh of the Ohel on it from above; as Hashem commanded Moshe.
And he took and placed HaEdut (The Testimony, i.e., the Stone Tablets of the Ten Commandments) into HaAron, and set the carrying poles on the Aron, and put the Kapporet upon the Aron from above;
And he brought the Aron into the Mishkan, and set up the Parochet HaHashechah, and shielded with a covering over the Aron HaEdut; as Hashem commanded Moshe.
And he put the Shulchan in the Ohel Mo‘ed, upon the north side of the Mishkan, outside the Parochet.
And he set the Lechem in order upon it before Hashem; as Hashem had commanded Moshe.
And he put the Menorah in the Ohel Mo‘ed, opposite the Shulchan, in the south side of the Mishkan.
And he set the Lechem in order upon it before Hashem; as Hashem commanded Moshe.
And he put the Mizbe‘ach Hazahav in the Ohel Mo‘ed before the Parochet;
And he burned ketoret spices thereon; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the Mishkan Ohel Mo‘ed.
And thou shalt place therein the Aron HaEdut, and thou shalt cover so as to screen the Aron with the Parochet.
And thou shalt bring in the Shulchan, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the Menorah, and kindle the Nerot thereof.
And thou shalt place the Mizbe‘ach Hazahav L’Ketoret before the Aron HaEdut, and set up the Masach HaPetach LaMishkan.
And thou shalt set the Mizbe‘ach HaOlah before the Masach HaPetach LaMishkan.
And thou shalt set the Kiyor between the Ohel Mo‘ed and the Mizbe‘ach, and shall place mayim therein.
And thou shalt set up the khatzer (court) all around, and hang up the Masach Sha‘ar Hakhatzer.
And thou shalt take the Shemen HaMishchah, and anoint the Mishkan, and all that is therein, and shall set it apart as kodesh, and all the utensils thereof; and it shall be kodesh.
And thou shalt anoint the Mizbe‘ach HaOlah, and all its utensils, and set apart as kodesh the Mizbe‘ach; and it shall be Mizbe‘ach kodesh kodashim.
And thou shalt anoint the Kiyor and its Stand, and set it apart as kodesh.
And thou shalt bring near Aharon and his banim unto the Petach Ohel Mo‘ed, and immerse them with mayim.
And thou shalt dress Aharon with the Bigdei Hakodesh, and anoint him, and set him apart as kodesh; that he may minister unto Me in the kohen’s office.
And thou shalt bring near his banim, and dress them with kuttanot:
And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their av, that they may minister unto Me in the kohen’s office: for their anointing shall surely be for them a kehunat olam throughout their dorot.
28] And he set up the Masach HaPetach LaMishkan (Curtain of the Entrance of the Tabernacle).

29] And he put the Mizbe'ach HaOlah at the Petach Mishkan Ohel Mo'ed, and offered upon it the olah (burnt offering) and the minchah; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

30] And he set the Kiyor between the Ohel Mo'ed and the Mizbe'ach, and put mayim there, to wash withal.

31] And Moshe and Aharon and his banim washed their hands and their feet thereat;

32] When they went into the Ohel Mo'ed, and when they came near unto the Mizbe'ach, they washed; as Hashem commanded Moshe.

33] And he erected the khatzer (courtyard) all around the Mishkan and the Mizbe'ach, and set up the Masach Sha'ar HaKhatzer. So Moshe finished the work.

34] Then the Anan covered the Ohel Mo'ed, and the Kavod Hashem filled the Mishkan.

35] And Moshe was not able to enter into the Ohel Mo'ed, because the [Shekinah] cloud abode thereon, and the Kavod Hashem filled the Mishkan.

36] And when the Anan was taken up from over the Mishkan, the Bnei Yisroel went onward in all their journeys;

37] But if the Anan were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up.

38] For the Anan Hashem was upon the Mishkan by day, and Eish was on it by night, in the sight of all the Bais Yisroel, throughout all their journeys.

T.N. The Theme of gracious, unmerited Deliverance and Salvation for an Am Kesheh Oref (Obstinate Stiffnecked People) has been presented in the Second Book of Moses.

1 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, and spoke unto him out of the Ohel Mo'ed (Tent of Meeting, i.e., Tabernacle) saying,

2] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring a korban unto Hashem, ye shall bring your korban of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock.

3] If his korban be an olah (burnt sacrifice) of the herd, let him offer a zachar tamim (male without blemish); he shall offer it that he may be accepted at the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed before Hashem.

4] And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the olah (burnt offering); and it shall be accepted for him to make kapporah for him.

5] And he shall slaughter (shachat) the young bull before Hashem; and the kohanim, Aharon's banim, shall bring the dahm, and sprinkle the dahm around upon the Mizbe'ach that is by the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed.

6] And he shall skin the olah, and cut it into pieces.

7] And the Bnei Aharon the kohen shall put eish upon the Mizbe'ach, and lay the wood in order upon the eish; and shall bring the dahm upon the Mizbe'ach that is by the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed.

8] And he shall skin the olah, and cut it into pieces.

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10] And if his korban be of the flocks, namely, of the sheep, or of the goats, for an olah (burnt offering); he shall bring it a zachar tamim (male without blemish).

11] And he shall slaughter (shachat) it on the side of the Mizbe'ach northward before Hashem: and the kohanim, Aharon's banim, shall sprinkle his dahm around upon the Mizbe'ach.

12] And he shall cut it into pieces, with his head and his fat; and the kohen shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the eish which is upon the Mizbe'ach:

13] But he shall wash the innards and the legs with mayim; and the kohen shall bring the whole, and burn it upon the Mizbe'ach: it is an olah, an offering made by eish, of a re'ach nicho'ach (sweet savour) unto Hashem.

14] And if the olah for his korban to Hashem be of fowls, then he shall bring his korban of turtledoves, or of young pigeons.

15] And the kohen shall bring it unto the Mizbe'ach, and wring off his head, and burn it on the Mizbe'ach; and the dahm thereof shall be pressed out at the side of the Mizbe'ach:

16] And he shall pluck away his crop with his feathers, and cast it beside the Mizbe'ach on the east side, by the place of the ashes:

17] And he shall tear it open with the wings thereof, but shall not tear it in half; and the kohen shall burn it upon the Mizbe'ach, upon the wood that is on the eish which is upon the Mizbe'ach:

18] But his innards and his legs shall he wash in mayim; and the kohen shall burn the whole on the Mizbe'ach, to be an olah, an offering made by eish, of a re'ach nicho'ach (sweet savour) unto Hashem.
And when a nefesh will offer a korban minchah unto Hashem, his korban shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour shemen upon it, and put incense thereon;

And he shall bring it to the Bnei Aharon the kohanim; and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the shemen thereof, with all the incense thereof; and the kohen shall burn the memorial portion of it upon the Mizbe'ach, to be an offering made by eish, of a re'ach nicho'ach unto Hashem;

And the remnant of the minchah shall belong to Aharon and his Banim; it is a kodesh kodashim of the offerings of Hashem made by eish.

And if thou bring a korban minchah baked in an oven, it shall be matzot cakes of fine flour mixed with shemen, or matzot wafers anointed with shemen.

And if thy korban be of the herd; whether it be a zachar or nekevah, he shall offer it tamim (without blemish).

And if thou offer a minchah of thy bikkurim unto Hashem, thou shalt offer for the minchah of thy bikkurim ripe ears of grain roasted by the eish, even meal ground from new grain.

And thou shalt put shemen upon it, and lay incense thereon; it is a minchah.

And the kohen shall burn the memorial portion of it, part of the ground grain thereof, and part of the shemen thereof, with all the incense thereof; it is an offering made by eish unto Hashem.

And if his korban be a zevach of the shelamim an offering made by eish unto Hashem; the chelev (fat) that covereth the innards, and all the chelev (fat) that is upon the innards,

And he shall offer of the zevach of the shelamim an offering made by eish unto Hashem; the chelev (fat) that covereth the innards, and all the chelev (fat) that is upon the innards,

And if his korban be a goat, then he shall offer it before Hashem.

And he shall offer of the zevach of the shelamim an offering made by eish unto Hashem; the chelev (fat) that covereth the innards, and all the chelev (fat) that is upon the innards,

And if his korban be a zevach of the shelamim, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a zachar or nekevah, he shall offer it tamim (without blemish) before Hashem.

And he shall offer of the zevach shelamim unto Hashem be of the flock; zachar or nekevah, he shall offer it tamim (without blemish).

If he offer a keves (lamb) for his korban, then shall he offer it before Hashem.

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And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[12] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, If a nefesh shall sin through ignorance (unintentionally) against any of the mitzvoth of Hashem concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them;

[13] If the kol Adat Yisroel sin through ignorance (unintentionally), and the thing be hid from the eyes of the Kahal (Assembly), and they have done any one thing against any of the mitzvot of Hashem concerning things which should not be done, and are guilty;

[14] When the chattat (sin), which they have sinned against it, is known, then the Kahal (Assembly) shall offer a young bull for the chattat (sin), and bring him before the Ohel Mo’ed;

[15] And the Ziknei HaEdah shall lay their hands upon the head of the young bull before Hashem; and the young bull shall be slaughtered (shachat) before Hashem.

[16] And the Kohen HaMoshiach [see Le 4:3] shall bring of the young bull’s dahm to the Ohel Mo’ed; and shall pour out the rest of the dahm at the base of the Mizbe’ach HaOlah, which is at the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed. And as he did with the young bull as he did with the Mizbe’ach HaOlah, which is at the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed.

[17] And the kohen shall dip his forefinger in some of the dahm, and sprinkle [see Isa 52:15] it seven times before Hashem, even before the Parochet (curtain).

[18] And he shall put some of the dahm upon the horns of the Mizbe’ach Ketoret HaSammim (Altar of Fragrant Incense) before Hashem, which is in the Ohel Mo’ed; and shall pour the rest of the dahm upon the horns of the young bull at the base of the Mizbe’ach HaOlah which is at the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed.

[19] Just as it was removed from the ox of the zevach hashelamim; and the kohen shall burn them upon the Mizbe’ach HaOlah.

[20] And the young bull shall carry forth outside the machaneh unto a makom tahor, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with eish; where the ashes are poured out shall he be burned.
burned the first young bull; it is a chattat (sin offering) for the Kahal.

|22| When a nasi hath sinned, and done something through ignorance against any of the mitzvot of Hashem Elohay, concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty;

|23| Or if his chattat (sin), wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his korban, a male goat tamim (without blemish);

|24| And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and slaughter (shachat) it in the place where they slaughter the olah (burnt offering) before Hashem; it is a chattat (sin offering).

|25| And the kohen shall take of the dahm of the chattat (sin offering) with his forefinger, and put it upon the horns of the Mizbe'ach HaOlah, and shall pour out the rest of the dahm thereof at the base of the Mizbe'ach.

|26| And he shall burn all his chelev (fat) upon the Mizbe'ach, as the chelev (fat) of the zevach hashelamim; and the kohen shall make kapporah for him as concerning his chattat (sin), and it shall be forgiven him.

|27| And if a nefesh sin through ignorance (unintentionally), while he doeth any thing against any of the mitzvot of Hashem concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty;

|28| Or if his chattat (sin), which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; then he shall bring his korban, a female goat, a temimah nekevah (a female without blemish), for his chattat (sin) which he hath sinned.

|29| And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the chattat (sin offering), and slaughter (shachat) the chattat (sin offering) in the place of the olah (burnt offering).

|30| And the kohen shall take of the dahm thereof with his forefinger, and put it upon the horns of the Mizbe'ach HaOlah, and shall pour out the rest of the dahm thereof at the base of the Mizbe'ach.

|31| And he shall remove all the chelev (fat) thereof, as the chelev (fat) is removed from off the zevach hashelamim; and the kohen shall burn it upon the Mizbe'ach for a re'ach nicho'ach unto Hashem; and the kohen shall make kapporah for him, and it shall be forgiven him.

|32| And if he bring a keves (lamb) for a chattat (sin offering), he shall bring it a nekevah temimah (female without blemish).

|33| And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the chattat (sin offering), and slaughter (shachat) it for a chattat (sin offering) in the place where they slaughter the olah (burnt offering);

|34| And the kohen shall take of the dahm of the chattat (sin offering) with his forefinger, and put it upon the horns of the Mizbe'ach HaOlah (Altar of Burnt Offering), and shall pour out the rest of the dahm thereof at the base of the Mizbe'ach;

|35| And he shall remove all the chelev (fat) thereof, just as the chelev (fat) of the keves (lamb) is taken away from the zevach hashelamim (sacrifice of the peace offerings); and the kohen shall burn them upon the Mizbe'ach, according to the offerings made by eish unto Hashem; and the kohen shall make kapporah for his chattat (sin) that he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

And if a nefesh sin, after he hears a public adjuration to give testimony, and he is an ed (witness), whether he hath seen or known of it; if he does not utter it, then he shall bear his avon (iniquity).

|2| Or if a nefesh touch anything tamei (unclean), whether it be a nivlat chayah teme'ah (carcass of an unclean beast), or a nivlat behemah teme'ah (carcass of unclean livestock), or the nivlat sheretz tamem (carcass of unclean creeping things), and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be tamei, and guilty.

|3| Or if he touch the tum'at adam (uncleanness of man), whatsoever tumah it be that a man shall be made unclean therewith, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty.

|4| Or if a nefesh swear, rashly pronouncing with his lips to do harah, or to do hatov, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with a shevuah (oath), and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these.

|5| And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that v’hitvaddah (he confess) that he hath sinned in that thing;

|6| And he shall bring his asham (penalty, trespass offering) unto Hashem for his chattat (sin) which he hath sinned, a nekevah from the flock, a lamb or a female goat, for a chattat (sin offering); and the kohen shall make kapporah for him concerning his chattat.

|7| And if he be not able to afford a seh (lamb), then he shall bring for his asham (guilt offering, see Sanhedrin 98b on Isa 53; see Isa 53:10 which says that Moshiach’s self-offering will be an asham for his people, cf Isa 53:8),
which he hath sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, unto Hashem; one for a chattat (sin offering), and the other for an olah (burnt offering).

[8] And he shall bring them unto the kohen, who shall offer that which is for the chattat (sin offering) first, and wring off his head from his neck, but shall not separate it; [9] And he shall sprinkle of the dahm of the chattat (sin offering) upon the side of the Mizbe'ach; and the rest of the dahm shall be pressed out at the base of the Mizbe'ach; it is a chattat (sin offering).

[10] And he shall offer the second for an olah (burnt offering), according to the mishpat (prescribed manner); and the kohen shall make kapporah for him for his chattat (sin) which he hath sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

[11] But if he be not able to afford two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his korban the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a chattat (sin offering); he shall put no shemen upon it, neither shall he put any incense thereon; for it is a chattat (sin offering).

[12] Then shall he bring it to the kohen, and the kohen shall take his handful of it, even a memorial portion thereof, and burn it on the Mizbe'ach, according to the offerings made by eish unto Hashem; it is a chattat (sin offering).

[13] And the kohen shall make kapporah for him as touching his chattat (sin) that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him; and the remnant shall be the kohen's, like the minchah.

[14] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[15] If a nefesh commit a ma'al (trespass), and sin through ignorance (unintentionally), in the holy things of Hashem; then he shall bring for his asham unto Hashem a ram tamim [see Gn 22:13 on the vicarious aspect of the substitutionary atonement and compare Isa 53:5,8] out of the flocks, with thy estimation by shekels of kesef, after the Shekel HaKodesh (the Shekel of the Sanctuary), for an asham (trespass or guilt offering).

[16] And he shall make restitution in regard to the holy thing in which he was remiss, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the kohen; and the kohen shall make kapporah for him with the ram of the asham (trespass offering), and it shall be forgiven him.

[17] And if a nefesh sin, and commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the mitzvot Hashem; though he know it not, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his avon (iniquity).

[18] And he shall bring a ram tamim out of the flock, with thy estimation, for an asham (trespass offering) unto the kohen; and the kohen shall make kapporah for him concerning his ignorance wherein he erred and knew it not and it shall be forgiven.

[19] It is an asham (trespass offering); he hath certainly trespassed against Hashem. [See Isa 53:10 on Moshiach’s asham offering for Israel—Isa 53:8].

[TZAV]

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
10 (6:3) | And the kohen shall put on his linen tunic, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his basar, and remove the ashes which the eish hath consumed with the olah (burnt offering) on the Mizbe'ach, and he shall put them beside the Mizbe'ach.

11 (6:4) | And he shall take off his garments, and put on begadim acherim (other garments), and carry forth the ashes outside the machaneh unto a makom tahor.

12 (6:5) | And the eish upon the Mizbe'ach shall be burning in it; it must not go out; and the kohen shall burn thereon the olah (burnt offering) upon it; and he must burn thereon the chelvei HaShelamim (fat of the peace offerings).

13 (6:6) | The eish must ever be burning upon the Mizbe'ach; it shall never go out.

14 (6:7) | And this is the Torat HaMinchah: the Bnei Aharon shall offer it before Hashem, before the Mizbe'ach.

15 (6:8) | And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the minchah, and of the shemen thereof, and all the incense which is upon the minchah, and shall burn it upon the Mizbe'ach for a re'a'h nicho'ach unto Hashem.

16 (6:9) | And the remainder thereof shall Aharon and his Banim eat: with matzot shall it be eaten in the makom kadosh; in the khatzer (courtyard) of the Ohel Mo'ed they shall eat it.

17 (6:10) | It shall not be baked with chametz. I have given it unto them for their chelek (allotted share, portion) of My offerings made by eish; it is kodesh kodashim, like the chattat (sin offering), and like the asham (trespass offering).

18 (6:11) | Any of the zachar among the Bnei Aharon shall eat of it. It shall be a chok olam in your dorot concerning the offerings of Hashem made by eish; every one that toucheth them shall be kadosh.

19 (6:12) | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

20 (6:13) | This is the korban of Aharon and of his Banim, which they shall offer unto Hashem in the Yom Himmashach (Day he is anointed, i.e., assumes office, seven-day ordination); the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a continual minchah, half of it in the boker, and half thereof at erev.

21 (6:14) | In a pan it shall be made with shemen; and when it is scalded, thou shalt bring it in; and the repeatedly baked minchah, broken in pieces, shalt thou offer for a re'a'h nicho'ach unto Hashem.

22 (6:15) | And the kohen of his Banim that is hamoshiach (the anointed) to succeed him shall offer it; it is a chok olam unto Hashem; it shall be completely burned.

23 (6:16) | For every minchah for the kohen shall be completely burned; it shall not be eaten.

24 (6:17) | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

25 (6:18) | Speak unto Aharon and to his Banim, saying, This is the Torat HaChattat: In the place where the olah (burnt offering) is slaughtered (shachat) shall the chattat (sin offering) be slaughtered before Hashem; it is kodesh kodashim.

26 (6:19) | The kohen that offereth it for sin shall eat it; in the makom kadosh shall it be eaten, in the khatzer (courtyard) of the Ohel Mo'ed.

27 (6:20) | Everything that touches the basar thereof shall be kadosh; and when there is sprinkled of the dahm thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the makom kadosh.

28 (6:21) | But the clay keli (vessel) wherein it is boiled must be broken; and if it be boiled in a keli nechoshet (copper vessel), it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in mayim.

29 (6:22) | Any of the zachar among the kohanim shall eat thereof; it is kodesh kodashim.

30 (6:23) | And no chattat (sin offering), whereof any of the dahm is brought into the Ohel Mo'ed to make kapporah therewith in the Kodesh (holy place), shall be eaten; it shall be burned in the eish.

[T.N. Before reading the next chapter it is important to remember that this portion emphasizes the proper way of approaching the sovereign Hashem Elohim in terms of the Sinai Covenant mandate. The victim offered by the kohen had to be without flaw (see the preface on the flawless Ben Elohim Ben Dovid Moshiach born of HaAlmah). And when hands were laid on the victim it became a substitute pointing toward a vicarious kapporah atonement. With the touch of the kohen’s hands and the emunah (faith) of the believer, the sin transfers to the victim whose bloody death expiates (removes) the sin from the sinner and propitiates (appeases, pacifies) the wrath or anger of Hashem against sin. Thus the sin is covered or atoned for. In Leviticus 4:1-3]
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we see that sin doesn’t get off scot-free...some body has to pay. We see the bull come forward to pay, just as later we see the perfect victim, the filial Devar Hashem Moshiach Ben Dovid come forward to pay. In I Chronicles chapter 21 we see that the Bais Dovid has to pay, because Dovid numbers the people. The Yad Hashem will fall on Moshiach [compare I Chronicles 21:17 with Yeshayah (Isaiah) 53:10]. In Yeshayah we read “Kee neegzar may-eretz chayyim mee-payshah amee.” The Dead Sea Scrolls (1QIsa) proves that these words written by the 8th Century B.C.E. Jewish prophet Isaiah and found in the Tanakh are authentic words from the Holy Jewish Scriptures, his actual words that were not lost in transcription down through the centuries. Furthermore, Tractate Sanhedrin 98b in the Talmud proves that these words are speaking not about Israel but about Moshiach. Ramban and Abraavnel also speak of Isaiah 53 as referring to the Moshiach. Likewise Rashi in his commentary on the Gemara (Sanhedrin 98b). The Torah firmly states that prophetic canonical utterances were not the words of a mere man, but “the Ruach Elohim (Spirit of G-d) came upon him” (Bamidbar [Numbers] 24:2). Therefore, to reject the six words “Kee neegzar may-eretz chayyim mee-payshah amee.” is to reject G-d’s words and also G-d Himself.

Now, seeing the importance of these six words, do we know what they mean? “Kee” means “for.” “Neegzar” means “was cut off,” excluded, separated” and this word comes from Gimmel-zayin-excluded, separated” and this means “He was cut off,” because G-d Himself, who was cut off, had to die in order to allow Yeshua to come forward to pay. In Devar Hashem Moshiach Ben Dovid, the Devar Hashem is the Devar Hashem Moshiach Ben Dovid, the Lamb of G-d. In this respect the Moshiach’s akedah (binding) and death became not only an asham, but also a chattat—that is, a sin offering for the whole community. In fact, all of the sacrifices find their fulfillment in the death of Moshiach. On Yom Kippur, the Kohen Gadol lays both of his hands on the head of the victim, confesses over it all the perverse sins and transgressions of the people, thus transferring them onto the head of the doomed victim, which will bear [nasa] them away outside the camp to the wilderness where the victim will die (notice Leviticus 16:22 and Isaiah 53:12 “He bore away or carried away [nasa] the sin of many, i.e. like a sa’ir l’azazel Yom Kippur scapegoat.”) When you watch Moshiach struggling with his burden down the Via Dolorosa you must remember that the burden he is carrying away is your burden of sin. Only a fool would want to keep his smelly garbage when the garbage truck comes by to carry it away. How proud we are with our garbage, and how humble he was to be our garbage man. The Moshiach-Kohen that King Dovid foretold in Psalm 110 is the one who offered the korban of his nefesh (Isaiah 53:10), making kapporah for the sins of the whole world, sprinkling many nations (Isaiah 52:13). We are speaking of the portentous kohen Zechariah also identified with the Moshiach in Zechariah 3:8; 6:11-12—the very one Ezra called Yeshua in Ezra 3:8. He is the one who is Avdi Tzemach, Moshiach Shmo, Yehoshua, the namesake (a person having the same name as another) of Moshiach. This post-Exilic Kohen Gadol in charge of the building of the Second Temple points us forward by his person and his personal name to the coming Moshiach, Yehoshua or Yeshua.

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Briggs, page 160. “May-eretz chayyim” means “from the Land of the Living.” To say that he was cut off or excluded or separated from the Land of the Living is a way of saying that he died. Who died? Moshiach died. Why did he die? “Mee-payshah amee,” “for the transgression of my people.” Moshiach died for the sins of the Jewish people. If anyone claims to be Jewish and asserts that he or she is part of Isaiah’s people (“my [Jewish] people”), that claimant must also admit and accede to the first part of the verse, Isaiah 53:8, that Moshiach died for his or her sins. Moshiach died for the sins of my [Jewish] people. This is what the six words are saying. A person can fight these words, he can try to twist the meaning of these words, he can run from these words, but the words themselves will never go away. They are eternal words. They are the words of Almighty G-d. And these words leave one with only one choice: turn from rebellion and sinful unbelief to trust these words or die in one’s unbelief and rebellion against these words.

In Leviticus 4:15 we see the Elders of the Community (Ziknei HaEdah) lay their hands upon the head, just as later they unwittingly laid their hands upon the head of Moshiach Ben Dovid Ben Elohim the Devar Hashem, the Lamb of G-d. In this respect the Moshiach’s akedah (binding) and death became not only an asham, but also a chattat—that is, a sin offering for the whole community. In fact, all of the sacrifices find their fulfillment in the death of Moshiach. On Yom Kippur, the Kohen Gadol lays both of his hands on the head of the victim, confesses over it all the perverse sins and transgressions of the people, thus transferring them onto the head of the doomed victim, which will bear [nasa] them away outside the camp to the wilderness where the victim will die (notice Leviticus 16:22 and Isaiah 53:12 “He bore away or carried away [nasa] the sin of many, i.e. like a sa’ir l’azazel Yom Kippur scapegoat.”) When you watch Moshiach struggling with his burden down the Via Dolorosa you must remember that the burden he is carrying away is your burden of sin. Only a fool would want to keep his smelly garbage when the garbage truck comes by to carry it away. How proud we are with our garbage, and how humble he was to be our garbage man. The Moshiach-Kohen that King Dovid foretold in Psalm 110 is the one who offered the korban of his nefesh (Isaiah 53:10), making kapporah for the sins of the whole world, sprinkling many nations (Isaiah 52:13). We are speaking of the portentous kohen Zechariah also identified with the Moshiach in Zechariah 3:8; 6:11-12—the very one Ezra called Yeshua in Ezra 3:8. He is the one who is Avdi Tzemach, Moshiach Shmo, Yehoshua, the namesake (a person having the same name as another) of Moshiach. This post-Exilic Kohen Gadol in charge of the building of the Second Temple points us forward by his person and his personal name to the coming Moshiach, Yehoshua or Yeshua.

7 Likewise this is the Torat HaAsham: it is kodesh kodashim.
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(raised up offering) of the zevakhim of your shelamim.

33 He among the Bnei Aharon, that offereth the dahm hashelamim and the chelev (fat), shall have the right thigh for his part.

34 For the breast of the waving (tenufah) and the thigh of the terumah (raising) I have taken of the Bnei Yisroel from the zevakhim of their shelemim, and have given them unto Aharon the kohen and unto his Banim by a chok olam from among the Bnei Yisroel.

35 This is the anointed portion of Aharon, and the anointed portion of his Banim, out of the offerings of Hashem made by eish, in the day when he presented them to minister unto Hashem in the kohen's office;

36 Which Hashem commanded to be given them of the Bnei Yisroel, in the day that He anointed them, by a chukkat olam throughout their dorot.

37 This is the torah of the olah (burnt offering), of the minchah (grain offering), and of the chattat (sin offering), and of the asham (trespass offering), and of the ordination offerings, and of the zevakh hashelamim (sacrifice of the peace offerings);

38 Which Hashem commanded Moshe on Mt. Sinai, in the day that He commanded the Bnei Yisroel to offer their korbanot unto Hashem, in the Sinai Desert.

8 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

2 Take Aharon and his Banim with him, and the garments, and the shemen hamishchah (anointing oil), and a bull for the chattat (sin offering), and two rams, and a basket of matzot;
and his Banim laid their hands upon the head of the ram.
[23] And he slaughtered (shachat) it; and Moshe took of the dahm of it, and put it upon the lobe of Aharon's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the bohen of his right foot.
[24] And he brought Aharon's Banim, and Moshe put of the dahm upon the lobe of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the bohen of their right feet: and Moshe sprinkled the dahm upon the Mizbe'ach around.
[25] And he took the chelev (fat), and the tail, and all the chelev (fat) that was upon the innards, and the diaphragm above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their chelev (fat), and the right thigh:
[26] And out of the basket of matzot, that was before Hashem, he took one challat matzot, and a loaf of oiled lechem, and one wafer, and put them on the chalavim, and upon the right thigh:
[27] And he put all upon Aharon's hands, and upon the hands of his Banim, and waved them for a tenufah (wave offering) before Hashem.
[28] And Moshe took them from off their hands, and burned them on the Mizbe'ach upon the olah (burnt offering); they were ordination offerings for a re'ach nicho'ach; it is an offering made by eish unto Hashem.
[29] And Moshe took the breast, and waved it for a tenufah before Hashem: it was Moshe's share of the ram of ordination; just as Hashem commanded Moshe.
[30] And Moshe took of the shemen hamishchah, and of the dahm which was upon the Mizbe'ach, and sprinkled it upon Aharon, and upon his garments, and upon his Banim, and upon the garments of his Banim with him; and he set apart as kodesh Aharon, and his garments, and his Banim, and the garments of his Banim with him.
[31] And Moshe said unto Aharon and to his Banim, Cook the basar at the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed: and there eat it with the lechem that is in the basket of ordination offerings, as I commanded, saying, Aharon and his Banim shall eat it.
[32] And that which remaineth of the basar and of the lechem shall ye burn with eish.
[33] And ye shall not go out of the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed in seven days, until the days of your ordination be at an end: for seven days shall he fill your hand [consecrate you in ordination as kohanim].
[34] As he hath done this day, so Hashem hath commanded to do, to make kapporah for you.
[35] Therefore shall ye abide at the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed yomam valailah seven days and be shomer over the mishmeret (charge) of Hashem, that ye die not: for so I have been commanded.
[36] So Aharon and his Banim did all things which Hashem commanded by the hand of Moshe.
T.N. Many people do not know that Judaism used to be a "proselytizing" religion, and that leaders of Judaism were both zealous and highly successful at making proselytes. In fact, so numerous were the proselytes in Biblical times that there is even a term in Scripture for conversion to Judaism - mityahadim (see Esther 8:17). The rabbis knew that Judaism was not merely a narrow, national religion. The Talmud says that the teachings of Judaism were freely meant for all mankind (see Babylonian Talmud, Shabbath 146a, where Devarim 29:13-14 [14-15] is quoted as referring to proselytes). And just as Gentiles were saved in Noah's ark, so Ruth was also brought under Hashem's wings (Ruth 2:12). In the High Holy Day Prayerbook, we read on Rosh Hashanah 'Also Noah Thou didst remember in love, and didst remember him with a promise of salvation and mercy, when Thou didst send the flood to destroy all creatures because of their evil deeds. So his remembrance came before Thee, O L-rd our G-d to increase his seed like the dust of the earth and his offspring like the sand of the sea.' So hope is held out that the Righteous Gentiles of the world will have a share in the World to Come. In fact, according to ancient tradition, the first proselytes to the Jewish faith were Abraham and Sarah, and through their descendants G-d intended to proselytize the nations (see also the other texts of many in the Scriptures on the universal scope of the Jewish faith, see Ps 22:27; Isaiah 45:22; 66:23; Zechariah 14:16. Of course, Judaism, with the exception of Messianic Judaism, changed when the rabbis took over under Yochanan ben Zakkai in Yavneh near Jaffa in Israel and created after 70 C.E. a post-Temple, non-priestly form of Judaism lacking blood sacrifice.
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and a Beis Hamikdash. It should be remembered here that it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul (Lev. 17:11) and that Abel's offering from the firstborn of his flock was looked on with favor by Hashem, but a bloodless religion and worship without blood atonement was not looked on with favor (see Gen. 4:4-5). G-d says, When I see the blood, I will pass over you’ (Exod. 12:13). To lack faith in Gen. 22:8; Exo. 12:5-13; Isaiah 53:7 and in Moshiach's necessary sacrifice, and then to create a religion where, gratuitously, blood sacrifice is assumed not necessary, is to change the religion of Judaism, the religion of Moses.

Moshiach's Judaism has not changed Judaism and is true Judaism. Rabbinic Judaism has changed Judaism. This change occurred after 70 C.E., making Rabbinic Judaism a form of religion that post-dates Moshiach's Judaism. Not only does it lack Biblical warrant for many of its tenets of faith, but also the fact is that the rabbis have cooled off in their zeal to win converts. However, Moshiach's Judaism has always been a proselytizing faith, eager to share the blessings of Judaism with the whole world. In our own era, millions of adherents to Moshiach's Judaism, including both Jews and non-Jews from every culture and country, have become regenerated spiritual children of Abraham and genuine proselytes to Abraham's faith. For true commitment to Judaism can only be through true commitment to the Moshiach of Judaism, Moshiach Adoneinu.

Unfortunately, not all Jews nor all Goyim have been willing to become proselytes to Moshiach because not everyone is willing to commit himself to Moshiach. And many who have committed themselves to Moshiach Adoneinu are even ignorant of the fact that what they call the Religion of Messiah' is really Moshiach's Judaism that Goyim have adapted to their own culture. Nevertheless, the faith of the Brit Chadasha is still the true, Biblical faith of Moshiach, whether every believer in Moshiach Adoneinu realizes it or not. Scripturally, a Jew is anyone like Ruth the Moabitess who has renounced idolatry and thrown in his or her lot with the people of the one true G-d. Therefore, when a Gentile lady named Ruth clung to Naomi and Naomi’s G-d, Ruth became a Jewess, even qualifying to become the great-grandmother of King David. However, historically, these three have been inolved in the reception of proselytes to Judaism: 1) circumcision (the bris milah), 2) complete immersion (the tevilah) in a mikveh ritual bath, and 3) a sacrifice (see Numbers 15:14 and Babylonian Talmud, Kerithoth 9a.) This blood sacrifice (an offering by fire) was burned on the altar and was indispensable at the time the Beis Hamikdash stood, and points prophetically along with all sacrifice to the repentant proselyte's need for a blood atonement kapporah. Rabbi Judah the Patriarch ("Rabbenu haKadosh") compared this three-fold admission into Judaism as reminiscent of the Biblical history of Israel, a nation circumcised before leaving Egypt (Joshua 5:2), immersed in the desert in a holy washing (Exodus 19:10), and sprinkled with the blood of a covenant sacrifice (Exodus 24:3-8) [see Sifra, Ahare Perek 12]. Nevertheless, the central ritual of admittance into the faith has always been a tevilah of water immersion. The proselyte’s blood sacrifice became impossible, except in Moshiach’s self-offering, after the Beis HaMikdash was destroyed. Furthermore, since women converts to Judaism outnumbered men, circumcision could hardly become the chief rite of entry into Judaism. Therefore, the one conspicuous thing that all converts had to do to join Abraham's family and faith was to get immersed in water. He or she had to submit to a tevilah to become part of the kehunat kodesh (1K 2:5 QJBC). In Chapter 8 of Leviticus we see the mi'keh mayim of the kehunah induction prefiguring the brit chadasha tevilah of the ma'anim hameshichiyim. That is, what we see Moshe doing in Le 8:6 we see Yochanan the kohen navi doing in Mt 3:5-6 and Philipppos doing in Ac 8:38. All of the above is said, not to persuade Gentiles to confiscate the promises and blessings in Scripture written down for the physical descendants of Abraham; rather, the intent of our rhetoric in this exegesis is to provoke our Jewish people to jealousy that they might pursue the G-d of Scripture and His many blessings awaiting them in their Bible.

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9 And it come to pass on yom hashemini, that Moshe called to Aharon

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and his Banim, and the Ziknei Yisroel;
[2] And he said unto Aharon, Take thee a young calf for a chattat (sin offering), and a ram for an olah (burnt offering), temimim (without blemish), and offer them before Hashem.
[3] And unto the Nasi Yisroel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a sa’ir izzim (male goat) for a chattat (sin offering); and a calf and a keves (lamb), both of the first year, temimim (without blemish), for an olah;
[4] Also a bull and a ram for shelamim (peace offerings), to sacrifice before Hashem; and a minchah mixed with shemen; for today Hashem will appear unto you.
[5] And they brought that which Moshe commanded before the Ohel Mo’ed; and kol HaEdah drew near and stood before Hashem.
[6] And Moshe said, This is the thing which Hashem commanded that ye should do; and the kavod Hashem shall appear unto you.
[7] And Moshe said unto Aharon, Go unto the Mizbe’ach, and offer thy chattat (sin offering), and thy olah (burnt offering), and make kapporah for thyself, and for the people; and offer the korban of the people, and make kapporah for them; just as Hashem commanded.
[8] Aharon therefore went unto the Mizbe’ach, and slaughtered (shachat) the calf of the chattat (sin offering), and the diaphragm with the liver of the chattat (sin offering), he burned upon the Mizbe’ach; just as Hashem commanded Moshe.
[9] And the Bnei Aharon brought the dahan unto him; and he dipped his forefinger in the dahan, and put it upon the horns of the Mizbe’ach, and poured out the dahan at the foundation of the Mizbe’ach;
[10] But the chelev (fat), and the kidneys, and the diaphragm with the liver of the chattat (sin offering), he burned upon the Mizbe’ach; just as Hashem commanded Moshe.
[11] And the basar and the hide he burned with eish outside the machaneh.
[12] And he slaughtered (shachat) the olah (burnt offering); and the Bnei Aharon presented unto him the dahan, which he sprinkled around upon the Mizbe’ach.
[13] And they presented the olah (burnt offering) unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head; and he burned them upon the Mizbe’ach.
[14] And he did wash the innards and the legs, and burned them upon the olah (burnt offering) on the Mizbe’ach.
[15] And he brought the korban HaAm (the offering of the people), and took the goat of the chattat (sin offering) for the people, and slaughtered (shachat) it, and offered it for sin, as before.
[16] And he brought the olah (burnt offering), and offered it in the prescribed way.
[17] And he brought the minchah, and took a handful thereof, and burned it upon the Mizbe’ach, in addition to the olah of the boker.
[18] He slaughtered (shachat) also the bull and the ram for a zevach which was for the people; and the Bnei Aharon presented unto him the dahan, which he sprinkled upon the Mizbe’ach around.
[19] And the chalavim (fat portions) of the bull and of the ram, the tail, and that which covereth the innards, and the kidneys, and the diaphragm above the liver;
[20] And they put the chalavim (fat) upon the breasts, and he burned the chalavim upon the Mizbe’ach;
[21] And the breasts and the right thigh Aharon waved for a tenafah (wave offering) before Hashem; just as Moshe commanded.
[22] And Aharon lifted up his hand toward the people, and pronounced a bracha upon them, and came down from offering of the chattat (sin offering), and the olah (burnt offering), and shelimam (peace offerings).
[23] And Moshe and Aharon went into the Ohel Mo’eid, and came out, and pronounced a bracha over the people; and the kavod Hashem appeared unto kol HaAm.
[24] And there came an eish out from before Hashem, and consumed upon the Mizbe’ach the olah (burnt offering) and the chalavim (fat portions); which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

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And Nadav and Avihu, the bnei Aharon, each took his censer, and put eish therein, and put ketoret (incense) thereon, and offered eish zarah (strange, unauthorized fire) before Hashem, which He commanded them not.
[2] And there went out eish (fire) from the presence of Hashem, and devoured them, and they died before Hashem.
[3] Then Moshe said unto Aharon, This is it that Hashem spoke, saying, I will show Myself kadosh among them that come near Me, and before kol HaAm (all the People) I will be honored. And Aharon was silent.
[4] And Moshe called Mishael and Eltzaphan, the bnei Uziel the dod (uncle) of Aharon, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the Kodesh to the outside of the machaneh.
And Moshe said unto Aharon, and unto Elazar and unto Itamar, his banim, Don't uncover your head, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon kol HaEdah; but let your brethren, the kol Bais Yisroel, bewail the burning which Hashem hath kindled.

And ye shall not go out from the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed, lest ye die; for the shemen mishchat (anointing oil) of Hashem is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moshe.

Do not drink yayin nor strong drink, thou, nor thy banim, and thy banot with thee; for they are tameh (unclean) and tahor (clean); and between tameh (unclean) and chol (common, profane), there is a difference between kodesh (sacred) and chol (common);

And that ye may put difference between kodesh and chol (common, profane), and between tameh (unclean) and tahor (clean);

And that ye may teach the Bnei Yisroel all the chukkim which Hashem hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moshe.

And Moshe spoke unto Aharon, and unto Elazar and unto Itamar, his banim that were left, Take the minchah (offering) of Moshe.

The raised-up thigh and the breast of the waving shall they bring with the offerings made by eish of the chalavim (fat portions), to wave it for a wave offering before Hashem; and it shall be thine, and unto thy banim with thee, by a chok olam (portion forever); as Hashem hath commanded.

And Moshe diligently inquired about the se'ir of the chattat, and, hinei, it was burned up; and he was angry with Elazar and Itamar, the bnei Aharon which were left alive, saying,

Why have ye not eaten the chattat in the makom hakodesh, seeing it is kodesh kodashim, and G-d hath given it you to bear away the avon HaKodesh, ye should indeed have eaten it in the Kodesh, as I commanded.

And Aharon said unto Moshe, See, today have they offered their chattat (sin offering) and their olah (burnt offering) before Hashem; and such things have befallen me; and if I had eaten the chattat today, should it have been accepted in the sight of Hashem?

And when Moshe heard that, he was satisfied.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and to Aharon, saying unto them,

Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on ha'aretz.

Whosoever spliteth the hoof, and separateth into double hooves, and cheweth the cud, among the behemah (animals), that shall ye eat.

Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that separateth the hoof; as the gamal (camel), because he cheweth the cud, but separateth not the hoof; he is tamei unto you.

And the rock badger: he cheweth the cud, but separateth not the hoof; he is tamei unto you.

And the arnevet, because he cheweth the cud, but separateth not the hoof; he is temeiah (unclean) unto you.

And the chazir (swine), though he separate the hoof, and be separated into double hooves, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is tamei to you.

Of their basar shall ye not eat, and their nevelah shall ye not touch; they are temei'im (unclean ones) to you.

These shall ye eat of all that are in the mayim; whatsoever hath fins and scales in the mayim, in the seas, and in the rivers, they shall ye eat.

And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that swarm in the mayim, and of any nefesh hachayyah which is in the mayim, they shall be sheketz (abomination, detestable) unto you;

They shall be even sheketz unto you; ye shall not eat of their basar, but ye shall have their nevelah in sheketz.

Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the mayim, that shall be sheketz unto you.

And these are they which ye shall have in sheketz among the fowls;
they shall not be eaten, they are sheketz: the nesher (eagle), and the vulture, and the white-tailed eagle,
[14] And the da’ah (kite), and the black kite after its kind;
[15] Every orev (raven) after its kind;
[16] And the ostrich, and the screech owl, and the seagull, and the hawk after its kind,
[17] And the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl,
[18] And the white owl, and the pelican, and the osprey,
[19] And the stork, the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.
[20] All fowls that creep, going upon all fours, shall be sheketz unto you.
[21] Yet these may ye eat of every winged insect that goeth upon all fours, which have jumping legs above their feet, to hop withal upon ha’aretz;
[22] Even these of them ye may eat: the arbeh (locust) after its kind, and the katydid after its kind, and the cricket after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind.
[23] But all other winged insects, which have four feet, shall be sheketz unto you.
[24] And for these ye shall be temeiim; whosoever toucheth the nevelah of them shall be tamei until erev.
[25] And whosoever pick up any of the nevelah of them shall wash his clothes, and be tamei until erev.
[26] Every beast which spliteth the hooves, and is not completely split, nor cheweth the cud, are temeiim unto you; every one that toucheth them shall be tamei.
[27] And whatsoever goeth upon its paws, among all manner of beasts that go on all fours, those are temeiim unto you; whosoever toucheth their nevelah shall be tamei.
[28] And he that beareth the nevelah of them shall wash his clothes, and be tamei until erev; they are temeiim unto you.
[29] These also shall be tamei unto you among the creeping things that creep upon ha’aretz: the weasel, and the rat, and the great lizard after its kind,
[31] These are temeiim to you among all that creep; whosoever doth touch them, when they be dead, shall be tamei until erev.
[32] And whatsoever of them, when they are dead, doth fall on something, it shall be tamei; whether it be any vessel of wood, or cloth, or hide, or sackcloth, whatsoever vessel it be, wherein any melachah (work) is done, it must be put into mayim, and it shall be tamei until erev; then it shall be tahor (clean).
[33] And every clay vessel, whereunto any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be tamei; and ye shall break it.
[34] Of all okhel which may be eaten, that on which such mayim cometh shall be tamei; and all mashkeh that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be tamei.
[35] And everything whereupon any part of their nevelah falleth shall be tamei; whether it be oven, or stove, they shall be broken; for they are temeiim and shall be temeiim unto you.
[36] Nevertheless a spring or cistern, wherein there is a mikveh mayim (collection of water) shall be tahor; but that which toucheth their nevelah shall be tamei.
[37] And if any part of their nevelah fall upon any zera for sowing which is to be sown, it shall be tahor.
[38] But if any mayim be put upon the zera, and any part of their nevelah fall thereon, it shall be tamei unto you.
[39] And if any behemah, of which ye may eat, die, he that toucheth the nevelah thereof shall be tamei until erev.
[40] And he that eateth of the nevelah of it shall wash his clothes, and be tamei until erev; he also that picketh up the nevelah of it shall wash his clothes, and be tamei until erev.
[41] And every creeping thing that creepeth upon ha’aretz shall be sheketz; it shall not be eaten.
[42] Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all fours, or whatsoever hath marbeh raglayim (many feet) among all creeping things that creep upon ha’aretz, them ye shall not eat; for they are sheketz.
[43] Ye shall not make your nefashot sheketz with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves tamei with them, that ye should be made tamei thereby.
[44] For I am Hashem Eloheichem; ye shall therefore set yourselves apart as kadosh, and ye shall be kadosh; for I am kadosh; neither shall ye make your nefashot sheketz with any creeping thing that creepeth upon ha’aretz.
[45] For I am Hashem that bringeth you up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, to be for you as Elohim: ye shall therefore be kadosh, for I am kadosh.
[46] This is the torah concerning the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the mayim, and of every
12 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[2] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, If an isha have conceived, and born a zachar, then she shall be temeiah shivat yamim; according to the yamim of the niddah (menstruation separation) for her infirmity shall she be temeiah (unclean).

13 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and Aharon, saying,
[2] When a man shall have in the skin of his basar a swelling, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his basar like the nega tzara'at; then he shall be brought unto Aharon the kohen, or unto one of his Banim the kohanim;

[3] And the kohen shall examine the nega in the skin of the basar; and when hair in the nega is turned white, and the nega in appearance be deeper than the skin of his basar, it is a nega tzara'at; and the kohen shall examine him, and pronounce him tamei.

[4] If the bright spot be white in the skin of his basar, and in appearance be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white, then the kohen shall quarantine him that hath the nega shivat yamim;

[5] But if she bear a nekevah, then she shall be temeiah two weeks, as in her niddah (separation); and she shall remain in the blood of her tohorah sixty-six days.

[6] And when the yomei tohorah are fulfilled, for a ben, or for a bat, she shall bring a keves of the first year for an olah, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a chattat (sin offering), unto the entrance of the Ohel Moed unto the kohen;

[7] Who shall offer it before Hashem, and make kapporah for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her dahm. This is the torah for her that hath born a zachar or a nekevah.

[8] And if she be not able to afford to bring a seh, then she shall bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons; the one for an olah, and the other for a chattat; and the kohen shall make kapporah for her, and she shall be teherah (clean) [See Lk 2:24 regarding this chapter and on how Moshiach was first brought to the Beis Hamikdash].

[9] When the nega tzara'at is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the kohen;

[10] And the kohen shall examine him; and, hinei, if the scab spread in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and there be raw basar in the swelling;

[11] It is an old tzara'at in the skin of his basar, and the kohen shall pronounce him tamei, and shall not quarantine him; for he is tamei.

[12] And if a tzara'at break out abroad in the skin, and the tzara'at cover all the skin of him that hath the nega from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the kohen looketh,

[13] Then the kohen shall consider; and, hinei, if the tzara'at have covered all his basar, he shall pronounce him tahor that hath the nega; it is all turned white; he is tahor.

[14] But on the day when raw basar appeareth in him, he shall be tamei.

[15] And the kohen shall consider; and, hinei, if the tzara'at have covered all his basar, he shall pronounce him tahor that hath the nega; it is all turned white; he is tahor.

[16] Or if the raw basar turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the kohen;
[17] And the kohen shall see him; and, hinei, if the nega be turned into white, then the kohen shall pronounce him tahor that hath the nega; he is tahor.
[18] The basar also, in which, even in the skin thereof, was a boil, and is healed,
[19] And in the place of the boil there be a white swelling, or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be shown to the kohen;
[20] And if, when the kohen examine it, hinei, it be in appearance deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the kohen shall pronounce him tamei; it is a nega tzara'at broken out of the boil.
[21] But if the kohen examine it, and, hinei, there be no white hair therein, and if it be not deeper than the skin, but be somewhat faded, then the kohen shall quarantine him shivat yamim;
[22] And if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the kohen shall pronounce him tamei; it is a nega tzara'at.
[23] But if the bright spot stay in its place, and spread not in the skin, but it be dim, it is a swelling of the burn, and the kohen shall pronounce him tahor; for it is an inflammation of the burning.
[24] Or if there be any basar, in the skin whereof there is a burning boil, and is healed, then the kohen shall examine the nega of the scale, and, hinei, it be not in appearance deeper than the skin, and there be in it a yellow thin hair, then the kohen shall pronounce him tahor; and, hinei, if the scale be spread in the skin, the kohen need not seek for yellow hair; he is tamei.
[25] Then the kohen shall examine; and, hinei, if the bright spots in the skin of their basar be faint white, it is a bohak spot that groweth in their basar bright spots, even white bright spots.
[26] But if the kohen examine it, and, hinei, there be no white hair in the bright spot, and it be no deeper than the other skin, but be dim, then the kohen shall quarantine him shivat yamim;
[27] And the kohen shall examine him on the yom hashevi'i; and if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the kohen shall pronounce him tamei; it is the nega tzara'at.
[28] And if the bright spot stay in its place, and spread not in the skin, but it be dim, it is a swelling of the burn, and the kohen shall pronounce him tahor; for it is an inflammation of the burning.
[29] If an ish or isha have a nega upon the head or the chin,
[30] Then the kohen shall examine the nega, and, hinei, if it be in appearance deeper than the skin, and there be in it a yellow thin hair, then the kohen shall pronounce him tamei; it is a scale, even a tzara'at upon the head or chin.
[31] And if the kohen examine the nega of the scale, and, hinei, it be not in appearance deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the kohen shall quarantine him that hath the nega of the scale shivat yamim;
[32] And in the yom hashevi'i the kohen shall examine the nega; and, hinei, if the scale spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scale be not in appearance deeper than the skin,
[33] He shall be shaven, but the scale shall he not shave; and the kohen shall quarantine him that hath the scale another shivat yamim;
[34] And in the yom hashevi'i the kohen shall examine the scale; and, hinei, if the scale be not spread in the skin, nor be in appearance deeper than the skin, then the kohen shall pronounce him tahor; and he shall wash his clothes, and be tahor.
[35] But if the scale spread much in the skin after his tahorah,
[36] Then the kohen shall examine him; and, hinei, if the scale be spread in the skin, the kohen need not seek for yellow hair; he is tamei.
[37] But if the scale be in his sight unchanged, and that there is black hair grown up therein; the scale is healed, he is tahor; and the kohen shall pronounce him tahor.
[38] If an ish also or an isha have in the skin of their basar bright spots, even white bright spots,
[39] Then the kohen shall examine; and, hinei, if the bright spots in the skin of their basar be faint white, it is a bohak spot that groweth in the skin; he is tahor.
[40] And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, he is bald; yet is he tahor.
[41] And he that hath his hair fallen off from the front of his scalp, he is bald at the forehead; yet is he tahor.
[42] And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish nega, it is a tzara'at breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead.
[43] Then the kohen shall examine it; and, hinei, if the swelling of the nega be white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the tzara'at appeareth in the skin of the basar,
[44] He is an ish tzaru'a, he is tamei; the kohen shall pronounce him utterly tamei; his nega is in his head.
[45] And the tzaru'a in whom the nega is, his clothes shall be torn, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering
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upon his lower face, and shall cry, Tamei! Tamei!

| 46 | All the days wherein the nega shall be in him he shall be tamei; he is tamei; he shall live alone; outside the machaneh shall his moshav be. |

| 47 | When a garment has the nega tzara’at in it, whether it be a wool garment, or a linen garment; |

| 48 | Whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of wool; whether in a leather, or in anything made of leather; |

| 49 | And if the nega be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the leather, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of leather, it is a nega tzara’at, and shall be shown unto the kohen; |

| 50 | And the kohen shall examine the nega, and quarantine it that hath the nega shivat yamim; |

| 51 | Then the kohen shall command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and tehorot (clean ones), and cedar wood, and scarlet thread, and hyssop; |

| 52 | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, |

| 53 | This shall be the torat hametzora in the yom of his tohorah: he shall be brought unto the kohen; |

| 54 | And the kohen shall examine, and, hinei, the nega be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of leather, |

| 55 | And the kohen shall examine the nega, after that it is washed; and, hinei, if the nega has not changed its appearance, and the nega be not spread, it is tamei; thou shalt burn it in the eish; whether the eating away hath brought bareness in the front or back. |

| 56 | And if the kohen examine, and, hinei, the nega be somewhat faded after the washing of it, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the leather, or out of the warp, or out of the woof; |

| 57 | And if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of leather, it is a spreading nega; thou shalt burn that wherein the nega is with eish. |

| 58 | And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of leather it be, which thou shalt wash, if the nega be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be tahor. |

| 59 | This is the torah of the nega tzara’at in a garment of wool or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or in any thing of leather, to pronounce it tahor, or to pronounce it tamei. |

| 60 | And the kohen shall command that one of the birds be shachat in a clay vessel over mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 61 | As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet thread, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the dahm of the bird that was killed (shachat) over the mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 62 | And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be made tahor from the tzara’at seven times, and shall pronounce him tahor, and shall release the living bird into the open field. |

| 63 | And he that is to be made tahor shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in mayim, that he may be tahor; and after that he shall come into the machaneh, and shall wait outside of his ohel seven days. |

| 64 | But it shall be on the yom hashevi'i, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off; and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his basar in mayim, and he shall be tahor. |

| 65 | And on the yom hashemini he shall take two kevasim temimim and one ewe lamb of the first year temimah, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a minchah, mixed with shemen, and one log of shemen. |

| 66 | And the kohen who purifies shall present the ish that is to be made tahor, and those things, before Hashem, at the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed; |

| 67 | And the kohen shall command that one of the birds be shachat in a clay vessel over mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 68 | As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet thread, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the dahm of the bird that was killed (shachat) over the mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 69 | And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be made tahor from the tzara’at seven times, and shall pronounce him tahor, and shall release the living bird into the open field. |

| 70 | And he that is to be made tahor shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in mayim, that he may be tahor; and after that he shall come into the machaneh, and shall wait outside of his ohel seven days. |

| 71 | But it shall be on the yom hashevi'i, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off; and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his basar in mayim, and he shall be tahor. |

| 72 | And on the yom hashemini he shall take two kevasim temimim and one ewe lamb of the first year temimah, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a minchah, mixed with shemen, and one log of shemen. |

| 73 | And the kohen who purifies shall present the ish that is to be made tahor, and those things, before Hashem, at the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed; |

| 74 | And the kohen shall command that one of the birds be shachat in a clay vessel over mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 75 | As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet thread, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the dahm of the bird that was killed (shachat) over the mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 76 | And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be made tahor from the tzara’at seven times, and shall pronounce him tahor, and shall release the living bird into the open field. |

| 77 | And he that is to be made tahor shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in mayim, that he may be tahor; and after that he shall come into the machaneh, and shall wait outside of his ohel seven days. |

| 78 | But it shall be on the yom hashevi'i, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off; and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his basar in mayim, and he shall be tahor. |

| 79 | And on the yom hashemini he shall take two kevasim temimim and one ewe lamb of the first year temimah, and three tenths of an ephah of fine flour for a minchah, mixed with shemen, and one log of shemen. |

| 80 | And the kohen who purifies shall present the ish that is to be made tahor, and those things, before Hashem, at the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed; |

| 81 | And the kohen shall command that one of the birds be shachat in a clay vessel over mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 82 | As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet thread, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the dahm of the bird that was killed (shachat) over the mayim chayyim (running water); |

| 83 | And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be made tahor from the tzara’at seven times, and shall pronounce him tahor, and shall release the living bird into the open field. |

| 84 | And he that is to be made tahor shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in mayim, that he may be tahor; and after that he shall come into the machaneh, and shall wait outside of his ohel seven days. |

| 85 | But it shall be on the yom hashevi'i, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off; and he shall wash his clothes, also he shall wash his basar in mayim, and he shall be tahor. |
And he shall offer the olah (burnt offering) and the minchah upon the Mizbe'ach; and the kohen shall make kapporah for him, and he shall be tahor.

And if he be poor, and cannot afford otherwise, then he shall take one keves for an asham (trespass offering) to be waved, to make kapporah for him, and one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with shemen for a minchah, and a log of shemen;

And two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, such as he is able to afford; and the one shall be a chattat (sin offering), and the other an olah (burnt offering);

And he shall bring them to the yom hashemini for his tohorah.

And if he be poor, and cannot afford otherwise, then he shall take one keves for an asham (trespass offering) to be waved, to make kapporah for him, and one tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed with shemen for a minchah, and a log of shemen;

And of the rest of the asham (trespass offering), and the kohen shall put it upon the lobe of the right ear of him that is to be made tahor, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the bohen of his right foot;

And the kohen shall take some of the log of shemen, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand;

And the kohen shall dip his right forefinger in the shemen that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the shemen that is in his hand upon the lobe of the right ear of him that is to be made tahor, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the bohen of his right foot, upon the dahm of the asham (trespass offering);

And the remnant of the asham (trespass offering), and the kohen shall put it upon the lobe of the right ear of him that is to be made tahor, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the bohen of his right foot.

And the kohen shall take some of the log of shemen, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand;

And the kohen shall dip his right forefinger in the shemen that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the shemen that is in his hand upon the lobe of the right ear of him that is to be made tahor, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the bohen of his right foot, upon the dahm of the asham (trespass offering);

And the remnant of the asham (trespass offering), and the kohen shall put it upon the lobe of the right ear of him that is to be made tahor, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the bohen of his right foot, upon the mekom (place) of the dahm of the asham (trespass offering);

And he shall sacrifice the one of the torim (turtledoves), or of the young pigeons, such as he can afford;

Even such as he is able to afford, the one for a chattat (sin offering), and the other for an olah, with the minchah; and the kohen shall make kapporah for him that is to be made tahor before Hashem.

This is the torah of him in whom is the nega tzara'at, who cannot afford that which pertaineth to his tohorah (cleansing);

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,

When ye be come into Eretz Kena'an, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the nega tzara'at in a bais of the eretz of your possession;

And he that owneth the bais shall come and tell the kohen, saying, It seemeth to me there is as it were a nega (plague) in the bais;

Then the kohen shall command that they empty the bais, before the kohen go into it to examine the nega, that all that is in the bais be not made tamei; and afterward the kohen shall go in to examine the bais,

And he shall examine the nega, and, binei, if the nega be in the walls of the bais with depressions, greenish or reddish, which in appearance are
And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and to Aharon, saying,

2 Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When any ish hath a discharge from his basar, because of his discharge he is tamei,

3 And this shall be his tumah (uncleanness) in his discharge: whether his basar run with his discharge, or his basar has stopped from his discharge, it is his tumah (uncleanness).

4 Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath the discharge, is tamei; and everything, whereon he sitteth, shall be tamei.

5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall immerse his garments, and immerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

6 And he that sitteth on any thing whereon he sat that hath the discharge shall immerse his garments, andimmerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

7 And he that toucheth the basar of him that hath the discharge shall immerse his garments, andimmerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

8 And if he that hath the discharge spat upon him that is tahor, then he shall immerse his garments, andimmerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

9 And whatsoever riding seat he rideth upon that hath the discharge shall be tamei.

10 And whosoever toucheth anything that was under him shall be tamei until the erev; and he that picks up any of those things shall immerse his garments, andimmerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

11 And whosoever he toucheth that hath the discharge, and hath not rinsed his hands in mayim, he shall immerse his garments, andimmerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

12 And the clay pottery, that he toucheth which hath the discharge, shall be
broken; and every wooden vessel shall be rinsed in mayim.

[13] And when he that hath a discharge is made tahor of his discharge; then he shall number to himself seven days for his tohorah (cleansing), and immerse his garments, and immerse his basar in running mayim, and shall be tahor.

[14] And on the yom shemini he shall take to him two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, and come before Hashem unto the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed, and give them unto the kohen;

[15] And the kohen shall sacrifice them, the one for a chattat, and the other for an olah (burnt offering); and the kohen shall make kapporah for him before Hashem for his discharge.

[16] And if any ish [baal keri, a person with a discharge of semen], if his shikhvat zera (emission of semen) go out from him, then he shall immerse his entire body in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

[17] And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the shikhvat zera, shall be immersed with mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

[18] The isha also with whom ish shall lie with shikhvat zera, they shall both immerse themselves in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

[19] And if an isha have a discharge, and her discharge in her body be dahm, then she shall be in her state of niddah (state of menstrual separation) seven days; and whosoever toucheth her shall be tamei until the erev.

[20] And everything that she lieth upon in her niddah shall be tamei; everything also that she sitteth upon shall be tamei.

[21] And whosoever toucheth her bed shall immerse his garments, and immerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

[22] And whosoever toucheth anything that she sat upon shall immerse his garments, and immerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

[23] And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be tamei until the erev.

[24] And if any ish lie with her at all, and her niddah (menstrual flow) be upon him, he shall be tamei seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be tamei.

[25] And if an isha have a discharge of her dahm many days out of the time of her niddah, or if it run beyond the time of her niddah, all the days of the discharge of her tumah shall be as the days of her niddah; she shall be tamei.

[26] Every bed wherein she lieth all the days of her discharge shall be unto her as the bed of her niddah; and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be tamei, as the tumah of her niddah.

[27] And whosoever toucheth those things shall be tamei, and shall immerse his garments, and immerse himself in mayim, and be tamei until the erev.

[28] But if she be tohorah of her discharge, then she shall count to herself seven days, and after that she shall be tohorah.

[29] And on the yom shemini she shall take unto her two turtle doves, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the kohen, to the entrance of the Ohel Moed.

[30] And the kohen shall sacrifice the one for a chattat, and the other for an olah (burnt offering); and the kohen shall make kapporah for her before Hashem for the discharge of her tumah.

[31] Thus shall ye separate the Bnei Yisroel from their tumah; that they die not in their tumah, when they defile My Mishkan that is among them.

[32] This is the torah of him that hath a discharge, and of him whose shikhvat zera goeth from him, and is made tamei therewith;

[33] And of her that suffers through her niddah, and of him that hath a discharge, of the zachar, and of the nekevah, and of him that lieth with her that is tameiah.

[ACHAREY MOS]

16 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe after the mot of the two Bnei Aharon, when they approached before Hashem, and died;

[2] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Speak unto Aharon thy brother, that he come not at any time into HaKodesh within the Parochet (curtain) before the Kapporet, which is upon the Aron; that he die not; for I will appear in the Anan upon the Kapporet.

[3] Thus shall Aharon come into HaKodesh: with a young bull for a chattat, and a ram for an olah (burnt offering).

[4] He shall put on the Kesones Bahd Kodesh (holy linen tunic) [see Yn 19:23 on Moshiach’s Kesones, the day kapporah was made by the Kohen L’Olam al Divrati Melki-Tzedek—Ps 110:4], and he shall have the Mikhnesei Bahd (linen breeches) upon his basar, and shall be girded with a Avnet Bahd (linen sash), and the other for an olah (burnt offering); and the kohen shall make kapporah for her before Hashem for the discharge of her tumah.
and with the Mitznefet Bahd (linen turban) shall he attired; these are Bigdei Kodesh; therefore shall he immerse his basar in mayim, and so put them on.

[5] And he shall take of the Adat Bnei Yisroel two male goats of the goats for a chattat, and one ram for an olah.

[6] And Aharon shall offer his bull of the chattat, which is for himself, and make kapporah for himself, and for his bais.

[7] And he shall take the two goats, and present them before Hashem at the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed.

[8] And Aharon shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for Hashem, and the other lot for Azazel.

[9] And Aharon shall bring the goat upon which Hashem's lot fell, and offer him for a chattat.

[10] But the goat, on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented chai (alive) before Hashem, to make kapporah through it, and to let him go for Azazel into the midbar.

[11] And Aharon shall bring the bull of the chattat, which is for himself, and shall make kapporah for himself, and for his bais, and shall slaughter (shachat) the bull of the chattat which is for himself;

[12] And he shall take a machtah (censer) full of burning coals of eish from off the Mizbe'ach before Hashem, and his hands full of ketoret, ground and fragrant, and bring it within the Parochet (Curtain);

[13] And he shall put the ketoret upon the eish before Hashem, that the anan of the ketoret may cover the Kapporet that is upon the Edut, that he die not;

[14] And he shall take of the dahm of the bull, and sprinkle it with his forefinger upon the eastern front of the Kapporet; and before the Kapporet yazzeh (he shall sprinkle [see Isaiah 52:15 for Moshiach's world-wide sprinkling]) of the dahm with his forefinger seven times.

[15] Then shall he slaughter (shachat) the goat of the chattat, that is for the Am, and bring his dahm within the Parochet, and do with that dahm as he did with the dahm of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the Kapporet, and before the Kapporet;

[16] And he shall make kapporah for HaKodesh, because of the tuma of the Bnei Yisroel, and because of their pesha'im in all their chattot; and so shall he do for the Ohel Mo'ed, that remaineth among them in the midst of their tumah.

[17] And there shall be no adam in the Ohel Mo'ed when he goeth in to make kapporah in HaKodesh, until he come out, and have made kapporah for himself, and for his bais, and for kol Kehal Yisroel.

[18] And he shall go out unto the Mizbe'ach that is before Hashem, and make kapporah for it; and shall take of the dahm of the bull, and of the dahm of the goat, and put it upon the Karnot of the Mizbe'ach about around.

[19] And he shall sprinkle of the dahm upon it with his forefinger seven times, and make it tahor, and set it apart as kodesh from the tumah of the Bnei Yisroel.

[20] And when he hath finished making kapporah for HaKodesh, and the Ohel Mo'ed, and the Mizbe'ach, he shall bring the live goat;

[21] And Aharon shall lay both his hands upon the rosh (head) of the live goat, vhitvaddah (and confess) over him kol avonot Bnei Yisroel, and all their pesha'im in all their chattot, putting them upon the rosh of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a designated man into the midbar;

[22] And the goat nasah (shall carry, see Isaiah 53:12) upon him all their avonot unto an eretz gezerah (uninhabited, solitary place); and he shall release the goat in the midbar.

[23] And Aharon shall come into the Ohel Mo'ed, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into HaKodesh, and shall leave them there;

[24] And he shall wash his basar with mayim in the Makom Kadosh, and put on his garments, come out, and offer his olah and the olah of HaAm, and make kapporah for himself, and for HaAm.

[25] And the chelev of the chattat shall he burn upon the Mizbe'ach.

[26] And he that released the goat for Azazel shall immerse his garments and immerse his basar in mayim, and afterward come into the machaneh.

[27] And the bull for the chattat, and the goat for the chattat whose dahm was brought in to make kapporah in HaKodesh, shall one carry forth outside the machaneh; and they shall burn in the eish their hides, and their basar, and their dung.

[28] And he that burneth them shall immerse his garments, and immerse his basar in mayim, and afterward he shall come into the machaneh.

[29] And this shall be a chukkat olam (eternal decree) unto you: that in the Chodesh HaShevi'i, on the tenth day of the chodesh, ye shall afflict your nefashot, and do no melachah at all, whether it be ezrach (native) or
the ger that sojourneth among you:

[30] For on that day shall the kohen make kapporah for you, to make you tahor, that ye may be tahor from all your chattot before Hashem.

[31] It shall be a Shabbat Shabbaton unto you, and ye shall afflict your nefashot, by a chukkat olam.

[32] And the kohen, who has been anointed or who has been given authority to minister as a kohen in place of his father, shall make kapporah, and shall put on the linen garments, even the Bigdei Hakodesh;

[33] And he shall make kapporah for the Mikdash HaKodesh, and he shall make kapporah for the Ohel Mo'ed, and for the Mizbe'ach, and he shall make kapporah for the kohanim, and for kol Am HaKahal.

[34] And this shall be a chukkat olam unto you, to make kapporah for the Bnei Yisroel for all their chattot once a year. And he did as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Speak unto Aharon, and unto his banim, and unto all the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them: This is the thing which Hashem hath commanded, saying,

[3] What man soever there be of Bais Yisroel, that sacrificeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the machaneh, or that sacrificeth it outside of the machaneh,

[4] And bringeth it not unto the petach (entrance) of the Ohel Mo'ed, to offer it unto Hashem; even that man shall be cut off [see Daniel 9:26 regarding Moshiach] from among his people;

[5] To the end that the Bnei Yisroel may bring their zevakhim, which they offer in the open sadeh, even that they may bring them unto Hashem, unto the petach of the Ohel Mo'ed, unto the kohen, and offer them for zivkhei shemamim unto Hashem.

[6] And the kohen shall sprinkle [see Yeshayah 52:15] the dahm upon the Mizbe'ach of Hashem at the petach of the Ohel Mo'ed, and burn the fat for a re'ach nichoach unto Hashem.

[7] And they shall no more offer their zevakhim unto goat demons, after whom they have gone a-whoring. This shall be a chukkat olam unto them throughout their dorot (generations).

[8] And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the Bais Yisroel, or of the ger that sojourn among them, that offereth an olah (burnt offering) or zevakh, even that man shall be cut off [see Daniel 9:26 on Moshiach’s being cut off] from among his people.

[9] And bringeth it not unto the petach of the Ohel Mo'ed, to offer it unto Hashem; even that man shall be cut off [see Daniel 9:26 from among his people].

[10] And whatsoever man there be of Bais Yisroel, or of the ger that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of dahm; I will even set My face against that nefesh that eateth dahm, and will cut it off [see Daniel 9:26 from among its people].

[11] For the nefesh of the basar is in the dahm; and I have given it to you upon the Mizbe'ach to make kapporah for your nefashot: for it is the dahm that maketh kapporah for the nefesh. [see Zecharyah 9:11; Tehillim 50:5]

[12] Therefore I said unto the Bnei Yisroel, No nefesh of you shall eat dahm, neither shall any ger that sojourneth among you eat dahm.

[13] And whatsoever ish there be of the Bnei Yisroel, or of the ger that sojourn among you, which hunteth down any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall even drain out the dahm thereof, and cover it with dust.

[14] For as for the nefesh of all basar, the dahm of it is its nefesh; therefore I said unto the Bnei Yisroel, Ye shall eat the dahm of no manner of basar: for the nefesh of all basar is the dahm thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

[15] And every nefesh that eateth nevelah (carcass), or terefah (that which was torn with beasts), whether native born or a ger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in mayim, and be tamei until erev; then shall he be tahor.

[16] But if he wash them not, nor bathe his basar; then he shall bear his avon (iniquity).

[17] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[3] After what is done in Eretz Mitzrayim, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do; and after what is done in Eretz Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their chukkot.


[5] Ye shall therefore be shomer over My
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chukkot, and My mishpatim; which if an ish do, he shall live by them: I am Hashem.

[6] None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to legallot ervah (to uncover nakedness, i.e., incestuously dishonor); I am Hashem.

[7] The nakedness of thy av, or the nakedness of thy em, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy em; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

[8] The nakedness of the wife of thy av shalt thou not uncover; it is the nakedness of thy av.

[9] The nakedness of thy achot (sister), the bat of thy av, or bat of thy em, whether she be moledet bais (born at home), or moledet chutz (born outside), even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

[10] The nakedness of the bat of thy ben, or the bat of thy bat, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover; for theirs is thine own nakedness.

[11] The nakedness of the bat of the wife of thy av, begotten of thy av, she is thy achot (sister), thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

[12] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of the achot of thy av; she is thy father’s near kinswoman [i.e., close relative].

[13] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of the achot (sister) of thy em: for she is thy mother’s near kinswoman.

[14] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of the achi avicha (the brother of thy father), thou shalt not approach to his wife; she is thine dodah.

[15] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy kallah (daughter-in-law); she is the wife of thy ben; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

[16] Thou shalt not uncover the ervah (nakedness) of thy brother’s wife; it is thy brother’s nakedness.

[17] Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of an isha and her bat, neither shalt thou take the bat of her ben, or the bat of her bat, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is zimmah (wickedness).

[18] Neither shalt thou take your wife’s achot (sister), to be a rival wife, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.

[19] Also thou shalt not approach unto an isha to uncover her nakedness, as long as she has her tumah from her period of niddah.

[20] Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor’s wife. You shall not give your shikhvat zera to make tamei with her.

[21] And thou shalt not let any of thy zera pass through [the eish, i.e., be sacrificed and burned or cremated] to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the Shem Eloheicha; I am Hashem.

[22] Thou shalt not lie with zachar, as with isha: it is to’evah (abomination, detestable)

[23] Neither shalt thou lie with any behemah. You shall not give your shikhvat to make tamei with it; neither shall any isha present herself to a behemah to have relations with it: it is tevel (perversion).

[24] Make not yourselves tamei in any of these things; for in all these the Goyim which I cast out before you became tamei.

[25] And HaAretz became tamei; therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and HaAretz itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

[26] Ye shall therefore be shomer over My chukkot and My mishpatim, and shall not commit any of these to’evot; no, neither any of your ezrach, nor any ger that sojourneth among you;

[27] (For all these to’evot have the anshei HaAretz done, which were before you, and HaAretz is tamei);

[28] That HaAretz vomit not you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the Goyim that were before you.

[29] For whosoever shall commit any of these to’evot, even the nefashot that commit them shall be cut off [i.e., suffer the death penalty [see Dan 9:26 and Moshiach’s not for himself death penalty]] from among their people.


[KEDOSHIM]

19 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Speak unto kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, Ye shall be kedoshim (holy ones); for I Hashem Eloheichem am kadosh.

[3] Ye shall fear every man his em, and his av, and be shomer over My Shabbatot: I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[4] Turn ye not unto elilim, nor make to yourselves elohei massekhah (cast metal g-ds); I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[5] And if ye offer a zevach shelamim unto Hashem, ye shall offer it for your acceptance.

[6] It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the next day;
and what remains until the yom hashelishi, it shall be burned in the eish.
[7] And if it be eaten at all on the yom hashelishi, it is piggul (unclean sacrificial flesh); it shall not be accepted.
[8] Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his avon, because he hath desecrated as chillul the set-apart-as-kodesh thing of Hashem: and that nefesh shall be cut off from among his people.
[9] And when ye reap the katzir of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy sadeh, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy katzir.
[10] And thou shalt not glean thy kerem (vineyard), neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy kerem; thou shalt leave them for the oni (poor) and ger (stranger); I am Hashem Eloheichem.
[13] Thou shalt not defraud thy re'a (neighbor), neither rob him; the wages of him that is a sakhir (hired man) shall not abide with thee ad boker (until morning).
[14] Thou shalt not curse the cheresh (deaf), nor put a mish chol (stumbling block) before the iwer (blind), but shalt fear Eloheicha: I am Hashem.
[15] Ye shall do no avel bamishpat (perversion of justice); thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor favor the person of the gadol; but in tzedek shalt thou judge thy neighbor.
[16] Thou shalt not go up and down as a rakhil (talebearer, slanderer) among thy people; neither shalt thou stand aside while thy neighbor's dahm is shed; I am Hashem.
[17] Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine lev; thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not bear chet because of him.
[18] Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the bnei ammecha (children of thy people), vahavta le're'acha kamocha (but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself): I am Hashem.
[19] Ye shall be shomer over My chukkot. Thou shalt not mate different kinds of animals; thou shalt not sow thy sadeh with mingled zera; neither shall a garment with shaatnez (mixed fibers) come upon thee
[20] And whosoever lieth carnally with an isha, that is a shifcha betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor chufshah (freedom) given her; she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she has not been chuppashah (freed).
[21] And he shall bring his asham (trespass offering, guilt offering) unto Hashem, unto the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed, even a ram of asham.
[22] And the kohen shall make kapporah for him with the ram of the asham before Hashem for his chattat which he hath sinned; and the chattat which he hath sinned shall be forgiven him.
[23] And when ye shall come into ha'aretz, and shall have planted all manner of food trees, then ye shall treat the fruit thereof as forbidden; shalosh shanim shall it be as forbidden unto you; it shall not be eaten of.
[24] But in the shanah harevi'it all the fruit thereof shall be kodesh to praise Hashem withal.
[25] And in the shanah hachamishit shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am Hashem Eloheichem.
[26] Ye shall not eat any thing with the dahm; neither shall ye practice divination, nor practice sorcery.
[27] Ye shall not cut the edge of your scalp, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.
[28] Ye shall not make any cuttings in your basar for the dead, nor tattoo any marks upon you: I am Hashem.
[29] Do not prostitute thy bat, to cause her to be a harlot; lest ha'aretz fall to whoredom, and ha'aretz become full of depravity.
[31] Regarding not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after Ovos (Mediums) and Yidonim (Spiritists), to be defiled by them: I am Hashem Eloheichem.
[32] Thou shalt rise up before the old, and honor the face of the zaken, and fear Eloheicha: I am Hashem.
[33] And if a ger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not mistreat him.
[34] But the ger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were gerim in Eretz Mitzrayim: I am Hashem Eloheichem.
[36] Tzedek scales, tzedek weights, a tzedek ephah, and a tzedek hin, shall ye have: I am Hashem...
Hashem Eloheichem, which brought you out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

|37| Therefore shall ye be shomer (on guard to keep) over all My chukkot (statutes), and all My mishpatim (judgments), and do them: I am Hashem.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

|2| Again, thou shalt say to the Bnei Yisroel, Whosoever he be of the Bnei Yisroel, or of the ger that sojourn in Yisroel, that giveth any of his zera unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death; the Am HaAretz shall stone him with stones.

|3| And I will set My face against that ish, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his zera unto Molech, to make tamei My Mikdash, and to commit chillul Hashem against Shem Kodshi (My Holy Name).

|4| And if the Am HaAretz close their eyes when that man giveth of his zera unto Molech, and kill him not,

|5| Then I will set My face against that ish, and against his mishpochah, and will cut him off, and all that go a-whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

|6| And the nefesh that turneth to Ovos (Mediums) and Yidonim (Spiritists), to go a-whoring after them, I will even set My face against that nefesh, and will cut him off from among his people.

|7| Consecrate yourselves as kodesh, therefore, and be ye kedoshim: for I am Hashem Eloheichem.

|8| And ye shall be shomer over My chukkot, and do them: I am Hashem who sets you apart as kodesh.

|9| For every one that curseth his av or his em shall be surely put to death; he hath cursed his av or his em; his dahm shall be upon him.

|10| And the ish that committeth adultery with the wife of another ish, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the no'ef (adulterer) and the no'efet (adulteress) shall surely be put to death.

|11| And the ish that lieth with the wife of his av hath uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their dahm shall be upon them.

|12| And if an ish lie with his kallah (daughter-in-law), both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed tevel (perversion); their dahm shall be upon them.

|13| If an ish also lie with zachar, as he lieth with an isha, both of them have committed to'evah; they shall surely be put to death; their dahm shall be upon them.

|14| And if an ish take a wife and her em, it is zimmah; they shall be burned with eish, both he and they; that there be no zimmah among you.

|15| And if an ish give his shikhvat to a behemah, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the behemah.

|16| And if an isha approach unto any behemah, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the isha, and the beast; they shall surely be put to death; their dahm shall be upon them.

|17| And if an ish shall take his achen, the bat of his av (father), or the bat of his em (mother), and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a disgrace; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their Bnei Am; he hath uncovered the nakedness of his achen (sister); he shall bear his iniquity.

|18| And if an ish shall lie with an isha during her davah (menstruous unwellness), and shall uncover her nakedness, he hath made bare her mekor (source), and she hath uncovered the source of her dahm; and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

|19| And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's achen (sister), nor of thy father's achen (sister); for he uncovereth (i.e., incestuously dishonored) his near kin; they shall bear their iniquity.

|20| And if an ish shall lie with the wife of his dod, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness; they shall die childless.

|21| And if an ish shall take his brother's wife, it is niddah; he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

|22| Ye shall therefore be shomer over all My chukkot, and all My mishpatim, and do them; that HaAretz, whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out.

|23| And ye shall not walk in the chukkot of HaGoy, which I cast out before you; for they committed all these things; therefore I abhorred them.

|24| But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to inherit it, an Eretz zavat cholov udevash: I am Hashem Eloheichem, which have separated you from the peoples.

|25| Ye shall therefore distinguish habehemah hatehorah from teme'ah, and between fowls tamei.
and tahor: and ye shall not make your nefashot sheketz (abomination) by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as tamei.

[26] And ye shall be kedoshim unto Me: for I Hashem am kadosh, and have separated you from the nations, that ye should be Mine.

[27] An ish also or isha who is an Ov (Medium) or a Yidoni (Spiritist), shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones; their dahm shall be upon them.

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And Hashem said unto Moshe, Speak unto the kohanim the Bnei Aharon, and say unto them, There shall none be made tamei for the dead among his people;

[2] But for his close kin, that is near unto him, that is, for his em, and for his av, and for his ben, and for his bat, and for his ach.

[3] And for his betulah achot (virgin sister), that is close unto him, which hath had no ish (husband); for her may he be made tamei.

[4] But he shall not make himself tamei, being a ba‘al (leader, chief man) among his people, to profane himself.

[5] They shall not shave their head bald, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their basar.


[7] They shall not take an isha that is a zonah, or chalalah (desecrated woman) neither shall they take an isha gerusha (divorced woman) from her ish; for he is kadosh unto Elohav.

[8] Thou shalt set him apart as kodesh therefore; for he offereth the lechem of Eloheicha; he shall be makriv kadosh (holy offering) unto thee: for I, Hashem, the One setting you apart as kodesh, am kadosh.

[9] And the bar of any kohen, if she profane herself by playing the zonah, she profaneth her av; she shall be burned with eish.

[10] And he that is the Kohen HaGadol among his brethren, upon whose head the Shemen Hamishchah (Anointing Oil) was poured, and that is ordained to put on the garments, shall not in mourning uncover his head, nor rend his garments;

[11] Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor make himself tamei for his av, or for his em;

[12] Neither shall he go out of the Mikdash, nor make himself tamei for his av, or for his em;

[13] And he shall take an isha in her virginity.

[14] An almanah, or a gerusha, or chalalah, or a zonah, these shall not take; but he shall take a betulah of his own people to wife.

[15] Neither shall he profane his zera among his people; for I Hashem do set him apart as kodesh.

[16] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[17] Speak unto Aharon, saying, Whosoever he be of thy zera in their dorot that hath any defect, let him not approach to offer the lechem of Elohav.

[18] For whatsoever ish he be that hath a mum, he shall not approach; an ish ivver, or a pise‘ach (lame), or he who is disfigured or malformed,

[19] Or an ish that has a crippled regel or a crippled yad,

[20] Or hunchback, or a dwarf, or that hath a defect in his eye, or festering, or running sores, or damaged of testicle;

[21] No ish that hath a mum of the zera Aharon HaKohen shall come near to offer the offerings of Hashem made by eish; he hath a mum; he shall not come near to offer the lechem Elohav.

[22] He shall eat the lechem Elohav, both of the kodshei hakodashim, and of hakodashim.

[23] Only he shall not go near unto the Parochet (curtain), nor come near unto the Mizbe‘ach, because he hath a mum on him; that he profane not My Mikdash; for I Hashem do set them apart as kodesh.

[24] And Moshe told it unto Aharon, and to his Banim, and unto all the Bnei Yisroel.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Speak unto Aharon and to his Banim, that they separate themselves from the kodashim of the Bnei Yisroel which they set apart as kodesh unto Me, so that they will not commit Chilul ha-shem of Shem Kadoshi: I am Hashem.

[3] Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your zera among your dorot, that goeth unto the kodashim of the Bnei Yisroel treat as kodesh unto Hashem, having his tumah upon
And if an ish eat of the kodesh bishgagah (unintentionally), then he shall add as restitution the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the kohen with the kodesh.

And they shall not profane the kodesh bnei Yisroel, which they offer unto Hashem;

And they will cause themselves to bear the avon of guilt when they eat their kodashim; for I Hashem do set them apart as kodesh.

Speak unto Aharon, and to his Banim, and unto kol Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, Whosoever he be of the Bais Yisroel, or of the Ger B’Yisroel, that will offer his korban for any of his nederim, and for all his nedavot, which they will offer unto Hashem for an olah,

That it may be accepted for a korban isheh (offering made by eish) unto Hashem.

And whether it be an ox or a seh, or a goat, is brought forth, thenceforth it shall be accepted for a korban todah unto Hashem, offer it liretzonechem (for your acceptance) before Hashem.

On the same day it shall be eaten; ye shall leave none of it until the boker: I am Hashem.

Therefore shall ye be shomer mitzvot over My commands, and do them: I am Hashem.

Neither shall ye profane Shem Kodshi; but I will be treated as kodesh among the Bnei Yisroel: I am Hashem, the One making you Kedoshim,

That brought you out of Eretz Mitzrayim, to be for you Elohim (your G-d); I am Hashem.
And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, Concerning the Mo’adim of Hashem, which ye shall proclaim to be mikra’ei kodesh, even these are My Mo’adim.

[3] Sheshet yamim shall work be done; but the yom hashevi’i is the Shabbos of Shabbaton, a mikra kodesh; ye shall do no work therein: it is the Shabbos to Hashem in all your dwellings.

[4] These are the Moa’dim of Hashem, even mikra’ei kodesh, which ye shall proclaim in their mo’adim.

[5] In the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is Hashem’s Pesach.

[6] And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Chag HaMatzot unto Hashem; shivat yamim ye must eat matzot.

[7] In the Yom HaRishon ye shall have a mikra kodesh; ye shall do no melekhet avodah therein.

[8] But ye shall offer an offering made by eish unto Hashem shivat yamim; in the seventh day is a mikra olam throughout your dorot in all your dwellings.

[9] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[10] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When ye be come into HaAretz which I am giving unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring an omer [sheaf [of Barley]] of the reshit of your harvest unto the kohen;

[11] And he shall wave the omer before Hashem, to be accepted for you; on the day after the Shabbos the kohen shall wave it.

[12] And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the omer a keves tamim of the first year for an olah unto Hashem.

[13] And the minchah thereof shall be two tenth-ephah of fine flour mingled with shemen, an offering made by eish unto Hashem for a re’ach nicho’ach; and the nesekh thereof shall be of yayin, the fourth part of a hin.

[14] And ye shall eat neither lechem, nor roasted grain, nor plump kernels until the same day that ye have brought a korban unto Eloheichem; it shall be a chukkat olam throughout your dorot in all your dwellings.

[15] And ye shall count unto you from the day after the Shabbos, from the day that ye brought the omer of the wave offering; shevah shabbatot shall be complete,

[16] Even unto the day after the seventh Shabbos shall ye count fifty days; and ye shall offer a minchah chadashah unto Hashem.

[17] Ye shall bring out of your dwellings two lechem wave-offerings of two tenth ephah; they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with chametz; they are the bikkurim unto Hashem.

[18] And ye shall offer with the lechem shivat kevasim temimim of the first year, and one young bull, and two rams; they shall be for an olah unto Hashem, with their minchot, and their nesakhim, even an offering made by eish, of re’ach nicho’ach unto Hashem.

[19] Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a chattat and two kevasim of the first year for a zevach of shelamim.

[20] And the kohen shall wave them with the lechem of the bikkurim for a wave offering before Hashem, with the two kevasim; they shall be kodesh to Hashem for the kohen.

[21] And ye shall proclaim on the same day, that it may be a mikra kodesh unto you; ye shall do no melekhet avodah therein; it shall be a chukkat olam in all your dwellings throughout your dorot.

[22] And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not reap to the edges of thy sadeh when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest; thou shalt leave them unto the oni (poor), and to the ger: I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[23] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[24] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a Shabbaton, a zikhron teru’ah mikra kodesh.

[25] Ye shall do no melekhet avodah therein; but ye shall offer an offering made by eish unto Hashem.

[26] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[27] Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be Yom Kippurim; it shall be a mikra kodesh unto you; and ye shall afflict your nefashot, and offer an offering made by eish unto Hashem.

[28] And ye shall do no work in that same day; for it is Yom Kippurim, to make kapporah for you before Hashem Eloheichem.

[29] For whatsoever nefesh it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

[30] And whatsoever nefesh it be that doeth any work in that same day, that nefesh will I destroy from among his people.

[31] Ye shall do no manner of work; it shall be a chukkat olam throughout your dorot in all your dwellings.
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[32] It shall be unto you a Shabbos Shabbaton, and ye shall afflict your nefashot; in the ninth day of the month at erev, from erev unto erev, shall ye observe your Shabbos.

[33] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[34] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Chag HaSukkot for shivat yamim unto Hashem.

[35] On the Yom HaRishon shall be a mikra kodesh; ye shall do no melekhet avodah (laborious work) therein.

[36] Shivat yamim ye shall offer an offering made by eish unto Hashem; on the eighth day shall be a mikra kodesh unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by eish unto Hashem; it is an atzeret (assembly); and ye shall do no melekhet avodah therein.

[37] These are the Mo’adim of Hashem, which ye shall proclaim to be mikra’ei kodesh, to offer an offering made by eish unto Hashem--an olah (burnt offering), and a minchah, a zevach, and nesakhim, every required thing upon its day,

[38] Beside the Shabbatot of Hashem, and beside your mattenot, and beside all your nederim, and beside all your nedavot (freewill offerings), which ye give unto Hashem.

[39] Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the crop of HaAretz, ye shall keep a Chag (Feast) unto Hashem shivat yamim; on the first day shall be a Shabbaton, and on the eighth day shall be a Shabbaton.

[40] And ye shall take you on the Yom HaRishon the fruit of the citron tree, branches of tamarim (date palms), and twigs of plaited trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before Hashem Eloheichem shivat yamim.

[41] And ye shall keep it a Chag (Feast) unto Hashem shivat yamim in the shanah. It shall be a chukkat olam in your dorot; ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

[42] Ye shall dwell in sukkot shivat yamim; all that are the Ezrach Yisroel shall dwell in sukkot,

[43] That your dorot may know that I made the Bnei Yisroel to dwell in sukkot, when I brought them out of Eretz Mitzrayim: I am Hashem Eloheichem.


And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[2] Command the Bnei Yisroel, that they bring unto thee pure shemen zayit beaten for the light, to kindle the Ner Tamid (Perpetual Lamp).

[3] Outside the Parochet (Curtain) of the Edut, in the Ohel Mo’ed shall Aharon set it in order from erev unto boker tamid (continually); it shall be a chukkat olam in your dorot.

[4] He shall set in order the nerot (lamps) upon the Menorah Hatehorah before Hashem tamid (continually).

[5] And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake Sheteym Esreh Challot thereof; two tenths of an ephah shall be in Challah Echat.

[6] And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the Shulchan HaTahor before Hashem.

[7] And thou shalt put levonah zakkah (pure incense) upon each row, that it may be on the lechem for a memorial portion, even an offering made by eish unto Hashem.

[8] Shabbos after Shabbos he shall set it in order before Hashem tamid, from the Bnei Yisroel as a Brit Olam.

[9] And it shall be for Aharon and for his Banim; and they shall eat it in the Makom Kadosh; for it is kodesh kodashim unto him of the offerings of Hashem made by eish, a chok olam.

[10] And the ben isha Yisroelit, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the Bnei Yisroel; and this ben isha Yisroeli and a man of Yisroel fought together in the machaneh;


And they brought him unto Moshe; (and shem immo was Shlomit bat Divri, of the tribe of Dan;)

And they put him in custody, that the mind of Hashem might be showed them.

[13] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[14] Bring forth him that hath blasphemed outside the machaneh; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let kol HaEdah stone him.

[15] And thou shalt speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, Whosoever curseth Elohav shall bear his chet.

[16] And he that blasphemeth the Shem of Hashem, he shall surely be put to death, and kol HaEdah shall certainly stone him; as well the ger, as the ezrach, when he blasphemeth the Shem of Hashem, shall be put to death.

[17] And he that taketh the nefesh of any man shall surely be put to death.

[18] And he that taketh the nefesh of a beast shall make it good; nefesh takhat nefesh.
And a man cause a mum in his neighbor; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him;
Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he hath caused a mum in an adam, so shall it be done to him.
And he that killeth a beast, he shall restitute it; and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death.
Ye shall have mishpat echad, as well for the ger, as for the ezrach: for I am Hashem Eloheichem.
And Moshe spoke to the Bnei Yisroel, that they should bring forth him that had blasphemed out of the machaneh, and stone him with stones. And the Bnei Yisroel did as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe in Mt. Sinai, saying,
Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When ye come into HaAretz which I give you, then shall HaAretz observe a Shabbos rest unto Hashem.
Six years thou shalt sow thy sadeh, and six years thou shalt prune thy kerem, and gather in the fruit thereof;
But in the Shanah HaShevi'it shall be a Shabbos Shabbaton unto HaAretz, a Shabbos unto Hashem; thou shalt neither sow thy sadeh, nor prune thy kerem (vineyard).
That which growth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy untended vine; for it is Shnat Shabbaton unto HaAretz.
And the Shabbos of HaAretz shall be food for you; for thee, and for thy eved, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy toshav (guest) that sojourneth with thee.
And thy cattle, and for the wild animals that are in thy land, shall all the tevuah (increase) thereof be to eat.
And thou shalt count seven Shabbatos of shanim unto thee, seven times seven shananim; and the period of the sheva Shabbatos of shanim shall be unto thee forty and nine shananim.
Then shalt thou cause the shofar to sound a broken blast on the tenth day of the seventh month, in the Yom HaKippurim shall ye make the shofar sound throughout all your land.
And ye shall treat as kodesh the fiftieth year, and proclaim deror (freedom) throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; it shall be a Yovel (Jubilee) unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his mishpochah.
A Yovel shall that fiftieth year be unto you; ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy untended vine,
For it is the Yovel; it shall be kodesh unto you; ye shall eat the tevuah (increase) thereof out of the sadeh.
In this Shanah ye shall return every man unto his possession.
And if thou sell ought unto thy neighbor, or buyest ought of thy neighbor's hand, ye shall not take advantage of one another.
According to the number of shanim of the tevuot (harvests, increases) he shall sell unto thee.
According to the multitude of shananim thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of shananim thou shalt diminish the price of it; for according to the number of the shananim of the tevuot he sell unto thee.
Ye shall not therefore take advantage of one another; but thou shalt fear Eloheicha: for I am Hashem Eloheichem.
Wherfore ye shall do My chukkot, and be shomer over My mishpatim, and do them; and ye shall dwell in HaAretz in safety.
And HaAretz shall yield her pri, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety.
And if ye shall say, What shall we eat in the shanah hashevi'it? Behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our tevuah;
Then I will command Birkhati (My Blessing) upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth the tevuah for shalosh hashanim.
And ye shall sow the shanah hasheminit, and eat yet of tevuah yashan (old increase) until the ninth year; until her harvest come in, ye shall eat of the yashan (old).
HaAretz shall not be sold permanently: for HaAretz is Mine, for ye are gerim and toshavim with Me.
And in all the eretz of your possession ye shall grant a Geulah for HaAretz.
If thy brother become poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and his Go'el HaKarov (Near Kinsman Redeemer) come according unto the number of shananim of the tevuot, he shall buy of thy neighbor, and
to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold.
[26] And if the man does not have for him a Go’el, and himself be able to effect the Geulah,
[27] Then let him count the shananim from the sale thereof, and refund the balance unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.
[28] But if he be not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the Shnat HaYovel; and in the Yovel it shall be returned, and he shall return unto his possession.
[29] And if a man sell a bais moshav in a walled city, then he retains the right of Geulah, a full year after its sale; within a full year may he redeem it.
[30] And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the bais that is in the walled city shall be established forever to him that hath bought it throughout his dorot; it shall not return in the Yovel.
[31] But the batim (houses) of the villages which have no chomah (wall) round about them shall be considered as the fields of the country; Geulah shall be for it, and in the Yovel it must return.
[32] Notwithstanding, the towns of the Levi'im, and the batim (houses) of the towns of their possession, there is a Geulat Olam for the Levi'im.
[33] And what one will buy from the Levi'im, the bais that was sold, and the town of his possession, shall be released in the year of Yovel; for the batim of the towns of the Levi'im are their possession among the Bnei Yisroel.
[34] But the sadeh of the open land of their towns may not be sold; for it is their achuzzat olam (perpetual heritage).
[35] And if thy brother become poor, and his hand fails with thee; then thou shalt strengthen him; yea, though he be a ger, or a toshav; that he may live among thee.
[36] Take thou no neshkekh of him, or increase; but fear Eloheicha; that thy brother may live among thee.
[37] Thou shalt not lend him thy kesef at neshkekh, nor give him thy food for increase.
[38] I am Hashem Eloheicha, which brought you forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, to give you Eretz Kenaan, and to be Elohim unto you.
[39] And if thy brother that dwelleth by thee become poor, and be sold unto thee, thou shalt not compel him to do avodat eved;
[40] But as a sakhir, and as a toshav, he shall be among thee, and shall serve thee unto the Shnat HaYovel.
[41] And then shall he depart from thee, both he and his banim with him, and shall return unto his own mishpochah, and unto the Achuzzat of his Avot shall he return.
[42] For they are My Eved, of his Avot shall he return.
[43] Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor; but shalt fear Eloheicha.
[44] Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have, shall be of the Goyim that are round about you; of them shall ye buy eyed and amah.
[45] Moreover of the bnei hatoshavim that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their mishpachot that are among you, which they fathered in your land;
[46] And ye shall take them as an inheritance for your banim after you, to inherit them for a possession; they shall be your bondmen forever; but over your brethren, the Bnei Yisroel, ye shall not rule one over another with rigor.
[47] And if a ger or toshav grow rich by thee, and thy brother that dwelleth by him grow poor, and sell himself unto the foreigner among thee, or to the eker (member) mishpachot of the ger;
[48] After that he is sold, his Geulah remains; one of his brethren may redeem him,
[49] Either his dod, or ben dod of him, may redeem him, or any that is near of kin unto him of his mishpachat may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem himself.
[50] And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him unto the Shnat HaYovel; and the price of his release shall be based on the number of shananim, according to the value of a sakhir’s pay shall it be with him.
[51] If there be yet many shananim remaining, according unto them he shall give for his Geulah the kesef that he was bought for.
[52] And if there remain but few shananim unto the Shnat HaYovel, then he shall count that, and according unto his shananim shall he pay the price of his Geulah.
[53] And as a sakhir hired shanah b’shanah shall he be with him; and the other shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight.
[54] And if he be not redeemed in these shananim, then he shall be released in the Shnat HaYovel, both he, and his banim with him.
For unto Me the Bnei Yisroel are avadim; they are My avadim whom I brought forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim: I am Hashem Eloheichem.

Ye shall not make for you elilim or pesel or set up matzevah, neither shall ye set up even maskit (carved stone) in your land, lehishtachavot (to bow down) unto it: for I am Hashem Eloheichem.

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and the basar of your banot shall ye eat.
[30] And I will destroy your high places, and cut down chammaneichem (your pillars for worshiping the sun), and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and My Nefesh shall abhor you.

[31] And I will turn your cities into ruins, and bring midesheichem (your sanctuaries) unto desolation, and I will not take delight in your re'ach nicho'ach.

[32] And I will bring HaAretz into desolation; and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at her.

[33] And I will scatter you among the Goyim, and the enemies which dwell therein shall be in the eretz of their enemies; if then they be in the eretz of their enemies, I will not cast them away (i.e., accept the punishment of their guilt).

[34] Then shall HaAretz enjoy her Shabbatot, when ye dwelt in your enemies' land; even then shall HaAretz rest, and enjoy her Shabbatot.

[35] As long as she lieth desolate she shall rest, because she did not rest in your Shabbatot, when ye dwelt upon her.

[36] And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a cherev after you; and they shall fall one upon another, as it were shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a cherev; and they shall fall vein rodef (when none pursueth, persecutes).

[37] And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a cherev, when none pursueth; and ye shall have no standing place before your enemies.

[38] And ye shall perish among the Goyim, and the etret of your enemies shall eat you up.

[39] And they that are left of you shall waste away in their avon in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their avot shall they waste away with them.

[40] V’hitvadu (if they shall confess) their avon, and the avon of their avot, with their treachery in which they were treacherous against Me, and that also they have walked bkeri (contrary, hostile) unto Me;

[41] And that I also have walked bkeri unto them, and have brought them into the eretz of their enemies; if then their levav he'arel (uncircumcised hearts) be humbled, and they then accept their avon guilt [i.e., accept the punishment of their iniquity];

[42] Then will I remember My Brit (covenant) with Ya'akov, and also My Brit (covenant) with Avraham will I remember; and I will remember HaAretz. HaAretz also shall be deserted by them, and shall enjoy her Shabbatot, while she lieth desolate without them; and they shall accept their avon [accept the punishment of their iniquity]: because, even because they despised My mishpatim, and because their nefesh abhorred My chukkot.

[43] And yet for all that, when they be in the eretz of their enemies, I will not cast them away (i.e., reject them), neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break My Brit (covenant) with them: for I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[44] But I will for their sakes remember the Brit Rishonim (covenant of their ancestors) whom I brought forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim in the sight of the Goyim, that I might be Elohim to them: I am Hashem.

[45] These are the chukkim and mishpatim and torot, which Hashem made between Him and the Bnei Yisroel in Mt. Sinai by the hand of Moshe.

[27] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[2] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When a man shall articulate a neder, the nefashot shall be for Hashem by thy evaluation.

[3] And thy evaluation shall be of the zacher from esrim shananim unto shishim shananim, even thy evaluation shall be fifty shekels kesef, after the shekel HaKodesh.

[4] And if it be a nekevah, then thy evaluation shall be shloshet shekels.

[5] And if it be from chamesh shananim unto esrim shananim, then thy evaluation shall be of the zacher esrim shekel, and for the nekevah aseret shekalim.

[6] And if it be from a month old unto chamesh shananim, then thy evaluation shall be of the zacher chamishah shekalim kesef, and for the nekevah thy evaluation shall be shloshet shekalim kesef.

[7] And if it be from shishim shananim and above, if it be a zacher, then thy evaluation shall be chamishah asar shekel, and for the nekevah asarah shekalim.

[8] But if he be poorer than thy evaluation, then he shall present himself before the kohen, and the kohen shall value him; according to the ability of the one who vowed the neder shall the kohen value him.

[9] And if it be a behemah, whereof men bring a korban unto Hashem, all that any man giveth of such unto Hashem shall be kodesh.
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[10] He shall not exchange it, nor substitute it, a tov for a rah, or rah for tov; and if he shall at all substitute behemah for behemah, then it and the substitute thereof shall be kodesh.

[11] And if it be any behemah temeiah, of which they do not offer a korban unto Hashem, then he shall present the behemah before the kohen;

[12] And the kohen shall value it, whether it be tov or rah; as thou valuest it, who art the kohen, so shall it be.

[13] But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add chamishito (a fifth part thereof) unto thy evaluation.

[14] And when a man shall set apart as kodesh his bais to be kodesh unto Hashem, then the kohen shall evaluate it, whether it be tov or rah; as the kohen shall set the value of it, so shall it remain.

[15] And if he that set it apart as kodesh will redeem his bais, then he shall add the fifth part of the kesef of thy evaluation unto it, and it shall be his.

[16] And if a man shall set apart as kodesh unto Hashem some part of a sadeh of his possession, then thy evaluation shall be according to its seeding; an area seeded by a homer of barley shall be valued at chamishim shekel kesef.

[17] If he set apart as kodesh his sadeh from the Shnat HaYovel, according to thy evaluation it shall remain.

[18] But if he set apart as kodesh his sadeh after the Yovel, then the kohen shall reckon unto him the kesef according to the shanim that remain, even unto the Shnat HaYovel, and it shall be deducted from thy evaluation.

[19] And if he that set apart as kodesh the sadeh will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the kesef of thy evaluation unto it, and it shall be his.

[20] And if he will not redeem the sadeh, or if he have sold the sadeh to ish acher (another man), it shall not be redeemed any more.

[21] But the sadeh, when it is released in the Yovel, shall be kodesh unto Hashem, as a sadeh hacherem (devoted); the possession thereof shall be the kohen's.

[22] And if a man set apart as kodesh unto Hashem a sadeh which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession [i.e., ancestral heritage],

[23] Then the kohen shall reckon unto him the worth of thy evaluation, even unto the Shnat HaYovel: and he shall give thine evaluation in that day, as kodesh unto Hashem.

[24] In the Shnat HaYovel the sadeh shall return and revert unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the Achuzzat HaAretz (Ancestral Heritage of the Land) did belong.

[25] And all thy evaluations shall be according to the shekel HaKodesh; twenty gerah shall be the shekel.

[26] Only the bechor of the behemah, which should be Hashem's Bechor, no man shall set it apart as kodesh; whether it be shor (ox), or seh (sheep): it is Hashem's.

[27] And if it be of a behemah hatemeiah, then he shall redeem it according to thine evaluation, and shall add a fifth part of it thereto; or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy evaluation.

[28] Nevertheless, no cherem (devoted thing), that a man shall devote unto Hashem of all that he hath, both of adam and behemah, and of the sadeh of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every cherem is kodesh kodashim unto Hashem.

[29] No cherem, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death.

[30] And all the maaszer HaAretz (tithe of the Land), whether of the zera HaAretz, or of the pri HaEtz, is Hashem's; it is kodesh unto Hashem.

[31] And if a man will at all redeem ought of his maaszerot (tithes), he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof.

[32] And concerning the maaszer of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be kodesh unto Hashem.

[33] He shall not search whether it be tov or rah, neither shall he change it; and if he substitute it at all, then both it and the temurah (exchange, substitute) shall be kodesh; it shall not be redeemed.

[34] These are the mitzvot, which Hashem commanded Moshe for the Bnei Yisroel in Mt. Sinai.
זחרא by their head count;

[3] From twenty years old and upward, all that are able-bodied to serve in צבאות ישראלי (army in Yisroel); thou and Aharon shall number them by their צבאות (legions).

[4] And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one רוש of the bais of his אב.

[5] And these are the השם of those that shall stand with you: of the tribe of רувן, אֵלִיצָר ובן שֵׁדֶר; שבון בֶּן תְצֻרִישַׁדַּי; נְחוּדָא בֶּן עַם מֵנָדָא; נֵטַנְאֵל בֶּן צוּר; אֵלִיאב בֶּן חָלָן;

[6] Of שִׁמֹֹוֹן, שְׁלֻומֵיִל בֶּן צְוֻרִישַׁדַּי; נאָֹהַד נְחַשׁוֹן בֶּן אָֹמְנָדָא; יִסְחָאֵר נֵטַנְאֵל בֶּן צוּר; אֵלִיאב בֶּן חָלָן;

[7] Of יְהוּדָא, נַחֲשׁוֹן בֶּן אָֹמְנָדָא; יָשָׁאֵר נֵטַנְאֵל בֶּן צוּר; אֵלִיאב בֶּן חָלָן;

[8] Of זְוֻלוּן, אְלִיאָב בֶּן חָלָן; יִסְחָאֵר נֵטַנְאֵל בֶּן צוּר; אֵלִיאב בֶּן חָלָן;

[9] Of הבני יוסף,听见 by their toldot, after their mishpekhot, by the bais of their אב, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the mishpota, one by one, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able-bodied to serve in צבאות; 40,650 of Reuven, 59,030 of Shim'on, 45,560 of Gad, 64,160 of יְהוּדָא; 54,440 of יִסְחָאֵר, 57,040 of זְוֻלוּן, 74,300 of יִסְחָאֵר, 52,000 of יִסְחָאֵר, 45,400 of יִסְחָאֵר, 57,040 of זְוֻלוּן, 74,300 of יִסְחָאֵר, 52,000 of יִסְחָאֵר, 45,400 of יִסְחָאֵר.
mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot, according to the number of the shmot, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able-bodied to serve in tzava (army);

[37] Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Binyamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

[38] Of the bnei Dan, by their toldot, after their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot, according to the number of the shmot, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able-bodied to serve in tzava (army);

[39] Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

[40] Of the bnei Asher, by their toldot, after their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot, according to the number of the shmot, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able-bodied to serve in tzava (army);

[41] Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.

[42] Of the bnei Naphtali, throughout their toldot, after their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot, according to the number of the shmot, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able-bodied to serve in tzava (army);

[43] Those that were numbered of them, even of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

[44] These are those that were numbered, which Moshe and Aharon numbered, and the nasiim (princes, rulers, exalted) of Yisroel,

being shneym asar (twelve) men, each one representing the bais of his avot.

[45] So were all those that were numbered of the Bnei Yisroel, by the bais of their avot, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able-bodied to serve in tzava (army in Yisroel);

[46] Even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

[47] But the Levi'im after the tribe of their avot were not numbered among them.

[48] For Hashem had spoken unto Moshe saying,

[49] Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the Bnei Yisroel;

[50] But thou shalt appoint the Levi'im over the Mishkan HaEdut and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that belong to it; they shall bear the Mishkan, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall take care of it, and shall encamp round about the Mishkan.

[51] And when the Mishkan setteth forward, the Levi'im shall take it down; and when the Mishkan is to be pitched, the Levi'im shall set it up; and the zar (stranger, outsider, unauthorized party) that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

[52] And the Bnei Yisroel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own machaneh (camp), and every man by his own degel (standard, banner), throughout their tzva'ot (hosts).

[53] But the Levi'im shall encamp around the Mishkan HaEdut, that there be no ketzef (wrath) fall upon the Adat Bnei Yisroel; and the Levi'im shall be shomer mishmeret (watch the watch, attend to, keep the charge, the reverence) of the Mishkan HaEdut.

[54] And the Bnei Yisroel did according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe, so did they.

2 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,

[2] The Bnei Yisroel shall encamp, each man under his own degel (standard, banner), with the otot (ensigns) of the bais of their avot; some distance from it, around the Ohel Moed must they encamp.

[3] And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the degel (standard, banner) of the machaneh of Yehudah encamp by their tzvaos: and Nachshon ben Amminadav shall be Nasi of the Bnei Yehudah.[Bereshis 49:10]

[4] And his tzva (host), and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

[5] And those that do encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Yissakhar; and Netanel ben Tzuar shall be Nasi of the Bnei Yissakhar.

[6] And his tzva (host), and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

[7] Then the tribe of Zevulun; and Eliav ben Helon shall be Nasi of the Bnei Zevulun.

[8] And his tzva (host), and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

[9] All that were numbered in the machaneh of Yehudah were an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six hundred, by their tzvaos. These shall set forth first.
|10| On the south side shall be the degel (standard, banner) of the machaneh of Reuven according to their tzvaos: and the Nasi of the Bnei Reuven shall be Elitzur ben Shedeur.  
|11| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.  
|12| And those which encamp by him shall be the tribe of Shim'on; and the Nasi of the Bnei Shim'on shall be Shelumiel ben Tzurishaddai.  
|13| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.  
|14| Then the tribe of Gad; and the Nasi of the Bnei Gad shall be Elyasaph ben Reuel.  
|15| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty.  
|16| All that were numbered in the machaneh of Reuven were an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, by their tzvaos. And they shall set forth in the second rank.  
|17| Then the Ohel Mo'ed shall set forward with the machaneh of the Levi'im in the midst of the machaneh; as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their degel.  
|18| On the west side shall be the degel of the machaneh of Ephrayim according to their tzvaos; and the Nasi of the Bnei Ephrayim shall be Elishama ben Ammihud.  
|19| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred.  
|20| And by him shall be the tribe of Menasheh; and the Nasi of the Bnei Menasheh shall be Gamli'el ben Pedaltzur.  
|21| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.  
|22| Then the tribe of Binyamin; and the Nasi of the Bnei Binyamin shall be Avidan ben Gideoni.  
|23| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.  
|24| All that were numbered of the machaneh of Ephrayim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, by their tzvaos. And they shall go forward in the third rank.  
|25| The degel (standard, banner) of the machaneh of Dan shall be on the north side by their tzvaos; and the Nasi of the Bnei Dan shall be Achiezer ben Ammishaddai.  
|26| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.  
|27| And those that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher; and the Nasi of the Bnei Asher shall be Pagiel ben Ochran.  
|28| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.  
|29| Then the tribe of Naphtali; and the Nasi of the Bnei Naphtali shall be Achira ben Enan.  
|30| And his tz'va (host), and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.  
|31| All they that were numbered in the machaneh of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall break camp last with their degel (standard, banner).  
|32| These are those which were numbered of the Bnei Yisroel by the bais of their avot; all those that were numbered of the machanot by their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.  
|33| But the Levi'im were not counted with the Bnei Yisroel; as Hashem commanded Moshe.  
|34| And the Bnei Yisroel did according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe; so they encamped by the degelim (standards, banners) of them, and so they set forward, every one after their mishpekhot, according to the bais of their avot.  

These are the toldot of Aharon and Moshe in the yom that Hashem spoke with Moshe in Mt. Sinai.  

And these are the shmot of the Bnei Aharon: Nadav the bechor, and Avihu, Elazar, and Itamar [Vayikra 10].  

And the Bnei Aharon, the kohanim hameshuchim whose hand he filled [i.e., ordained] to be kohen [Shemot 29; Vayikra 8].  

And Nadav and Avihu died before Hashem, when they offered eish zarah (unauthorized fire) before Hashem, in the midbar of Sinai, and they had no children; and Elazar and Itamar ministered in the kohen's office in the sight of Aharon their av [Vayikra 10].  

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,  

Bring the tribe of Levi near [i.e., present them as offerings are presented], and present
them before Aharon HaKohen, that they may minister unto him [i.e., help, be of service to him].

[7] And they [the Levi'im] shall be shomer mishmeret (watch the watch, keep the guard duty) for him and for the mishmeret kol HaEdah (duty of the whole Congregation) before the Ohel Mo'ed, to do avodat HaMishkan (the work, service of the Mishkan).

[8] And they shall be shomer mishmeret over kol klei Ohel Mo'ed (all the vessels, furnishings of the Ohel Mo'ed) for the Bnei Yisroel, doing the avodat HaMishkan (work of the Mishkan).

[9] And thou shalt give the Levi'im unto Aharon and to his banim; they are wholly given unto him from among the Bnei Yisroel.

[10] And thou shalt appoint Aharon and his banim; they shall be shomer to watch over their kehunah; the zar that encroach shall be put to death.

[11] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[12] And I, hinei, I have taken the Levi'im from among the Bnei Yisroel instead of all the bechor that openeth the womb among the Bnei Yisroel; therefore the Levi'im shall be Mine;

[13] Because all the bechor are Mine; for on the yom that I struck down all the bechor in Eretz Mitzrayim I set apart as kodesh unto Me all the bechor in Yisroel, both men and beast: Mine shall they be: I am Hashem.

[14] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe in the midbar of Sinai, saying,

[15] Count the Bnei Levi by the bais of their avot, by their mishpahkan; every zarchar from a month old and upward shalt thou number them.

[16] And Moshe numbered them according to the command of Hashem, as he had been commanded.

[17] And these were the Bnei Levi by their shmot: Gershon, Kehat, and Merari.

[18] And these are the shmot of the Bnei Gershon by their mishpahkan: Livni, and Shimei.

[19] And the Bnei Kehat by their mishpahkan: Amram, Yitzhar, Chevron, and Uzziel.

[20] And the Bnei Merari by their mishpahkan: Machli and Mushi. These are the mishpahkan of the Levi'im according to the bais of their avot.

[21] To Gershon belonged the mishpahkan of the Livni and the mishpahkan of the Shimei: these are the mishpahkan of the Gershoni.

[22] Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of kol zarchar (all the males), from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred.

[23] The mishpahkan of the Gershoni shall encamp behind the Mishkan westward.

[24] And the Nasi of the bais av of the Gershoni shall be Elyasaph ben Lael.

[25] And their guard duty shall be: the Aron and the Shulchan, and the Menorah, and the Mizbechot, and the vessels of HaKodesh (the Holy Place) wherewith they minister, and the curtain, and all the avodah thereof.

[26] And Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen shall be Nasi over the Nasi'ei HaLevi'im, and have the oversight of them that do guard duty over HaKodesh (the Holy Place).

[27] To Chevron belonged the mishpahkan of the Chevroni, and the mishpahkan of the Uzziel: these are the mishpahkan of the Chevroni.

[28] And the mishpahan of the Chevroni shall be Elitzaphan ben Uzziel.

[29] To Chevron belonged the mishpahkan of the Chevroni, and the mishpahkan of the Uzziel: these are the mishpahkan of the Chevroni.

[30] And the mikvei av of the mishpahkan of the Kehati shall be Elitzaphan ben Uzziel.

[31] And their guard duty shall be: the Aron and the Shulchan, and the Mizbechot, and the vessels of HaKodesh (the Holy Place) wherewith they minister, and the curtain, and all the avodah thereof.

[32] And Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen shall be over the Nasi'ei HaLevi'im, and have the oversight of them that do guard duty over HaKodesh (the Holy Place).

[33] To Chevron belonged the mishpahkan of the Chevroni, and the mishpahkan of the Uzziel: these are the mishpahkan of the Chevroni.

[34] And those that were counted of them, according to the number of all the zarchar, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred.

[35] And the Nasi bais av of the mishpahan of Chevron was Tzuriel ben Avichayil; these shall encamp on the side of the Mishkan northward.

[36] And under the guard duty charge of the Bnei Chevron shall be: the frames of the Mishkan, and the crossbars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the bases thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto,
[37] And the pillars of the khatzer round about, and their bases, and their pegs, and their cords.
[38] And those that encamp in front of the Mishkan toward the east, even in front of the Ohel Moed eastward, shall be Moshe, and Aharon and his banim, shomrim mishmeret HaMikdash (standing guard duty over the holy area) on behalf of the Bnei Yisroel; and the zar that shall encroach shall be put to death.
[39] All that were counted of the Levi'im, which Moshe and Aharon numbered at the command of Hashem, by their mishpekhot, all the zachar from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.
[40] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Count all the bechor of the zachar of the Bnei Yisroel from a month old and upward, and calculate the total by their shmot.
[41] And thou shalt take the kefesh hapeduyim of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levi'im;[42] And Moshe counted, as Hashem commanded him, all the bechor among the Bnei Yisroel.
[43] And it came about that all the bechor zahar by the number of shmot, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and three score and thirteen.
[44] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[45] Take the Levi'im instead of all the bechor among the Bnei Yisroel, and the cattle of the Levi'im instead of their cattle; and the Levi'im shall be Mine: I am Hashem.
[46] And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the bechor of the Bnei Yisroel, which are more than the Levi'im;
[47] Thou shalt even take five shekels for each one individually, after the shekel of HaKodesh shalt thou take them (the shekel is twenty gerahs)[Pe'ah 27:6];
[48] And thou shalt give the kefesh, wherewith those over and above them [the Levi'im] is to be redeemed, unto Aharon and to his banim.
[49] And Moshe took the kefesh hapeduyim of them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levi'im;
[50] Of the bechor of the Bnei Yisroel collected he the kefesh; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of HaKodesh;
[51] And Moshe gave the kefesh hapeduyim unto Aharon and to his banim, according to the command of Hashem, as Hashem commanded Moshe.

4 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,
[2] Take the census of the Bnei Kehat from among the Bnei Levi, after their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot,
[3] From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward even until chamishim shanah (fifty years old), all that enter into the tz'va (holy militia of Hashem) to do the melachah (work) in the Ohel Moed.
[4] This shall be the Avodat Bnei Kehat in the Ohel Mo'ed: kodesh hakodashim (the most holy things);
[5] And when the machaneh (camp) setteth forward,
[13] And they shall take away the ashes from the Mizbe'ach, and spread a purple cloth thereon:

[14] And they shall put upon it all the utensils thereof, wherewith they minister upon it, even the fire pans, the meathooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the Klei HaMizbe'ach; and they shall spread upon it a tachash hide covering, and put in place its poles.

[15] And when Aharon and his banim have made an end of covering HaKodesh, and all the Klei HaKodesh, as the machaneh (camp) is to set forward, after that, the Bnei Kehat shall come to bear it; but they shall not touch any kodesh, lest they die. These things are the massa (burden) of the Bnei Kehat in the Ohel Mo'ed.

[16] And to the pekuddat (oversight, office) of Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen pertaineth the Shemen HaMa'ohr (Oil of Illumination), and the incense spices, and the Minchat HaTamid (Continual Grain Offering), and the Shemen HaMishchah (Anointing Oil), and the Pekuddat Kol HaMishkan, and of all that therein is, in HaKodesh, and in the vessels thereof.

[17] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon saying,

[18] Cut ye not off the shevet (tribe) of the mishpekhot of the Kehati from among the Levirim;

[19] But this do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto kodesh hakodashim (the most holy things): Aharon and his banim shall go in, and appoint them every one to his avodah (service, ministry) and to his massa (burden);

[20] But they shall not go in to look for a single instant at hakodesh, lest they die.

[21] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[22] Take also the census of the Bnei Gershon, throughout the bais avot of them, by their mishpekhot;

[23] From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward until chamishim shanah (fifty years old) shalt thou number them; all that enter to serve the tzva (holy militia service of Hashem), to labor in the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed.

[24] This is the Avodat Mishpekhot HaGershoni, as relates to service and massa (burden):

[25] And they shall bear the curtains of the Mishkan, and the Ohel Mo'ed, its covering, and the tachash hide covering that is over the top of it, and the screen for the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed,

[26] And the hangings of the khatzer (court), and the hanging for the entrance of the sha'ar (gate) of the khatzer (court), which is around the Mishkan and around the Mizbe'ach, and their cords, and all the Klei Avodah (Utensils of Service, Ministry) of them, and all that is done for them; so shall they serve.

[27] At the appointment of Aharon and his banim shall be all the Avodat Bnei HaGershoni, in all their massa (burdens), and in all their avodah (service); and ye shall appoint unto them in mishmeret (guard duty responsibility) for all their massa (burdens).

[28] This is the Avodat Mishpekhot Bnei HaGershoni in the Ohel Mo'ed; and mishmeret (guard duty responsibility) shall be under the direction of Itamar ben Aharon HaKohen.

[29] As for the Bnei Merari, thou shalt number them after their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot;

[30] From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward until chamishim shanah (fifty years old) shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the tzva (holy militia service of Hashem), to do the work of the Avodat Ohel Mo'ed.

[31] And this is their mishmeret (guard) massa (burden), according to all their service, in the Ohel Mo'ed; the frames of the Mishkan, and the Ohel Mo'ed, and the cross-bars thereof, and the posts thereof, and bases thereof.

[32] And the posts surrounding the khatzer, and their bases, and their tent pegs, and their cords, with all their implements, and with all their service; and by shmot (names) ye shall assign the klei mishmeret (vessels of duty) massa (burdens).

[33] This is the Avodat Mishpekhot Bnei Merari, according to all their service, in the Ohel Mo'ed under the direction of Itamar ben Aharon HaKohen.

[34] And Moshe and Aharon and the Nashei HaEdah (Leaders of the Congregation) counted the Bnei HaKehati after their mishpekhot, and after the bais of their avot,

[35] From shloshim shanah (thirty years old) and upward until chamishim shanah (fifty years old) shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the tzva (holy militia service of Hashem), to do the work of the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed.

[36] And those that were numbered of them by their mishpekhot were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.
| 37 | These were they that were numbered of the mishpekhot HaKehati, all that might do service in the Ohel Mo'ed which Moshe and Aharon did number according to the command of Hashem by the hand of Moshe. |
| 38 | And those that were numbered of the Bnei Gershon, throughout their mishpekhot, and by the bais of their avot, |
| 39 | From shloshim shanah and upward even until chamishim shanah shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the tz'va (holy militia service of Hashem), to do the work of the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed. |
| 40 | Even those that were numbered of them, throughout their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot, were two thousand and sixty-three. |
| 41 | These are they that were numbered of the Mishpekhot Bnei Gershon, of all that might do service in the Ohel Mo'ed whom Moshe and Aharon numbered according to the command of Hashem. |
| 42 | And those that were numbered of the Mishpekhot Bnei Merari, throughout their mishpekhot, by the bais of their avot, |
| 43 | From shloshim shanah and upward even until chamishim shanah shalt thou number them, every one that entereth into the tz'va, to do the work of the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed. |
| 44 | Even those that were numbered of them, by their mishpekhot, were three thousand and two hundred. |
| 45 | These be those that were numbered of the Mishpekhot Bnei Merari, whom Moshe and Aharon numbered according to the command of Hashem by the hand of Moshe. |
| 46 | All those that were numbered of the Levim, whom Moshe and Aharon and the Nasi'ei Yisroel numbered, by their mishpekhot, and by the bais of their avot, |
| 47 | From shloshim shanah and upward even until chamishim shanah shalt thou number them, every one that entereth to do the Avodat Avodah (the Work of the Service, Ministry) and the Avodat Massa (Service, Ministry of the Burden) in the Ohel Mo'ed. |
| 48 | Even those that were numbered of them, were shmonat alafim vachamesh me'ot ushmonim (eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore), |
| 49 | According to the command of Hashem they were numbered by the hand of Moshe, every one according to his Avodat Avodah (Service), and according to his Massa (Burden); thus were they counted of him, as Hashem commanded Moshe. |
| 50 | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, |
| 51 | Command the Bnei Yisroel, that they put out of the machaneh every tzaru'a, and every one that hath a discharge, and whosoever is tameh lanefesh (unclean, defiled by reason of contact with a corpse), |
| 52 | Both zachar and nekevah shall ye put out, without the machaneh, to do the work of the Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed. |
| 53 | And the Bnei Yisroel, that they put out of the machaneh every tzaru'a, and every one that hath a discharge, and whosoever is tameh lanefesh (unclean, defiled by reason of contact with a corpse), |
| 54 | And the Bnei Yisroel did so, and put them outside the machaneh; just as Hashem spoke unto Moshe, so did the Bnei Yisroel. |
| 55 | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, |
| 56 | Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, When a man or woman shall commit any chattot that men commit, I'me'ol ma'al baHashem (thereby trespassing against Hashem), and feels guilty; |
| 57 | Then they shall make vidduy (confession of sin) of their chattot which they have committed; and shall make reparation in full, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him against whom they hath incurred liability. |
| 58 | But if the man have no goel unto whom reparation for the asham can be made, let the asham be recompensed unto Hashem, even to the kohen, besides the ram of the kippurim, whereby a kapporah shall be made on his behalf. |
| 59 | And every terumah of all the holy things of the Bnei Yisroel, which they bring unto the kohen, shall be his. |
| 60 | And every man's things set apart as kodesh shall be his; whatsoever any man giveth the kohen, it shall be his. |
| 61 | And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying, |
| 62 | Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, If any man's isha go aside, and commit a trespass [i.e., is unfaithful] against him, |
| 63 | And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her ish, and she become tameh secretly, and there be no ed (witness) against her, neither she be caught; |
| 64 | And a ruach kina (spirit of jealousy) come upon him, and he be jealous of his isha, and she be tameh; or if a ruach kina come upon him, and he be jealous of his isha, and she be not tameh; |
| 65 | Then shall the ish bring his isha unto the kohen, and he shall... |
bring her korban for her, the
tenth part of an ephah of
barley meal; he shall pour no
shemen upon it, nor put
incense thereon; for it is a
minchat kena‘ot (grain offering of
jealousies), a minchat
zikaron (grain offering of
memorial), bringing avon to
remembrance.

[16] And the kohen shall
bring her near, and set her
before Hashem;

[17] And the kohen shall take
mayim kedoshim in an
earththen vessel; and of the dust
that is in the floor of the
Mishkan the kohen shall take,
and put it into the mayim;

[18] And the kohen shall set
the isha before Hashem, and
unbind the hair of the isha,
and put the minchat hazikaron
in her hands, which is the
memorial (grain offering of
Jealousies); a minchat
kena‘ot (grain offering of
incense) shall he wave the
minchah before Hashem, and after
the memorial thereof,
and burn it upon the
Mizbe‘ach, and afterward shall
cause the isha to drink the
mayim.

[19] And the kohen shall put
her under oath, and say unto
the isha, If no man have lain
with thee, and if thou hast not
turned astray to tum‘a
uncleanness, impurity) with
another instead of thy
husband, be thou free from
these mei hamarim
hame‘ararim;

[20] But if thou hast turned
astray to another instead of
thy ish, and if thou be defiled,
and some man have lain with
thee other than thine ish;

[21] Then the kohen shall put
the isha under oath with the
oath of the curse; and the
kohen shall say unto the isha,
Hashem make thee an alah
oath) among thy people, when
Hashem doth make thy thigh
to waste away, and thy belly to
swell;

[22] And this mayim that
causeth the curse shall go into
thy inner parts, to make thy
belly to swell, and thy thigh to
waste away; And the isha shall
say, Omen, Omen.

[23] And the kohen shall
write these alot (curses) on a
sefer, and he shall wash them
into the mei hamarim;

[24] And he shall cause the
isha to drink the mei hamarim
hame‘ararim; and the mayim
hame‘ararim shall enter into
her, and become bitter.

[25] Then the kohen shall
take the minchat hakena‘ot
out of the yad haisha, and
shall wave the minchah before
Hashem, and offer it upon the
Mizbe‘ach:

[26] And the kohen shall take
a handful of the minchah,
even the memorial thereof,
and burn it upon the
Mizbe‘ach, and afterward shall
cause the isha to drink the
mayim.

[27] And when he hath made
her to drink the mayim, then
it shall come to pass, that, if
she be defiled, and have done
trespass [i.e., been unfaithful]
against her ish, that
the mayim hame‘ararim shall
enter into her, and become
bitter, and her belly shall
swell, and her thigh shall
waste away; and the isha shall
become a curse among her
people.

[28] And if the isha be not
defiled, but be toharah (clean);
then she shall be free, and
shall conceive zera.

[29] This is the torat
hakena‘ot (law of jealousy),
when an isha goeth astray to
another instead of her ish,
and is defiled;

[30] Or when the ruach kinah
cometh upon him, and he be
jealous over his isha, and shall
set the isha before Hashem,
and the kohen shall execute
upon her all this torah.

[31] Then shall the ish be free
from guilt from avon, and this
isha shall bear her avon.

6 And Hashem spoke
unto Moshe, saying,
[2] Speak unto the
Bnei Yisroel, and say unto
them, When either ish or isha
shall separate themselves to
vow a neder of a Nazir, to
separate themselves unto
Hashem;

[3] He shall separate himself
from yayin and shecher
(fermented drink), and shall
drink no chometz (vinegar) of
yayin, or chometz of shecher,
neither shall he drink any
grape juice, nor eat moist
grapes, or dried (i.e., raisins).

[4] Kol hayamim of his nazir
(vow as a nazir) shall he eat
nothing that is made of the
gefen hayayin, from the seeds
even to the grape-skins.

[5] Kol hayamim of the neder
of his nazir there shall no
razor come upon his head;
until hayamim be fulfilled, in
the which he separateh
himself unto Hashem, he shall
be kadosh, and shall let the
locks of the hair of his head
grow.

(abstinence) unto Hashem he
shall go not near
netesh met (dead body).

[7] He shall not make himself
tameh for his av, or for his em,
tameh for his ach, or for his achot,
when they die; because the
Nezer Elohay (Consecration of
his G-d) is upon his head.

[8] Kol yemei of his nazir
(separation) he is kadosh unto
Hashem.

[9] And if any man die very
suddenly by him, and he hath
made tameh the head of his
nezer (abstinence); then he
shall shave his head in the
yom of his tohorah, on the yom
hashemini he shall bring two
doves, or two young pigeons,
to the kohen, to the entrance
of the Ohel Mo‘ed;
[11] And the kohen shall offer the one for a chattat (sin offering), and the other for an olah (burnt offering), and make kapporah for him, because he sinned by the nefesh (dead body), and shall make kadosh his head that same day.

[12] And he shall consecrate unto Hashem the yemei of his nazir, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for an asham (trespass offering); but the yamim harishonim shall not be counted, because his nazir was tameh.

[13] And this is the Torat HaNazir, when the yamim of his nazir are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the entrance of the Ohel Mo’ed;

[14] And he shall offer his korban unto Hashem, one he-lamb of the first year tamim (without blemish) for an olah (burnt offering), and one ewe lamb of the first year temimah (without blemish) for a chattat, and one ram tamim (without blemish) for shelamim (peace offerings),

[15] And a basket of matzot, cakes of fine flour mingled with shemen, and wafers of matzot meshuchim (anointed) with oil, and their minchot (grain offerings), and their nesakhim (drink offerings).

[16] And the kohen shall bring them before Hashem, and shall offer his chattat, and his olah (burnt offering); [17] And he shall offer the ram for a zevach hashelamim (sacrifice of peace offerings) unto Hashem, with the basket of matzot; the kohen shall offer also his minchah (grain offering), and his nesekh (drink offering).

[18] And the Nazir shall shave the head of his nezer [see Ac 21:24] at the entrance of the Ohel Moed, and shall take the hair of the head of his nezer, and put it in the eish (fire) which is under the zevach hashelamim (sacrifice of peace offerings).

[19] And the kohen shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram, and one challat matzah (loaf of matzah) out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazir, after the hair of his nezer (abstinence) is shaven;

[20] And the kohen shall wave them for a wave offering before Hashem; this is kodesh for the kohen, with the breast of the wave offering and thigh of the terumah (raised-up presentation); and after that the Nazir may drink yayin.

[21] This is the Torat HaNazir who hath vowed, and of his korban unto Hashem for his nezer (abstinence), in addition to whatever else his hand shall afford, according to the neder (vow) which he vowed, so he must do after the torah of his Nazir.

[22] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[23] Speak unto Aharon and unto his Banim, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the Bnei Yisroel, saying unto them,

[24] Y’varekhekha Adonai v’yishmerekha (Hashem bless thee, and keep thee);

[25] Ya’er Adonai panav eleikha vichunekha (Hashem make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee);

[26] Yissa Adonai panav eleikha v’yasem l’kha shalom (Hashem lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee shalom).

[27] And they shall put My Shem upon the Bnei Yisroel, and I will bless them.

And it came to pass on the day that Moshe had fully set up the Mishkan, and had anointed it, and set it apart as kodesh, and all the instruments thereof, both the Mizbe’ach and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and set them apart as kodesh, [2] That the Nasiiim (Rulers) of Yisroel, heads of the Bais of their Avot, who were the Nasiiim of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered;

[3] And they brought their korban before Hashem, six covered carts, and twelve oxen; a cart for two of the Nasiiim, and for each one an ox; and they brought them before the Mishkan.

[4] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[5] Take it of them, that they may be for the service of the Ohel Mo’ed; and thou shalt give them unto the Leviim, to every man according to his service.

[6] And Moshe took the carts and the oxen, and gave them unto the Leviim.

[7] Two carts and four oxen he gave unto the Bnei Gershon, according to their service;

[8] And four carts and eight oxen he gave unto the Bnei Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Itamar ben Aharon HaKohen.

[9] But unto the Bnei Kehat he gave none, because the service of HaKodesh belonging unto them was that they should bear upon their shoulders.

[10] And the Nasiiim offered for dedicating of the Mizbe’ach in the day that it was anointed, even the Nasiiim (Rulers) offered their korban
before the Mizbe'ach.

[11] And Hashem said unto Moshe, They shall offer their korban, each Nasi on his day, for the dedicating of the Mizbe'ach.

[12] And he that offered his korban the first day was Nachshon ben Amminadav, of the tribe of Yehudah;

[13] And his korban was one silver bowl, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[14] One ladle of ten shekels of zahav, full of ketoret;

[15] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah (burnt offering);

[16] One kid of the goats for a chattat;

[17] And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Nachshon ben Amminadav.

[18] On the second day Netanel ben Tzuar, prince of Yissakhar, did offer:

[19] He offered for his korban one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[20] One ladle of zahav, full of ketoret;

[21] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah (burnt offering);

[22] One kid of the goats for a chattat;

[23] And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Netanel ben Tzuar.

[24] On the third day Eliav ben Chelon, Nasi of the Bnei Zevulun, did offer:

[25] His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[26] One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;

[27] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah (burnt offering);

[28] One kid of the goats for a chattat;

[29] And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Eliav ben Chelon.

[30] On the fourth day Elitzur ben Shedeur, Nasi of the Bnei Reuven, did offer:

[31] His korban was one silver bowl of the weight of an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[32] One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;

[33] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah (burnt offering);

[34] One kid of the goats for a chattat;

[35] And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Elitzur ben Shedeur.

[36] On the fifth day Shelumiel ben Tzurishaddai, Nasi of the Bnei Shim'on, did offer:

[37] His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[38] One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;

[39] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah (burnt offering);

[40] One kid of the goats for a chattat;

[41] And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Shelumiel ben Tzurishaddai.

[42] On the sixth day Elyasaph ben Deuel, Nasi of the Bnei Gad, offered:

[43] His korban was one silver bowl of the weight of an hundred and thirty shekels, a silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[44] One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;

[45] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah (burnt offering);

[46] One kid of the goats for a chattat;

[47] And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Elyasaph ben Deuel.

[48] On the seventh day Elishama ben Ammihud, Nasi of the Bnei Ephrayim, offered:

[49] His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;

[50] One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;

[51] One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the
first year, for an olah (burnt offering);
|52| One kid of the goats for a chattat;
|53| And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Elishama ben Ammihud.

|54| On the eighth day Gamliel ben Pedahtzur, Nasi of the Bnei Menasheh offered:
|55| His korban was one silver bowl of the weight of an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to shkel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;
|56| One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;
|57| One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah;
|58| One kid of the goats for a chattat;
|59| And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Gamliel ben Pedahtzur.

|60| On the ninth day Avidan ben Gideoni, Nasi of the Bnei Binyamin, offered:
|61| His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to shkel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;
|62| One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;
|63| One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah;
|64| One kid of the goats for a chattat;
|65| And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Avidan ben Gideoni.

|66| On the tenth day Acheizer ben Ammishaddai, Nasi of the Bnei Dan, offered:
|67| His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to shkel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;
|68| One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;
|69| One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah;
|70| One kid of the goats for a chattat;
|71| And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Acheizer ben Ammishaddai.

|72| On the eleventh day Pagiel ben Ochran, Nasi of the Bnei Asher, offered:
|73| His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to shkel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;
|74| One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;
|75| One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah;
|76| One kid of the goats for a chattat;
|77| And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Pagiel ben Ochran.

|78| On the twelfth day Achira ben Enan, Nasi of the Bnei Naphtali, offered:
|79| His korban was one silver bowl, the weight whereof was an hundred and thirty shekels, one silver basin of seventy shekels, according to shkel HaKodesh; both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a minchah;
|80| One golden ladle of ten shekels, full of ketoret;
|81| One young bull, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for an olah;
|82| One kid of the goats for a chattat;
|83| And for a zevach of shelamim, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year; this was the korban of Achira ben Enan.

|84| This was the dedication of the Mizbe'ach, in the day when it was anointed, by the Nasiim of Yisroel: twelve bowls of kesef, twelve silver basins, twelve spoons of zahav:
|85| Each bowl of silver weighing an hundred and thirty shekels, each basin seventy; all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred shekels, according to the shekel HaKodesh;
|86| The golden spoons were twelve, full of ketoret, weighing ten shekels apiece, according to the shekel HaKodesh; all the zahav of the spoons was an hundred and twenty shekels.

|87| All the oxen for the olah (burnt offering) were twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their minchah; and the kids of the goats for chattat twelve.
|88| And all the oxen for the zevach of the shelamim were twenty and four bulls, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the Mizbe'ach, after that it was anointed.
|89| And when Moshe was gone into the Ohel Mo'ed to speak with Him, then
he heard the voice of One speaking unto him from over the kapporet that was upon the Aron HaEdut, between the two keruvim; so He spoke unto him.

[BEHAALOSECHA]

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[2] Speak unto Aharon and say unto him, When thou set up the Nerot (lamps), the seven Nerot (lamps) shall cast light in front of the Menorah.
[3] And Aharon did so; he set up the Nerot (lamps) thereof to give light in front of the Menorah, as Hashem commanded Moshe.
[4] And the Menorah was made thus of hammered zahav, from its base unto its flower was it hammered out; according unto the mar’eh (pattern) which Hashem had shown Moshe, so he made the Menorah.
[5] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[6] Take the Levi'im from among the Bnei Yisroel, and make them tahor.
[7] And thus shalt thou do unto them, to make them tahor: Sprinkle water of purification upon them, and let them cause a razor to pass over their basar, and let them wash their clothes, and so make themselves tahor.
[8] Then let them take a young bull with its minchah, even fine flour mixed with shemen, and another young bull shalt thou take for a chattat.
[9] And thou shalt bring the Levi'im before Hashem; and thou shalt gather Kol Adat Bnei Yisroel together;
[10] And thou shalt bring the Levi'im before Hashem; and the Bnei Yisroel shall lay their hands upon the Levi'im; [11] And Aharon shall offer the Levi'im before Hashem for a tenufah from the Bnei Yisroel, that they may perform the Avodat Hashem.
[12] And the Levi'im shall lay their hands upon the rosh of the bulls; and thou shalt offer the one for a chattat, and the other for an olah, unto Hashem, to make kapporah for the Levi'im.
[13] And thou shalt set the Levi'im before Aharon, and before his Banim, and offer them for a tenufah unto Hashem.
[14] Thus shalt thou set apart as separate the Levi'im from among the Bnei Yisroel; and the Levi'im shall be Mine.
[15] And after that shall the Levi'im go in to do the service of the Ohel Mo'ed; and thou shalt make them tahor and offer them for a tenufah.
[16] For they are wholly given unto Me from among the Bnei Yisroel; instead of such as open every womb, even instead of the Bechor Kol Bnei Yisroel, have I taken them unto Me.
[17] For Kol Bechor Bnei Yisroel are Mine, both adam and behemah; on the day that I struck down kol bechor in Eretz Mitzrayim I set them apart as kodesh for Myself.
[18] And I have taken the Levi'im takhat (instead of) Kol Bechor Bnei Yisroel.
[19] And I have given the Levi'im as a gift to Aharon and to his Banim from among the Bnei Yisroel, to do the Avodat Bnei Yisroel in the Ohel Mo'ed; and make kapporah for the Bnei Yisroel, so that there be no plague among the Bnei Yisroel, when the Bnei Yisroel come near unto HaKodesh.
[20] And Moshe, and Aharon, and Kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, did with the Levi'im according unto all that Hashem commanded Moshe concerning the Levi'im, so did the Bnei Yisroel unto them.
[21] And the Levi'im purified themselves, and they immersed their clothes; and Aharon offered them as a tenufah before Hashem; and Aharon made kapporah for them to make them tahor.
[22] And after that went the Levi'im in to do their Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed before Aharon, and before his Banim; just as Hashem had commanded Moshe concerning the Levi'im, so did they with them.
[23] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[24] This is it that belongeth unto the Levi'im: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall enter to perform service in the Avodat Ohel Mo'ed; [25] And from the age of fifty years they shall retire from the service of the Avodah and shall serve no more; [26] But shall assist with their brethren in the Ohel Mo'ed, in performing their duties, and shall do no Avodah. Thus shalt thou do with the Levi'im regarding their duties.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe in the Midbar Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of Eretz Mitzrayim, saying,
[2] Let the Bnei Yisroel also observe the Pesach at its appointed season.
[3] In the fourteenth day of this month, at
twilight, ye shall observe it in its appointed season; according to kol chukkot of it, according to all the mishpatim thereof, shall ye observe it.

4 And Moshe spoke unto the Bnei Yisroel, that they should observe the Pesach.

5 And they observed the Pesach on the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight in the Midbar Sinai; according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe, so did the Bnei Yisroel.

6 And there were certain men, who were tame'im by the nefesh (dead body) of an adam, that they could not observe the Pesach on that day; and they came before Moshe and before Aharon on that day;

7 And those men said unto him, We are tame'im (unclean) by the nefesh of a man; but why should we be kept back, that we may not offer a korban Hashem in its appointed season among the Bnei Yisroel?

8 And Moshe said unto them, Stand still, and I will hear what Hashem will command concerning you.

9 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

10 Make thee two khatzotzerot (trumpets) of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the Edah, and for the setting out of the machanot.

11 When they shall sound them, Kol HaEdah shall assemble themselves to thee at the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed.

12 When ye sound but with one, then the Nasi'im, which are heads of Yisroel's thousands, shall gather themselves unto thee.

13 When ye sound a teruah, then the machanot that camp on the east shall go forward.

14 When ye sound a teruah the second time, then the machanot that camp on the south shall set out; they shall sound a teruah for their settings out.

15 But when the Kahal is to be gathered together, ye shall sound it, but ye shall not sound a teruah.

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your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall sound a blast on the khatzotzerot; and ye shall be remembered before Hashem Eloheichem, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

10 Also in the day of your simcha, and in your moadim, and in the Rosh-Chodesh, ye shall sound a blast on the khatzotzerot over your olot, and over the zevakhim of your shelamim; that they may be to you for a memorial reminder before Eloheichem: I am Hashem Eloheichem.

11 And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the Anan was lifted up from off the Mishkan HaEdut.

12 And the Bnei Yisroel set out in their travels from the Midbar Sinai; and the Anan rested in the Midbar Paran.

13 And they first set out according to the mouth of Hashem by the hand of Moshe.

14 First in place went the degel of the machaneh of the Bnei Yehudah according to their tzivos; and over his division was Nachshon ben Amminadav.

15 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Yissakhar was Netanel ben Tzuar.

16 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Zevulun was Eliav ben Chelon.

17 And the Mishkan was taken down; and the Bnei Gershon and the Bnei Merari set out, bearing the Mishkan.

18 And the degel of the machaneh of Reuven set out according to their tzivos (armies); and over his division was Elitzur ben Shedeur.

19 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Shim'on was Shelumiel ben Tzurishaddai.

20 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Gad was Elyasaph ben Deuel.

21 And the descendants of Kehat set out, bearing the Mikdash; and they would erect the Mishkan before their arrival.

22 And the degel of the machaneh of the Bnei Ephrayim set out according to their tzivos (armies); and over his division was Elisama ben Ammihud.

23 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Menashe was Gemalli'el ben Pedahtzur.

24 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Binyamin was Eliav ben Chelon.

25 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Menasheh was Gamali'el ben Pedahtzur.

26 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Asher was Pagiel ben Ochran.

27 And over the division of the tribe of the Bnei Naphtali was Achira ben Enan.

28 Thus was the order of march of the Bnei Yisroel according to their tzivos (armies), when they set out.

29 And Moshe said unto Chovav ben Reuel the Midyani, Moshe's khoten (father-in-law), We are traveling unto the place of which Hashem said, I will give it you: Come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for Hashem hath promised tov concerning Yisroel.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my moledet.

31 And he [Moshe] said, Leave us not, please; forasmuch as thou hast da'as how we are to encamp in the midbar, and thou mayest be to us as eyes.

32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what tov Hashem shall do unto us, the same will we share with thee.

33 And they departed from the Mountain of Hashem three days' journey; the Aron Brit Hashem went before them in the three days' derech, to search out a menuchah for them.

34 And the Anan of Hashem was upon them by day, when they set out from the machaneh.

35 And it came to pass, when Moshe and Aaron and Chovav the Midyani went up to the top of Peor, that Aaron's wife, whose name was Zipporah, the Midyani, took another husband, whose name was Sarna, the Rethinitite, of Mount Seir.

36 And the Aron Brit Hashem rested upon them in the top of Peor three days.

37 And the people cried unto Moshe; and when Moshe davened unto Hashem, the eish was quenched.

38 He called shem hamakom Taverah because the Eish Hashem burned among them.

39 And the rabble that was among them fell a-lusting; and the Bnei Yisroel also wept again, and said, If only we had basar to eat!

40 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Mitzrayim at no cost; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;

41 But now our nefesh is dried up; there is nothing at all, besides
this manna, before our eyes.
[7] And the manna was like coriander seed, and the color thereof like the color of white gum resin.
[8] And the people went about and gathered it, and ground it in handmills, or crushed it in the mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it; and the taste of it was like the taste of cakes prepared of shemen.
[9] And when the dew fell upon the machaneh in the lailah, the manna fell with it.
[10] Then Moshe heard the people wailing throughout their mishpekhot, every man in the entrance of his ohel; and the anger of Hashem was kindled greatly; Moshe also was displeased.
[11] And Moshe said unto Hashem, Why hast Thou afflicted Thy eved? And why have I not found chen (favor) in Thy sight, that Thou layest the massa (burden) of all this people upon me?
[12] Have I conceived all this people? Have I fathered them, to give unto all this people? For they wail unto me, saying, Why came we forth out of Mitzrayim? is it not to eat and to be filled?

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seventy men of the Ziknei HaAm, and officers over them; and bring them unto the Ohel Moed, that they may stand there with thee.
[17] And I will come down and speak with thee there; and I will take of the Ruach [Hakodesh] that is upon thee, and will put [Him] upon them; and they shall bear the massa HaAm (burden of the People) with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.
[18] And say thou unto the people, Set yourselves apart as kodesh against tomorrow, and ye shall eat basar; for ye have wept in the ears of Hashem, saying, Who shall give us basar to eat? For it was well with us in Mitzrayim; therefore Hashem will give you basar, and ye shall eat.
[19] Lo (not) ye shall eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days; [20] But even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that meastem (ye have rejected) Hashem Who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, Why came we forth out of Mitzrayim?
[21] And Moshe said, The people, among whom I am, are 600,000 men on foot; and Thou hast said, I will give them basar, that they may eat a whole month.
[22] Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? Or shall all the dag (fish) of the yam be gathered together for them, to suffice them?
[23] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Is the Yad Hashem cut short (i.e., limited in power)? Thou shalt see now whether My Devar shall come to pass unto thee or not.
[24] And Moshe went out, and told HaAm the divrei Hashem, and gathered the seventy men of the Ziknei HaAm, and set them round about the Ohel [Moed].
[25] And Hashem came down in an Anan, and spoke unto him, and took of the Ruach [Hakodesh] that was upon him, and gave [Him] unto the seventy Zekenim; and it came to pass, that, when the Ruach [Hakodesh] rested upon them, they prophesied, but did not continue. [See Shmuel Alef 10:6; 19:24; Ac 19:6]
[26] But there remained two of the anashim in the machaneh, the shem of the one was Eldad, and the shem of the other Medad: and the Ruach [Hakodesh] rested upon them; and they were of them that were listed, but went not out unto the Ohel [Moed]; and they prophesied in the machaneh.
[27] And there ran a young man, and told Moshe, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the machaneh.
[28] And Yehoshua Ben Nun, the mesharet Moshe, one of his chosen young men, answered and said, Moshe adoni, forbid them.
[29] And Moshe said unto him, Are you jealous for my sake? If only kol Am Hashem were neviim, and that Hashem would put His Ruach upon them [see Yoel 2:28 (3:1)]!!
[30] And Moshe went back to the machaneh, he and the Ziknei Yisroel.
[31] And there went forth a wind from Hashem, it drove in quail from the yam, brought them down over the machaneh at a height of two cubits from the ground for the distance of a day’s journey all around the machaneh.
[32] And the people stood up all that yom, and kol halailah, and all the next day, and they gathered in the quail; he that gathered least gathered ten
And Miryam and Aharon spoke against Moshe because of the Kushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Kushite woman.

[2] And they said, Hath Hashem indeed spoken only by Moshe? Hath He not spoken also by us? And Hashem heard it.

[3] (Now the man Moshe was anav me’od, above all the men which were upon the face of ha’adamah.)

[4] And Hashem spoke suddenly unto Moshe, and unto Aharon, and unto Miryam, Come out ye three unto the Ohel Mo’ed. And they three came out.

[5] And Hashem came down in an Ammud Anan, and stood in the entrance of the Ohel, and He called Aharon and Miryam; and they both came forth.

[6] And He said, Hear now My words: If there be a navi among you, I Hashem will reveal Myself unto him in a mar’ah (vision), and will speak unto him in a chulom.

[7] Avdi Moshe is not so, who is ne’eman (faithful) in all Mine Bais.

[8] With him will I speak peh el peh, plainly, and not in dark sayings; and the temuna (form) of Hashem shall he behold; why then were ye not afraid to speak against Avdi Moshe?

[9] And the anger of Hashem was kindled against them; and He departed.

[10] And the Anan departed from off the Ohel [Mo’ed]; and, hinei, Miryam became metzora’at (leprous), white as snow: and Aharon looked upon Miryam, and, hinei, she was metzora’at.

[11] And Aharon said unto Moshe, Alas, adoni, I beseech thee, let her not be as one dead, of whom the basar is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother’s womb.

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[13] And Moshe cried unto Hashem, saying, El (G-d), refah (heal) her now, I beseech thee.

[14] And Hashem said unto Moshe, If her av had but spit in her face, should she not be in disgrace seven days? Let her be exiled from the machaneh seven days, and after that let her be received in again.

[15] And Miryam was exiled from the machaneh seven days; and HaAm did not set out till Miryam was received in again.

[16] And afterward HaAm removed from Chatzerot, and encamped in the Midbar Paran.

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bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents, or in strongholds; 

[20] And what the land is, whether it be fertile or barren, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes. 

[21] So they went up, and searched the land from the midbar of Tzin unto Rechov, as men come to Chamat. 

[22] And they ascended by the south, and came unto Chevron; where Achiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the Anak, were. (Now Chevron was built seven shanim before Tzoan in Mitzrayim.) 

[23] And they came unto the Wadi Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with cluster of anavim echad, and they bore it between two upon a staff; and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 

[24] The place was called the Wadi Eshcol, because of the cluster of grapes which the Bnei Yisroel cut down from thence. 

[25] And they returned from searching of the land after arba'im days. 

[26] And they went and came to Moshe, and to Aharon, and to all the congregation of the Bnei Yisroel, unto the Midbar Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto Kol HaEdah, that we saw the Anak there. 

[29] The Amalek dwell in the eretz of the Negev; and the Chitti, and the Yevusi, and the Emori, dwell in the hills; and the Kena'ani dwell by the yam, and by the bank of the Yarden. 

[30] And Kalev silenced HaAm before Moshe, and said, Let us go up at once, and take possession of it; for we are well able to overcome it. 

[31] But the anashim that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people; for they are chazak (stronger) than we. 

[32] And they spread an evil report of HaAretz which they had explored unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, HaAretz, through which we have gone to explore it, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. 

[33] And there we saw the Nephilim, the Bnei Anak, which come of the Nephilim; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. 

[34] And Kol HaEdah talked of stoning them with avanim. And the Kavod Hashem appeared in the Ohel Mo'ed before Kol Bnei Yisroel. 

[35] Then Moshe and Aharon fell on their faces before Kol Kehal Adat Bnei Yisroel. 

[36] And Yehoshua ben Nun, and Kalev ben Yephunneh, which were of them that explored HaAretz, tore their clothes: 

[37] And they spoke unto Kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, saying, HaAretz, which we passed through to explore it, is a tovah haaretz me'od me'od. 

[38] If Hashem delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land zavat cholov udevash. 

[39] Only rebel not ye against Hashem, neither fear ye the Am HaAretz; for they are lachmeinu (our bread): their protection is departed from them, and Hashem is with us: fear them not. 

[40] But Kol HaEdah wept that night. 

[41] And Kol Bnei Yisroel murmured against Moshe and against Aharon: and the Kol HaEdah said unto them, If only we had died in Eretz Mitzrayim! Or if only we had died in this midbar! 

[42] And why hath Hashem brought us unto this land, to fall by the cherev, that nasheinu (our wives) and our children should be as plunder? Were it not better for us to go back unto Mitzrayim? 

[43] And they said one to another, Let us make a Rosh (Leader), and let us go back unto Mitzrayim. 

[44] And Moshe said unto Moshe, How long will this people treat Me with contempt? And how long will it be until they believe in Me, for all the otot which I have performed among them? 

[45] I will strike them down with dever (pestilence), and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they. 

[46] And Moshe said unto Hashem, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for Thou broughtest up this people in Thy ko'ach [might] from among them;) 

[47] And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land; for they have heard that Thou hast harmed this people, that Thou Hashem art among this people, that Thou Hashem art seen eye to eye, and that Thy Anan standeth over them, and that Thou goest before them, by day in an
Ammud Anan, and in an Ammud Eish by night.

|15| Now if Thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the Goyim which have heard the fame of Thee will speak, saying,
|16| Because Hashem was not able to bring this people into HaAretz which He promised them by oath, therefore He hath slaughtered (shachat) them in the midbar.
|17| And now, I beseech thee, let the Ko’ach Adonoi be great, according as Thou hast spoken, saying,
|18| Hashem is slow of anger, and of rav chesed, forgiving avon and peysha, and by no means exonerating the guilty, visiting the avon of the avot upon the banim unto the third and fourth generation.
|19| Selach (forgive!), I beseech thee, the avon of this people according unto the greatness of Thy chesed, just as Thou hast forgiven this people, from Mitzrayim even until now.
|20| And Hashem said, I have pardoned according to thy word [of petition]:
|21| But as surely as I live, Kol HaAretz shall be filled with the Kavod Hashem.
|22| Because all those men which have seen My kavod, and My otot (miraculous signs), which I performed in Mitzrayim and in the midbar, and have tested Me now these ten times, and have not paid heed to My voice;
|23| Surely they shall not see HaAretz which I spoke unto their avot, neither shall any of them that treated Me with contempt see it:
|24| But Avdi Kalev, because he hath a ruach acheret in him, and hath followed after Me fully, him will I bring into HaAretz whereinto he went; and his zera shall inherit it.
|25| (Now the Amaleki and the Kena’ani dwelt in the valley.) Tomorrow turn and get you into the midbar by the way of the Yam Suph.
|26| And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,
|27| How long shall I bear with this Edah Hara’ah, which murmur against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the Bnei Yisroel, which they murmur against Me.
|28| Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith Hashem, as ye have spoken in Mine ears, so will I do to you:
|29| Your corpses shall fall in this midbar; and all that were numbered of you, according to your entire mispar (number, census), from twenty years old and upward which have murmured against Me.
|30| Not one of you shall come into HaAretz, concerning which I swore to make you dwell therein, except for Kalev ben Yephunneh, and Yehoshua ben Nun.
|31| But your little ones, which ye said would be plunder, them will I bring in, and they shall know HaAretz which ye have rejected.
|32| But as for you, your corpses, they shall fall in this midbar.
|33| And your banim shall wander [wandering ro’im] in the midbar arba’im shanah, and bear [the penalty of] your whoredoms [zenut, spiritual disloyalty and rebellion], until the last of your corpses lies in the midbar.
|34| After the number of the days in which ye explored HaAretz, even arba’im, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even arba’im shanah, and ye shall know My Tenu’a (Opposition).
|35| I, Hashem, have spoken, I will surely do it unto this Kol HaEdah, that are gathered together against Me: in this midbar they shall come to an end, and there they shall die.
|36| And the anashim, which Moshe sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made Kol HaEdah to murmur against him, the ones spreading a dibbah (bad report, slander) about HaAretz,
|37| Even those anashim that did bring up the evil report of HaAretz, died by the maggefa before Hashem.
|38| But Yehoshua ben Nun, and Kalev ben Yephunneh survived of the anashim that went to explore HaAretz.
|39| And Moshe told these sayings unto Kol Bnei Yisroel: and HaAm mourned greatly.
|40| And they rose up early in the boker, and went up into the height of the hill country, saying, Behold, we are here, and will go up unto the place which Hashem hath promised: for we have sinned.
|41| And Moshe said, Why now do ye transgress the utterance of Hashem? This will not succeed.
|42| Go not up, for Hashem is not among you; that ye be not struck down before your enemies.
|43| For the Amaleki and the Kena’ani are there before you, and ye shall fall by the cherev: because ye are turned away from Hashem, therefore Hashem will not be with you.
|44| But they presumed to go up unto the ridge of the mountain: nevertheless the Aron Brit Hashem, and Moshe, departed not out of the machaneh.
|45| Then the Amaleki came down, and the Kena’ani which dwelt in that hill country, and struck them down, and put them to rout, even unto Chormah.
T.N. What have we learned so far from the Holy Bible? Some very disturbing revelations about the human condition, to be sure. We have learned that man is prone to evil (Ex 32:22), that humankind as seen from G-d’s point of view is blindly stubborn and recalcitrant against authority (Ex 32:9; 33:3,5; 34:9). Recalcitrant means hard to deal with and unyielding. But something more ominous has entered the picture in the book of Numbers. It turns out that the human condition is more depraved than we had seen in Leviticus, where out of corrupt human hearts had come sodomy (Le 18:22; 20:13), bestiality, fornication, incest, and all manner of crimes worthy of death. But now in Num chp 14 we see man himself as a proud rebel who even has the arrogance to murmur and rise up in revolt against G-d his Creator and Savior. And for this crime the death sentence comes in Num 14:29, “Your corpses shall fall in this midbar.” The wages of sin is death. See Pro 14:12: There is a derech that seemeth yashar unto an ish, but the acharit (latter end, future) thereof are the drakhim of mavet. Mavet in the midbar!

The guilty are condemned already. Already the az is falling. Already the pit is dug. Already they are condemned. Already the terror of Mt Sinai is condemning the sinner, spearing the fornicator in his tent, executing the sodomites in their bed of iniquity. Already every mouth is stopped and the whole world is brought guilty before Hashem. There is none righteous, no not one. The man who fornicates in his heart with the harlot is guilty with the man actually in her bed. In Num chapter 25, we find a Hebrew man taking a Midianite woman into his tent to ‘shack up’ with her there—that was the now very dated term once used before fornication became politically correct—‘shacking up.’ Instead of making the woman one’s wife, one makes her his whore.

But in Numbers chapter 25, only Phinhas the son of Elazar the son of Aaron the kohen was indignant. However, G-d was indignant and G-d’s plague was at the door of their tent, ready to strike the fornicators. In Numbers we see G-d’s wrath is ready to rain down on an unclean people. Every pornographic, lecherous, unclean wanton, with lust in deed or even in the imaginations of the evil heart, stands condemned already. Today we look around the prison yard of this world and witness a modern arrogant population of fornicators and homosexuals and pedophiles, brazenly bold, shamelessly parading their perversion and lasciviousness. They are careless of the condemnation of the Divine order from on High, that those who do such things will receive the death penalty they deserve.

Millions of aborted fetuses litter the alleyways of the world’s lust. With reprobate minds, modern rebels excuse their wantonness. Even though their evil deeds keep testifying against them, they remain uncontrite, unrepentant. They refuse to forsake their sin. Their wickedness should humble them, but, instead, they illegitimately accuse others, even G-d, and this goes on year after year, while they raise up an illegitimate generation of heathen offspring like themselves. And the generations of evil-doers are all the while oblivious of the fact that the death sentence has already come down from the Governor in Heaven. And the death sentence says to us one thing: condemned already! Mother and rebel daughter, condemned already! Father and rebel son, condemned already! The wrath of G-d is revealed from heaven against all fornication and debauchery.

Jeremiah saw that a terrible burning fiery Holocaust of Exile was coming on his people and on Solomon’s Temple. He saw the idolatry and spiritual harlotry of his generation, which was very much like our own evil generation. It overwhelmed him. He says, I sat alone, because of Thy hand, for Thou hast filled me with indignation. (Jer 15:17) Rav Sha’ul says to the Kehillah in Corinth, It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you. And you’re not aghast! You’re not indignant! Know you not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Malchut Hashem (the Kingdom of G-d) (1C 6:9-11)! But you are proud! Shouldn’t you have rather mourned? Do you not know to shun the fornicator so that he will wake up and realize he is already condemned to the fire of Gehinnom and must therefore flee fornication? The heart of man is deceitful above all else and desperately wicked, who can know it? (Jer 17:9) And all our righteousness is like filthy rags (Isa 64:6). Sin is like a wanton woman. Her feet go down to death, her steps lay hold of hell. We are lured to her bed of fornication by our own lusts, but in the end, her lovers are in the depths of hell,
and she is bitter as wormwood. We are abandoned to our evil desires, punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the L-rd. The wicked shall be turned into hell, into shame and everlasting contempt (Dan 12:2). Why will you die, O sinner? The sinners in Zion are afraid. Who can bear everlasting burnings? Moshiach is coming! He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. Do you not know that Moshiach came the first time mercifully to drink your portion of the wine of the wrath of G-d, the wrath you deserve? He was wounded for our transgressions, for our stubborn rebellion and uncleanness. How can you resist the G-d Who loves you and pursues you? He wants to pull you out of the fire so that you will be able to pull others out of the fire! But you are resisting Him, not realizing you are already guilty, already at the point of igniting and bursting into flames, condemned already. The fires of G-d’s wrath are already igniting in you, around you. Whoever has not believed is condemned already. Will you cry out for mercy, for clemency, for forgiveness? Do you realize and admit that you are a “dead man walking,” no matter how religious or pious you try to be? Do you understand that you deserve G-d’s chastisement, and yet in the mercy of G-d, the chastisement that brought us peace was upon Moshiach Tzidkeinu? Remember Lot’s wife. Instead of turning away in repentance and fleeing in remorse at sin, she looked back lingeringly at sin to her own destruction. Unless you repent you will all alike perish.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[2] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When ye be enter into Eretz Moshevoteichem (Land of your Homes), which I give unto you,
[3] And will make an offering by eish unto Hashem, an olah or a zevach in performing a neder, or in a nedavah or in your mo’adim, to make a re’ach nichoach unto Hashem, of the herd or of the flock;
[4] Then shall he that offereth his korban unto Hashem bring a minchah of a tenth ephah of flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of shemen.
[5] And the fourth part of a hin of yayin for a nesekh shalt thou prepare with the olah (burnt offering) or zevach, for one keves (lamb).
[6] Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a minchah two-tenths ephah of flour mixed with the third part of a hin of shemen.
[7] And for a nesekh thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of yayin, for a re’ach nichoach unto Hashem.
[8] And when thou preparest a bull for an olah (burnt offering), or for a zevach in fulfilling a vow, or shelamim unto Hashem:
[9] Then shall he bring with a bull a minchah of three-tenths ephah of flour mixed with half a hin of shemen.
[10] And thou shalt bring for a neseakh half a hin of yayin, for an offering made by eish, a re’ach nichoach unto Hashem.
[11] Thus shall it be done for one bull, or for one ram, or for a seh from the lambs, or from the goats.
[12] According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their mispar.
the knowledge of HaEdah,
that Kol HaEdah shall offer
one young bull for an olah, for
a re'ach nichoach unto
Hashem, with its minchah,
and its nesekh, according to
the mishpat, and one kid of
the goats for a chattat.
[25] And the kohen shall
make kapporah for Kol Adat
Bnei Yisroel and it shall be
forgiven them; for it is
shegagah (inadvertence); and
they shall bring their korban,
a sacrifice made by eish unto
Hashem, and their chattat
before Hashem, for their
shegagah;
[26] And it shall be forgiven
Kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, and the
ger that sojourneth among
them; seeing Kol HaAm were
in shegagah.
[27] And if any nefesh sin
through shegagah, then he
shall bring a she-goat of the
first year for a chattat.
[28] And the kohen shall
make kapporah for the nefesh
that was inadvertant, since he
sinneth by shegagah before
Hashem; to make kapporah
for him; and it shall be
forgiven him.
[29] Ye shall have one torah
for him that sinneth through
ignorance, both for him that is
born among the Bnei Yisroel,
and for the ger that sojourneth
among them.
[30] But the nefesh that
sinneth with a yad ramah
(high hand, defiantly),
whether he be born in the
land, or a ger, the same
blasphemes Hashem;
and that nefesh shall be cut
off from among his people.
[31] Because he hath
despised the Devar Hashem,
and hath broken His mitzvah,
that nefesh shall utterly be cut
off; his avon shall be upon
him.
[32] And while the Bnei
Yisroel were in the midbar,
they found a man that
gathered sticks on Shabbos.
[33] And they that found him
gathering sticks brought him
unto Moshe and Aharon, and
unto Kol HaEdah.
[34] And they put him under
custody, because it was not
declared what should be done
to him.
[35] And Hashem said unto
Moshe, The man shall be
surely put to death; Kol
HaEdah shall stone him with
avanim outside the
machaneh.
[36] And Kol HaEdah
brought him outside the
machaneh, and stoned him
with avanim, and he died; as
Hashem commanded Moshe.
[37] And Hashem spoke unto
Moshe, saying,
[38] Speak unto the Bnei
Yisroel, and bid them that
they make them tzitzis on the
corners of their garments
throughout their dorot, and
that they put upon the tzitzis
of the corners a thread of
turquoise wool;
[39] And it shall be unto you
for a tzitzit, that ye may look
upon it, and remember all the
mitzvot Hashem, and do
them; and that ye follow not
after your own lev and your
own eyes, after which ye used
to go a-whoring:
[40] That ye may remember,
and do all My mitzvot, and be
kedoshim unto Eloheichem.
[41] I am Hashem Eloheichem,
Who brought you out of
Eretz Mitzrayim, to be for you
Elohim: I am Hashem
Eloheichem.

[KORACH]

Now Korach ben
Yitzhar ben Kehat ben Levi, and
Datan and Aviram, the Bnei
Eliav, and On ben Pelet, Bnei
Reuven, became insolent;
[2] And they rose up before
Moshe, with certain of the
Bnei Yisroel, two hundred and
fifty Na'sei'ei Edah, chosen from
the assembly, men of renown;
[3] And they gathered
themselves together against
Moshe and against Aharon,
and said unto them, Ye take
too much upon you, seeing
Kol HaEdah are Kedoshim,
every one of them, and
Hashem is among them; why
then lift ye up yourselves
above the Kehal Hashem?
[4] And when Moshe heard it,
he fell upon his face;
[5] And he spoke unto Korach
and unto all his edah, saying,
In the boker Hashem will
show who are His, and who is
the kadosh; and will cause
him to come near unto Him:
even him whom He hath
chosen will He cause to come
near unto Him.
[6] This do: take you fire
pans, Korach, and all his
edah;
[7] And put eish therein, put
ketoret in them before
Hashem tomorrow; it shall be
that the man whom Hashem
doeth choose, he shall be
haKadosh; ye take too much
upon you, ye Bnei Levi.
[8] And Moshe said unto
Korach, Hear, now, ye Bnei
Levi:
[9] Seemeth it but a small
ting thing unto you, that Elohei
Yisroel hath separated you
from the Adat Yisroel, to bring
you near to Himself to do the
Avodat Mishkan Hashem, and
to stand before the Edah to
minister unto them?
[10] And He hath brought
thee near to Him, and all thy
brethren the Bnei Levi,
and seek ye the Kehunah
also?
[11] For which cause both
thou and all thy edah are
gathered together against
Hashem;
and what is Aharon, that ye murmur against him?
[12] And Moshe sent to call Datan and Aviram, the Bnei Eliav, which said, We will not come up.
[13] Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of an Eretz zavat cholov udevash, to kill us in the midbar, yet thou also keep trying to dominate us?
[14] Moreover thou hast not brought us into an Eretz zavat cholov udevash, or given us nachalah of sadeh and kerem; wilt thou gouge out the eyes of these men? We will not come up.
[15] And Moshe was very angry, and said unto Hashem, Respect not thou their minchah; I have not taken one donkey from them, neither have I wronged one of them.
[16] And Moshe said unto Korach, Be thou and all thy edah before Hashem, thou, they, and Aharon, tomorrow; and take every man his fire pan, put ketoret in them, and bring ye before Hashem every man his fire pan.
[17] So they moved back from the mishkan Korach, Datan, and Aviram, on every side; Datan and Aviram came out, and stood in the entrance of their tents, their wives, their banim, and their little ones.
[18] And Moshe said, Hereby ye shall know that Hashem hath sent me to do all these ma’asim; for I have not done them of mine own will.
[19] If these men die the common death of kol haAdam, or if they be visited after the visitation of kol haAdam, then Hashem hath not sent me.
[20] But if Hashem creates a new thing, and haadamah open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down chayyim into Sheol; then ye shall have da’as that these men have spurned Hashem.
[21] And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these devarim, that haadamah split asunder that was under them:
[22] And they fell upon their faces, and said, El Elohei HaRuchot L’Chol Basar, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be angry with Kol HaEdah?
[23] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[24] Speak unto HaEdah, saying, Get you up away from the mishkan Korach, Datan, and Aviram.
[25] And Moshe rose up and went unto Datan and Aviram; and the Ziknei Yisroel followed him.
[26] And he spoke unto HaEdah, saying, Move back, now, from the tents of these resha’im, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their chattot.
[27] If these men die the common death of kol haAdam, or if they be visited after the visitation of kol haAdam, then Hashem hath not sent me.
[28] But if Hashem creates a new thing, and haadamah open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down chayyim into Sheol; then ye shall have da’as that these men have spurned Hashem.
[29] And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these devarim, that haadamah split asunder that was under them:
[30] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,
[31] Separate yourselves from among this edah, that I may consume them in a moment.
[32] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,
[33] And they, and all that were of them, went down chayyim into Sheol, and haaretz closed over them; and they perished from the midst of the Kahal.
[34] And Kol Yisroel that were round about them fled at the cry of them, for they said, Lest haaretz swallow us up also.
[35] And there came out from Hashem an eish, and consumed the 250 men that offered ketoret.
[36] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe saying,
[37] Speak unto Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen that he take up the fire pans out of the burning, and scatter thou the eish yonder; for they are set apart as kodesh.
[38] The fire pans of these chatta’im against their own nefashot, let them make them hammered-out sheets for a covering of the Mizbe’ach: for they offered them before Hashem, therefore they became kadosh; and they shall be an ot unto the Bnei Yisroel.
[39] And Elazar HaKohen took the bronze fire pans, wherewith they that were burned had offered; and they made hammered-out sheets for an overlay of the Mizbe’ach:
[40] To be a memorial reminder unto the Bnei Yisroel, that no zar, which is not of the zera Aharon, encroach to offer ketoret before Hashem; that he be not as Korach, and as his edah, as Hashem said to him by the hand of Moshe.
[41] But the next day Kol Adat Bnei Yisroel murmured against Moshe and against Aharon, saying, Ye have killed the Am Hashem.
[42] And it came to pass, when HaEdah was gathered against Moshe and against Aharon, that they looked toward the
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Ohel Mo'ed; and, hinei, the Anan covered it, and the Kavod Hashem appeared.
|43 (17:8)| And Moshe and Aharon came before the Ohel Mo'ed.
|44 (17:9)| And Hashem spoke unto Moshe saying,
|45 (17:10)| Get you away from among this edah, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces.
|46 (17:11)| And Moshe said unto Aharon, Take a fire pan, and put eish therein from off the Mizbe'ach, and put ketoret, and go quickly unto HaEdah, and make kapporah for them; for there is Ketzef (Wrath) gone out from Hashem; the plague is begun.
|47 (17:12)| And Aharon took as Moshe commanded, and ran into the midst of the Kahal; and, hinei, the plague was begun among HaAm: and he offered ketoret, and made kapporah for them.
|48 (17:13)| And he stood between the mesim and the chayyim; and the plague was stopped.
|49 (17:14)| Now they that were the mesim in the maggefaḥ (plague) were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, in addition to those who were mesim by reason of Korach.
|50 (17:15)| And Aharon returned unto Moshe unto the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed; and the plague was stayed.

17 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
|2 (17:17)| Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the Bais Av, of all their Nasiim according to the Bais of their Avot twelve rods; write thou every man's shem upon his matteh (rod, staff).
|3 (17:18)| And thou shalt write shem Aharon upon the rod of Levi; for one rod shall be for the Rosh of the Bais of their Avot.
|4 (17:19)| And thou shalt lay them up in the Ohel Mo'ed before HaEdut, where I will meet with you there.
|5 (17:20)| And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall sprout; and I will rid Myself of the murmurings of the Bnei Yisroel, whereby they murmur against you.
|6 (17:21)| And Moshe spoke unto the Bnei Yisroel, and every one of their Nasiim gave him a rod apiece, for each nasi one, according to their Bais Avot, even twelve rods; and the rod of Aharon was among their rods.
|7 (17:22)| And Moshe laid up the rods before Hashem in the Ohel HaEdut.
|8 (17:23)| And it came to pass, that the next day Moshe entered into the Ohel HaEdut; and, hinei, the rod of Aharon for the Bais Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds.
|9 (17:24)| And Moshe brought out all the rods from before Hashem unto Kol Bnei Yisroel; and they looked, and took every man his rod.
|10 (17:25)| And Hashem said unto Moshe, Bring Aharon's rod again before HaEdut, to be kept for an ot (sign) against the rebels; and thou shalt quite put an end to their murmurings against Me, that they die not.
|11 (17:26)| And Moshe did so; as Hashem commanded him, so did he.
|12 (17:27)| And the Bnei Yisroel spake unto Moshe, saying, See, we die, we perish, we will all perish.
|13 (17:28)| Whoever even encroaches upon the Mishkan Hashem shall die. Shall we be consumed with dying?

18 And Hashem said unto Aharon, Thou and thy Banim and thy Bais Av with thee shall bear the avon (guilt) of the Mikdash; and thou and thy Banim with thee shall bear the avon of the kehunah of you [see Ya 3:1].
|2| And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the Shevet Avicha, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee; while thou and thy Banim with thee are before the Ohel HaEdut.
|3| And they shall stand your guard duty, and the duty of Kol HaOhel; only they shall not come near the Klei HaKodesh and the Mizbe'ach, that neither they, nor ye also, die.
|4| And they shall be joined unto thee, and stand guard duty of the Ohel Mo'ed, for kol Avodat HaOhel; and a zar shall not encroach unto you.
|5| And ye shall stand guard of HaKodesh, and stand guard of the Mizbe'ach; that there be no Ketzef (Wrath) any more upon the Bnei Yisroel.
|6| And I, hinei, I Myself have taken your brethren the Levi'im from among the Bnei Yisroel; to you they are given as a mattanah (gift) to Hashem, to do the Avodat HaMishkan.
|7| Therefore thou and thy Banim with thee shall be shomer over your Kehunah with everything of the Mizbe'ach, and within the Parochet; and ye shall do the Avodas service: I have given your Kehunah unto you as an avon (guilt) of Mattanah; and the zar (unauthorized one) that
shall encroach thou shalt be put to death.

[8] And Hashem spoke unto Aharon, Hinei, I also have given thee the charge of Mine terumot of kol Kodoshei Bnei Yisroel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the moshchah (kohen's allotted portion), and to thy Banim, as a chok olam.

[9] This shall be thine of the kodesh hakodashim, reserved from the eish; every korban of theirs, every minchah of theirs, and every chattat of theirs which they shall render unto Me, shall be kodesh kodashim for thee and for thy Banim.

[10] As the kodesh hakodashim shalt thou eat it; every zachar shall eat it; it shall be kodesh unto thee.

[11] And this is thine; the terumah of their gift, with all the tenufot Bnei Yisroel; I have given them unto thee, and to thy banim and to thy banot with thee, by a chok olam; every one that is tahor in thy Bais shall eat of it.

[12] All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the grain, the reshit (firstfruit) of them which they shall offer unto Hashem, them have I given thee.

[13] And whatsoever is Bikkurim in the land, which they shall bring unto Hashem, shall be thine of the land; every one that is tahor in thy Bais shall eat of it.

[14] Every cherem in Yisroel shall be thine.

[15] Every thing that openeth the womb in all basar, which they bring unto Hashem, whether it be of adam or behemah, shall be thine; nevertheless the bechor haadam shalt thou surely redeem, and the bechor habehemah hatame'ah shalt thou redeem.

[16] And those that are to be redeemed from a month old shall be redeemed, according to thine evaluation, for the five silver shekelim, according to the shekel HaKodesh, which is twenty gerah.

[17] But the bechor of a cow, or the bechor of a sheep, or the bechor of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are kodesh; thou shalt sprinkle their dahm upon the Mizbe'ach, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by eish, for a re'ach nichoach unto Hashem.

[18] And the basar of them shall be thine, like the breast of the tenufah and like the right thigh are thine.

[19] All the terumot hakodashim, which the Bnei Yisroel offer unto Hashem, have I given thee, and thy banim and thy banot with thee, by a chok olam before Hashem unto thee and to thy zera with thee.

[20] And Hashem spoke unto Aharon, Thou shalt have no nachalah in their land, neither shalt thou have any chelek among them; I am thy chelek and thy nachalah among the Bnei Yisroel.

[21] And, hinei, I have given the Bnei Levi all the ma'aser (tithe) in Yisroel for a nachalah, for their Avodah which they serve, even the Avodat Ohel Mo'ed.

[22] Neither must the Bnei Yisroel henceforth come near the Ohel Mo'ed; lest they bear chet, and die.

[23] But the Levi'im shall perform the Avodat Ohel Mo'ed, lest they shall nasa (bear) their avon; it shall be a chukkat olam throughout your dorot, that among the Bnei Yisroel they have no nachalah.

[24] But the ma'aser of the Bnei Yisroel, which they offer as a terumah unto Hashem, I have given to the Levi'im as a nachalah; therefore, I have said unto them, Among the Bnei Yisroel they shall have no nachalah.

[25] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

[26] Thus speak unto the Levi'im, and say unto them, When ye take of the Bnei Yisroel the ma'aser which I have given you from them for your nachalah, then ye shall raise up a terumah of it for Hashem, even a ma'aser of the ma'aser.

[27] And this your terumah shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fulness of the winepress.

[28] Thus ye also shall offer a terumat Hashem of all your ma'aserot, which ye receive of the Bnei Yisroel; and ye shall give thereof terumat Hashem to Aharon HaKohen.

[29] Out of all your mattenot ye shall offer every terumat Hashem, of all the best thereof, even the set apart as kodesh part thereof out of it.

[30] Therefore, thou shalt say unto them, When ye have raised up the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levi'im as the increase of the threshing floor, and as the increase of the winepress.

[31] And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your Bais: for it is your sachar for your Avodah in the Ohel Mo'ed.

[32] And ye shall bear no chet by reason of it, when ye have raised up from it the best of it; neither shall ye desecrate the Kodshei Bnei Yisroel, lest ye die.
And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Aharon, saying,

2 This is the chukkat hatorah which Hashem hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, that they bring thee a completely red female cow (that has not produced a calf), wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came ol (yoke):

3 And ye shall give her unto Elazar HaKohen, that he may bring her forth outside the machaneh, and one shall slaughter (shachat) her before his face;

4 And Elazar HaKohen shall take of her dahm with his finger, and sprinkle of her dahm directly before the Ohel Mo’ed seven times;

5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her hide, and her basar, and her dahm, with her dung, shall he burn;

6 And the kohen shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and crimson thread, and cast it into the midst of the burning heifer.

7 Then the kohen shall wash his clothes, and he shall immerse his basar in mayim, and afterward he shall come into the machaneh, and the kohen shall be tamei until the erev.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes, and he shall immerse his basar in mayim, and shall be tamei until the erev.

9 And a man that is tahor shall gather up the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be tamei until the erev; and it shall be unto the Bnei Yisroel, and unto the ger that sojourneth among them, for a chukkat olam.

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be tamei shivat yamim.

12 He shall make himself tahor with it on the Yom HaShelishi, and on the seventh day he shall be tahor; but if he does not make himself tahor on the Yom HaShelishi, then the seventh day he shall not be tahor.

13 Whosoever toucheth the body of any man that is dead, and maketh not himself tahor, makes tamei the Mishkan Hashem; and that nefesh shall be cut off from Yisroel; because the water of sprinkling was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be tamei.

14 This is the torah, when a man dieth in an ohel, all that come into the ohel, and all that is in the ohel, shall be tamei seven days.

15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is tamei.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a cherev in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a kever, shall be tamei seven days.

17 And for one who is tamei they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the purification [animal], and running mayim shall be put thereto in a vessel;

18 And an ish tahor shall take hyssop, and dip it in the mayim, and sprinkle it upon the ohel, and upon all the vessels, and upon the nefashot that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a kever;

19 And the tahor (clean person) shall sprinkle upon the tamei on the Yom HaShelishi, and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he shall make himself tahor, and wash his clothes, and immerse himself in mayim, and shall be tahor at erev [T.N. On the messianic mikveh see Co 2:11-12].

20 But the man that shall be tamei, and shall not purify himself, that nefesh shall be cut off from among the Kahal, because he hath contaminated the Mikdash Hashem; the water of sprinkling hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is tamei.

21 And it shall be a chukkat olam unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of sprinkling shall immerse his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of sprinkling shall be tamei until erev.

22 And whatsoever the tamei person toucheth shall be tamei; and the nefesh that toucheth it shall be tamei until erev.

Then came the Bnei Yisroel, even the kol HaEdah into the Midbar of Tzin in the first month; and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miryam died there, and was buried there.

2 And there was no mayim for the Edah; and they gathered themselves together against Moshe and against Aharon.

3 And the people contended with Moshe, and spoke, saying, If only we had died when our brethren died before Hashem!

4 And why have ye brought up the Kahal Hashem into this midbar, that we and our livestock should die here?

5 And why have ye made us to come up out of Mitzrayim, to bring us in unto this evil place?
It is no place of zera (grain), or of teenah (fig), or of gefen (grapevine), or of pomegranates; neither is there any mayim to drink.

6 And Moshe and Aharon went from the presence of the Kahal unto the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed, and they fell upon their faces; and the kavod Hashem appeared unto them.

7 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

8 Take the rod and gather thou the Edah together, thou and Aharon thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth its mayim, and thou shalt bring forth to them mayim out of the rock; so thou shalt give the Edah and their beasts drink.

9 And Moshe took the rod from before Hashem, just as He commanded him.

10 And Moshe and Aharon gathered the Kahal together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye morim (rebels, contentious ones); must we fetch you mayim out of this rock?

11 And Moshe lifted up his hand, and with his rod he struck the rock twice; and the mayim came out abundantly, and the Edah drank, and their beasts also.

12 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and Aharon, Because ye believed Me not, to honor Me as kadosh in the eyes of the Bnei Yisroel, therefore ye shall not bring this Kahal into HaAretz which I have given them.

13 These were the Waters of Merivah (Quarreling); because the Bnei Yisroel quarreled with Hashem, and He showed Himself kadosh among them.

14 And Moshe sent messengers from Kadesh unto the melech of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Yisroel, etc.

15 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with a large army, and with a yad chazakah.

16 Thus Edom refused to give Yisroel passage through his border; wherefore Yisroel turned away from him.

17 And the Bnei Yisroel journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto Mt Hor.

18 And Hashem spoke unto Moshe and Aharon in Mt Hor, saying,

19 Aharon shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into HaAretz which I have given unto the Bnei Yisroel, because ye rebelled against My word at the Waters of Merivah.

20 Take Aharon and Elazar bno, and bring them up unto Mt Hor;

21 And when the melech of Arad the Kena'ani, which dwelt in the Negev, heard that Yisroel came by the Derech HaAtarim; then he fought against Yisroel, and took some of them prisoners.

22 And Yisroel vowed a neder unto Hashem, and said, If Thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities.

23 And Hashem paid heed to the kol Yisroel, and delivered up the Kena'ani; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities; and the place was named Chormah (Utter Destruction).

24 Aharon shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into HaAretz which I have given unto the Bnei Yisroel, because ye rebelled against My word at the Waters of Merivah.

25 And Aharon and Elazar bno, and bring them up unto Mt Hor;

26 And strip Aharon of his garments, and put them upon Elazar bno; and Aharon shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

27 And Moshe did as Hashem commanded; and they went up into Mt Hor in the sight of Kol HaEdah.

28 And Moshe stripped Aharon of his garments, and put them upon Elazar bno; and Aharon died there on the top of the mount; and Moshe and Elazar came down from the mount.

29 And when Kol HaEdah saw that Aharon was dead, they mourned for Aharon shloshim yom, even Kol Bais Yisroel.
the nefesh haAm was much impatient because of the way.

[5] And the people spoke against Elohim, and against Moshe, Why have ye brought us up out of Mitzrayim to die in the midbar? For there is no lechem, neither is there any mayim; and our nefesh loatheth this wretched lechem.

[6] And Hashem sent fiery nechashim among the people, and they bit the people; and Am rav miYisroel died.

[7] Therefore HaAm came to Moshe, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against Hashem, and against thee; pray unto Hashem that He take away the Nachash from us. And Moshe davened for the people.

[8] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Make thee a fiery serpent, set it upon a pole; and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

[9] And Moshe made a nachash of nechoshet, put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a nachash had bitten any man, when he looketh upon the nachash hanechoshet, then he lived.

[10] And the Bnei Yisroel set out, and encamped in Ovot.

[11] And they journeyed from Ovot, and encamped at Iyei-HaAvarim, in the midbar which is before Moav, toward the mizrach hashemesh.

[12] From thence they went to Beer; that is the Well whereof Hashem spoke unto Moshe, Gather the people together, and I will give them mayim.

[13] And Yisroel sang this shirah (song), Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it.


[15] And at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the site of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moav.

[16] And from thence they went to Beer; that is the Well whereof Hashem spoke unto Moshe, Gather the people together, and I will give them mayim.

[17] Then Yisroel sang this shirah (song), Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it.

[18] And the sarim (princes) dug the well, the nobles of the people dug it, by the direction of the Mechokek (Lawgiver), with their rods. And from the midbar they went to Mattanah;

[19] And from Mattanah to Nachaliel; and from Nachaliel to Bamot;

[20] And from Bamot in the valley, that is in the country of Moav, to the top of Pisghah, overlooking the surface of the wasteland.

[21] And Yisroel sent messengers unto Sichon Melech HaEmori, saying,

[22] Let me pass through thy land; we will not turn into the fields, or into the kerem (vineyards); we will not drink of the waters of the well, but we will go along by the Derech HaMelech until we be past thy borders [Yn 14:6].

[23] And Sichon would not suffer Yisroel to pass through his border; but Sichon gathered all his army together, and went out against Yisroel into the midbar; and he came to Yahatz and fought against Yisroel.

[24] And Yisroel struck down him with the edge of the cherev, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Yahbok, even unto the Bnei Ammon; for the border of the Bnei Ammon was fortified.

[25] And Yisroel took all these cities; Yisroel dwelt in all the cities of the Emori, in Cheshbon, and in all the villages thereof.

[26] For Cheshbon was the city of Sichon Melech HaEmori, who had fought against the former king of Moav, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon.

[27] Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come into Cheshbon, let the city of Sichon be built and prepared;

[28] For there is a fire gone out of Cheshbon, a flame from the city of Sichon; it hath consumed Ar of Moav, and citizens of the heights of Arnon.

[29] Woe to thee, Moav! Thou art undone, O people of Kemosh; he hath given his banim as fugitives, and his banot, captives unto Sichon Melech Emori.

[30] Down they have been cast; Cheshbon is perished even unto Divon, and we have laid them waste even unto Nophach, which reacheth unto Meideva.

[31] Thus Yisroel dwelt in Eretz HaEmori.

[32] And Moshe sent to spy out Yazer, and they took the villages thereof, and drove out HaEmori that were there.

[33] And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan; and Og Melech HaBashan went out against them, he, and all his army, to the battle at Edrei.

[34] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, all his army, his land; thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sichon Melech HaEmori, which dwelt at Cheshbon.

[35] So they struck him down, and his banim, and all his army, until there was none alive left to him; and they possessed his land.
And the Bnei Yisroel set forward, and encamped in the plains of Moav on the bank of the Yarden by Yericho.

And Balak ben Tzippor saw all that Yisroel had done to the Emori.

And Moav was exceedingly afraid of the people, because they were many; and Moav was filled with dread because of the Bnei Yisroel.

And Moav said unto the Ziknei Midyan, Now shall this kahal lick up all that are round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the sadeh. And Balak ben Tzippor was Melech of Moav at that time.

He sent malachim (messengers) therefore unto Balaam ben Beor to Petor, which is by the River [Euphrates] in his native land, to summon him, saying,

Hinei, there is a people come out of Mitzrayim; hinei, they cover the face of ha'aretz; and they are settling next to me; Come therefore, please, curse for me this people; perhaps I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.

And Balaam said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people; for baruch hu (it [the people] is blessed). And Balaam rose up in the boker, and said unto the sarim of Balak, Go back to your land; for Hashem refuseth to give me permission to go with you.

And the sarim of Moav rose up in the boker, and said unto the sarim of Balak, Go back to your land; for Hashem refuseth to give me permission to go with you.

And Balaam sent yet again sarim, more, and more distinguished than they. And Balaam rose up in the boker, and said unto the sarim of Balak, Go back to your land; for Hashem refuseth to give me permission to go with you.

But the Af Elohim (G-d’s anger) was kindled as he was going; and the Malach Hashem stood in the derech (road) l’satan (for an adversary, opposer) against him. Now he was riding upon his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

And the donkey saw the Malach Hashem standing in the derech, and his cherev drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned off the derech, and went into the sadeh; and Balaam beat the donkey, to turn her back onto the derech.

But the Malach Hashem stood in the closed-in path among the kramim (vineyards), a wall being on this side, a wall on that side. And when the donkey saw the Malach Hashem, she lay down under Balaam; and af Balaam was kindled, and he beat the donkey with his staff.

And Balaam answered and said unto the avadei Balak, If Balak would give me his palace full of kesef and zahav, I cannot go beyond the Devar Hashem Elohai, to do ketanah or gedolah.

Now, therefore, please, tarry ye also here this night, that I may have da’as of what more Hashem will say unto me.

And it was lailah when Elohim came unto Balaam, and said unto him, Since the men come to summon thee, rise up and go with them; but only the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

And Balaam rose up in the boker, and saddled his donkey, and went with the sarim (princes) of Moav.

But the Af Elohim (G-d’s anger) was kindled as he was going; and the Malach Hashem stood in the derech (road) l’satan (for an adversary, opposer) against him. Now he was riding upon his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

And the donkey saw the Malach Hashem standing in the derech, and his cherev drawn in his hand; and the donkey turned off the derech, and went into the sadeh; and Balaam beat the donkey, to turn her back onto the derech.

But the Malach Hashem stood in the closed-in path among the kramim (vineyards), a wall being on this side, a wall on that side. And when the donkey saw the Malach Hashem, she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam’s regel against the wall; and he beat her again.

And the Malach Hashem went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no derech to turn either to the right or to the left.

And when the donkey saw the Malach Hashem, she lay down under Balaam; and af Balaam was kindled, and he beat the donkey with his staff.

And Hashem opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast beaten me these shalosh regalim (three times)?
And Balaam answered the donkey, Because thou hast mocked me; If only there were a cherev in mine hand, would I have killed thee.

And the donkey said unto Balaam, Because thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? Was I ever accustomed to do so unto thee? And he said, Loh.

Then Hashem opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Malach Hashem standing in the derech, and his cherev drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head, and fell facedown.

And the Malach Hashem said unto him, Why hast thou beaten thine donkey these shalosh regalim? Hinei, I came l'satan (as adversary, opposer) to thee, because thy derech is perverse before me; and she not turned from me, surely now also I would have slain thee, and saved her alive.

And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here shivah mizbechot, and prepare for me here shivah bulls and shivah rams.

And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on each mizbeach a bull and a ram.

And he took up his mashal, and said, Balak Melech Moav hath brought me from Aram (Syria), out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse for me Yaakov, and come, denounce Yisroel.

How shall I curse, whom El hath not cursed? Or how shall I denounce, whom Hashem hath not denounced?

For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the heights I behold him; see, the people shall live apart, and shall not be reckoned among the Govim.

Who can count the dust of Yaakov, and the number of the fourth part of Yisroel? Let my nefesh die the death of the yesharim (righteous ones), and let my latter end be like his!

And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I brought thee to curse mine enemies, and, hinei, thou hast altogether put a brocha on them.

And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which Hashem hath put in my mouth?

And he brought him into the sadeh of Tzophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built shivah mizbechot, and offered a bull and a ram on each mizbe'ach.

And he said unto Balak, Stand by thy olah, while I meet Hashem over there.

And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto the city of Moav at the Arnon border, which is in the farthest point of the boundary.

And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to summon thee? Why camest thou not unto me? Am I not able indeed to honor thee?

And Balaam said unto Balak, Hinei, I am come unto thee; have I now any power at all to say anything? The devar (word, message) which Elohim putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.

And Balaam said unto Balak, and they came unto Kiryat Chutzot.

And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the sarim that were with him.

And it came to pass on the next day, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up on the high places of Baal, that thence he might see a portion of HaAm.

And Balak said unto Balaam, How shall I curse, whom El hath not cursed? Or how shall I denounce, whom Hashem hath not denounced?

And Balak said unto Balak, Stand by thy olah, and I will go; perhaps Hashem will come to meet me; and whatsoever He showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a barren height.

And Elohim met Balaam, and I have prepared shivah hamizbechot, and I have offered upon each mizbeach a bull and a ram.

And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy olah, and I will go; perhaps Hashem will come to meet me; and whatsoever He showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a barren height.

And Elohim met Balaam, and I have prepared shivah hamizbechot, and I have offered upon each mizbeach a bull and a ram.

And Hashem put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak.

And he returned unto him, and, hinei, he stood by his olah, he, and all the sarim of Moav.

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El is not an ish, that He should lie; neither a ben adam, that He should change His mind; hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not carry it out?

Hinei, I have received commandment to make brocha; and He hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.

He hath not beheld aven in Ya'akov, neither hath He seen amal (trouble) in Yisroel. Hashem Elohav is with him, and the [jubilant] shout of a melech is about him.

El brought them out of Mitzrayim; He is for them like the strength of a wild ox.

Surely there is no nachash (augury) in Ya'akov; neither is there any kesem (divination, looking for omens) but he set his face toward hamidbar.

And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Yisroel encamped according to their Shevatim; and the Ruach Elohim came upon him.

And when Balaam saw that it was tov in the eyes of Hashem to bless Yisroel, he went not, as at other times, to use nechashim (sorceries, divination, looking for omens) but he set his face toward hamidbar.

He shall pour the [rainfall] mayim out of his buckets, and his zera shall have mayim rabbim, and his Melech shall be more exalted than Agag, and Malchuso (His Kingdom) shall be upraised.

And Balak said unto Balaam, Build me here shivah mizbe'achot, and prepare here shivah bulls and shivah rams for me.

And Balak did as Balak had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each mizbe'ach.

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[24] See, the people shall rise up as a lioness, and lift up himself as an ari; he shall not lie down until he devours the prey, and drinks the dahm of the slain.

[25] And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor at all make a brocha on them.

[26] But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Did I not tell thee, saying, All that Hashem speaketh, that I must do?

[27] And Balak said unto Balaam, Come now, I will bring thee unto another place; perhaps it will please HaElohim that thou mayest curse them for me from there.

[28] And Balak brought Balaam unto the top of Peor, that overlooks Yeshimon.

[29] And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here shivah mizbe'achot, and prepare here shivah bulls and shivah rams for me.

[30] And Balak did as Balak had said, and offered a bull and a ram on each mizbe'ach.

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strike through the temples (i.e., sides of the head) of Moav, and destroy all the Bnei Shet.
[18] And Edom shall be a possession; Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; but Yisroel shall do valiantly.
[19] Out of Ya'akov shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the Ir.
[20] And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his mashal, and said, Amalek was the reshit of the Goyim; but his acharit (latter end) shall be that unto destruction.
[21] And he looked on the Keini (Kenites), and took up his mashal, and said, Strong is thy moshav (dwelling place), and thou puttest thy ken (nest) in a rock.
[22] Nevertheless Kayin shall be for burning, while Asshur (Assyria) shall carry thee away captive.
[23] And he took up his mashal, and said, Oy, who shall live when El doeth this?
[24] And ships shall come from the coast of Kittim (Cyprus), and shall afflict Asshur (Assyria), and shall afflict Ever (i.e., Region beyond the River [Euphrates]), and he also shall be unto destruction.
[25] And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his makom (place, home); and Balak also went his way.

25 And Yisroel was staying in Sheetim, and HaAm began to commit whoredom with the Banot Moav.
[2] And they invited the people unto the zevakhim of their g-ds; and the people did eat and bowed down to their g-ds.
[3] And Yisroel joined himself unto Baal-Peor [see Num.23:28]; and the Af Hashem was kindled against Yisroel.
[4] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Take Kol Rashei HaAm, and kill them, hanging them [on a tree, stake], before Hashem against the shemesh, that the fierce Af Hashem (Anger of Hashem) may be turned away from Yisroel.
[5] And Moshe said unto the shofetim of Yisroel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baal-Peor.
[6] And, hinei, one of the Bnei Yisroel came and brought unto his brethren a woman from Midyan before the eyes of Moshe, and before the eyes of Kol Adat Bnei Yisroel, who were weeping before the entrance of the Ohel Mo'ed.
[7] And when Pinchas ben Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen saw it, he rose up from among HaEdah, and took a romach (spear) in his yad;
[8] And he went after the ish Yisroel into the inner tent, and thrust through both of them, the ish Yisroel, and the isha through her belly. So the maggefah (plague) was stopped from the Bnei Yisroel.
[9] And those that were the mesim (dead ones) in the maggefah (plague) were twenty and four thousand.

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[11] Pinchas ben Elazar ben Aharon HaKohen, hath turned My wrath away from the Bnei Yisroel, when he had kanous (zealousness) with My kanous among them, that I consumed not the Bnei Yisroel in My kina (jealousy, zeal, vengeance).
[12] Therefore say, Hineni, I am making unto him My Brit (Covenant) of Shalom;
[13] And he shall have it, and his zera after him, even the Brit Kehunat Olam; because he had kanous for Elohay, and made kapporah for the Bnei Yisroel.
[14] Now the shem of the ish Yisroel that was slain, even that was slain with the woman from Midyan, was Zimri ben Salu, a nasi of one of the beit avot from the tribe of Shimon.
[15] And the shem of the isha from Midyan that was slain was Kozbi bat Tzur; he [Tzur] was rosh over the people in one of the clans of Midyan.
[16] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying.
[17] Be hostile toward the Midyanim, and strike them;
[18] For they are hostile toward you with their wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Kozbi bat Nasi Midyan, their achat, which was slain in the yom of the maggefah that resulted from Peor.

26 And it came to pass after the maggefah (plague), that Hashem spoke unto Moshe and unto Elazar Ben Aharon HaKohen, saying,
[2] Take the rosh (census) of kol Adat Bnei Yisroel from twenty years old and upward, throughout their bais avot, all that are yotzei tzava (able to go to war) in Yisroel.
[3] And Moshe and Elazar HaKohen spoke with them in the arevot Mo'av (plains of Moav) by Yarden near Yericho, saying.
[4] Take the census of the people, from twenty years old and upward,
just as Hashem commanded Moshe and the Bnei Yisroel, which went forth out of Eretz Mitrayim.

[5] Reuven, the Bechor Yisroel: the Bnei Reuven; Chanoch, of whom cometh the Mishpakhat HaChanochi; of Pallu, the Mishpakhat HaPallu'i;

[6] Of Chetzron, Mishpakhat HaChetzroni; of Carmi, the Mishpakhat HaCaremi.

[7] These are the Mishpekhot HaReuveni; and they that were numbered of them were 43,730.

[8] And the Bnei Pallu; Eliav.

[9] And the Bnei Eliav; Nemuel, and Datan, and Aviram. This is that Datan and Aviram, which were summoned by the edah, who made a contention against Moshe and against Aharon in the adat Korach, when they contended in opposition to Hashem:

[10] And ha'aretz opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korach, when that edah died, when the eish devoured 250; and they became as a nes (warning).


[12] The Bnei Shim'on after their mishpekhot: of Nemuel, the Mishpakhat HaNemueli; of Yamin, the Mishpakhat HaYamini; of Yachin, the Mishpakhat HaYachini;

[13] Of Zerach, the Mishpakhat HaZarechi; of Shaul, the Mishpakhat HaShauli.

[14] These are the Mishpekhot Shimoni, 22,200.

[15] The Bnei Gad after their mishpekhot: of Tzephon, the Mishpakhat HaTzephoni; of Chaggi, the Mishpakhat HaChaggi; of Shuni, the Mishpakhat HaShuni;

[16] Of Ozni, the Mishpakhat HaOzni; of Eri, the Mishpakhat HaEri;

[17] Of Arod, the Mishpakhat HaArodi; of Areli, the Mishpakhat HaAreli.

[18] These are the Mishpekhot Bnei Gad according to those that were numbered of them, 40,500.

[19] The Bnei Yehudah were Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in Eretz Kena'an.

[20] And the Bnei Yehudah after their Mishpekhot were: of Shelah, the Mishpakhat HaShelani; of Peretz, the Mishpakhat HaPeretz'i; of Zerach, the Mishpakhat HaZarechi.

[21] These are the Mishpekhot Yehudah according to those that were numbered of them, 76,500.

[22] Of the Bnei Yissakhar after their Mishpekhot: of Tola, the Mishpakhat HaTola'i; of Puvah, the Mishpakhat HaPuni;

[23] Of Yashuv, the Mishpakhat HaYashuvi; of Shimron, the Mishpakhat HaShimroni.

[24] These are the Mishpekhot of Yissakhar according to those that were numbered of them, 64,300.

[25] Of the Bnei Menasheh: of Machir, the Mishpakhat HaMachiri; and Machir fathered Gil’ad; of Gil’ ad come the Mishpakhat HaGil’ad'i.

[26] These are the Bnei Menasheh after their Mishpekhot: of Tuv, the Mishpakhat HaTuv'i; of Taxila, the Mishpakhat HaTaxilai; of Shunem, the Mishpakhat HaShunemi;

[27] Of Chupham, the Mishpakhat HaChuphami.

[28] And the Bnei Menasheh were Menashe and Ephrayim. This is that Menashe, the Mishpakhat HaMenashe'i; and Ephrayim, the Mishpakhat HaEphrayim.

[29] Of Tzelophechad Ben Chephar, who had no banim, but banot; and the shem banot Tzelophechad were Machlah, No’ah, Choglah, Milcah, and Tirtzah.

[30] These are the Mishpekhot of Menasheh, and those that were numbered of them, 32,500.

[31] These are the Bnei Ephrayim after their Mishpekhot: of Shutelach, the Mishpakhat HaShutalechi;

[32] Of Becher, the Mishpakhat HaBacheri; of Tachan, the Mishpakhat HaTachani.

[33] And these are the Bnei Shutelach: of Eran, the Mishpakhat HaEran'i.

[34] These are the Mishpekhot Bnei Ephrayim according to those that were numbered of them, 32,500.

[35] These are the Bnei Binyamin after their mishpekhot: of Bela, the Mishpakhat HaBale'i; of Ashbel, the Mishpakhat HaAshbel'i; of Achiram, the Mishpakhat HaAchirami;

[36] Of Shefufam, the Mishpakhat HaShefufami; of Chupham, the Mishpakhat HaChuphami.

[37] And the Bnei Binyamin were Avid and Naaman; of Avid, the Mishpakhat HaAvid'i; of Naaman,
These are the Bnei Binyamin after their Mishpekhot; and they were numbered of them 45,600.

These are the Bnei Dan after their Mishpekhot: of Shucham, the Mishpakhat HaShuchami. These are the Mishpekhot of Dan after their Mishpekhot.

All the Mishpekhot HaShuchami, according to those that were numbered of them, were 64,400.

Of the Bnei Asher after their Mishpekhot: of Yimna, the Mishpakhat HaYimnah; of Yishvi, the Mishpakhat HaYishvi; of Beriah, the Mishpakhat HaBereri.

Of the Bnei Beriah: of Chever, the Mishpakhat HaChevri; of Malki'el, the Mishpakhat HaMalki'el.

And the shem Bat Asher was Sarach.

These are the Mishpekhot Bnei Asher according to those that were numbered of them; who were 53,400.

Of the Bnei Naphtali after their Mishpekhot: of Yachtze'el, the Mishpakhat HaYachtze'eli; of Guni, the Mishpakhat HaGuni; of Yetzer, the mishpakhat of the HaYitzeri; of Shillem, the Mishpakhat HaShillemi.

These are the Mishpekhot Bnei Asher according to their Mishpekhot: the Mishpakhat HaLiveni, the Mishpakhat HaChevroni, the Mishpakhat HaMachli, the Mishpakhat HaMushi, the Mishpakhat HaKerechi. And Kehat fathered Amram.

And the shem eshet Amram was Yocheved Bat Levi, who was born to Levi in Mitzrayim: and she bore unto Amram Aharon and Moshe, and Miryam their achot.

And unto Aharon was born Nadav, and Avihu, Elazar, and Itamar.

And Nadav and Avihu died, when they offered eish zarah before Hashem.

And those that were numbered of them were 23,000, kol zachar from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the Bnei Yisroel, because there was no nachalah given them among the Bnei Yisroel.

These are they that were numbered of them 601,730.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

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To those large of number thou shalt give the larger nachalah, and to few thou shalt give the smaller nachalah: to every one shall his nachalah be given according to those that were numbered of him.

Notwithstanding, HaAretz shall be distributed by goral; according to the Shmot Mattot of their Avot they shall inherit.

According to the goral shall nachalah thereof be distributed between many and few.

And these are they that were numbered of the Levi'im after their Mishpekhot: of Gershon, the Mishpakhat HaGereshuni; of Kehat, the Mishpakhat HaKehati; of Merari, the Mishpakhat HaMerari.

These are the Mishpekhot Levi: the Mishpakhat HaLiveni, the Mishpakhat HaChevroni, the Mishpakhat HaMachli, the Mishpakhat HaMushi, the Mishpakhat HaKerechi. And Kehat fathered Amram.

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avhen to pass over unto them.
[8] And thou shalt speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, If an ish die, and have no ben, then ye shall cause his nachalah to pass over unto his bat.
[9] And if he have no bat, then ye shall give his nachalah unto his achim.
[10] And if he have no achim, then ye shall give his nachalah unto achei aviv.
[11] And if his av have no achim, then ye shall give his nachalah unto his closest relative of his Mishpakhat, and he shall possess it; and it shall be unto the Bnei Yisroel a chukkat mishpat, as Hashem commanded Moshe.
[12] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Get thee up on this har haAvarim, and see HaAretz which I have given unto the Bnei Yisroel.
[13] And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aharon achicha was gathered.
[14] For ye rebelled against My command in the Midbar Tzin, in the merivat HaEdah (strife of the Assembly) to honor Me as Kodesh before their eyes at the mayim: that is, the mayim of Merivah in Kadesh in the Midbar Tzin.
[15] And Moshe spoke unto Hashem, saying,
[16] Let Hashem Elohei HaRuchot L'khol Basar appoint an Ish over HaEdah (strife of the Assembly) to honor Me as Kodesh before their eyes at the mayim: that is, the mayim of Merivah in Kadesh in the Midbar Tzin.
[17] Which will go out before them, and which will come in before them, and which will lead them out, and which will bring them in; that the Adat Hashem be not like tzon which have no roeh.
[18] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Take thee Yehoshua Ben Nun, an ish in whom is the Ruach [HaKodesh], and lay thine yad [for smichah] upon him [Zech 6:11-12];
olath (burnt offering) for every Rosh Chodesh throughout the months of the shanah (year).

[15] And one young male goat for a chattat unto Hashem shall be offered. It shall be in addition to the continual olath (burnt offering), and its nesakh.

[16] And in the fourteenth day of the chodesh harishon (first month i.e., Nisan) is the Pesach to Hashem.

[17] And in the fifteenth day of this month is a Chag (i.e., Chag HaMatzot); shivat yamim shall matzot be eaten.

[18] In the yom harishon shall be a mikra kodesh (holy convocation); ye shall do no manner of melekhet avodah therein;

[19] But ye shall offer a fire-offering for an olath unto Hashem; two young bulls, and one ram, and shivat kevasim of the first year; they shall be unto you temimim (unblemished ones).

[20] And their minchah shall be of fine flour mixed with shemen: three tenths-ephah for each bull, and two tenths-ephah for the ram;

[21] One tenth-ephah shalt thou offer for each keves, of the shivat hakevasim.

[22] And one goat for a chattat, to make kapporah for you.

[23] Ye shall offer these in addition to the olath (burnt offering) of the boker, which is for the olath hatamid (continual burnt offering).

[24] After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the shivat yamim (seven days, i.e., the seven days of the Chag HaMatzot): lechem, a fire-offering, reich hannichoach unto Hashem: it shall be offered in addition to the olath hatamid (the continual burnt offering), and its nesakh.

[25] And on the yom hashevi'i ye shall have a mikra kodesh; ye shall do no melekhet avodah.

[26] Also in the Yom HaBikkurim, when ye bring a minchah chadashah (i.e., meal offering or grain offering from the new grain crop) unto Hashem, on your Shavuos, ye shall have a mikra kodesh; ye shall do no melekhet avodah:

[27] But ye shall offer the olath (burnt offering) for a reach hannichoach unto Hashem; two young bulls, one ram, shivat kevasim of the first year;

[28] And their minchah of fine flour mixed with shemen, three tenths-ephah for each bull, two tenths-ephah for the ayil haechad (one ram).

[29] One tenths-ephah unto one keves for each of the shivat hakevasim;

[30] And one male goat, to make kapporah for you.

[31] Ye shall offer them in addition to the olat hatamid and its minchah, (they shall be unto you tamimim, unblemished ones) and their nesakhim.

29 And in the Chodesh HaShevi'i [i.e., Tishri] on the first day of the month, ye shall have a mikra kodesh; ye shall do no melekhet avodah; it is a Yom Teruah (Day of the sounding of the Shofar, i.e., Rosh Hashanah) unto you.

[2] And ye shall offer an olath (burnt offering) for a reach hannichoach unto Hashem; one young bull, one ram, and shivat kevasim (male lambs) of the first year temimim.

[3] And their minchah shall be of fine flour mixed with shemen, three tenths-ephah for the bull, and two tenths-ephah for the ram,
be temimim (unblemished ones);

|14| And their minchah shall be of fine flour mixed with shemen, three tenths-ephah unto every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenths-ephah to each ram of the two rams,
|15| And one tenth-ephah to each keves of the fourteen kevasim;
|16| And one male of the izzim (goats) for a chattat; in addition to the olat hatamid, its minchah and its nesekh.

|17| And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen kevasim of the first year temimim (unblemished ones);
|18| And their minchah and their nesakham for the bulls, for the rams, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar (number), as mishpat (specified).
|19| And one male of the izzim for a chattat in addition to the olat hatamid, and the minchah thereof, and their nesekh.

|20| And on the Yom HaShelishi eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen kevasim of the first year temimim;
|21| And their minchah and their nesakham for the bulls, for the rams, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar (number), as mishpat (specified);
|22| And one goat for a chattat; in addition to the olat hatamid, and its minchah, and its nesekh.

|23| And on the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, and fourteen kevasim of the first year temimim;
|24| Their minchah and their nesakham for the bulls, for the rams, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar, as mishpat (specified);
|25| And one male of the izzim for a chattat in addition to the olat hatamid, its minchah, and its nesekh.

|26| And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, and fourteen kevasim of the first year temimim;
|27| And their minchah and their nesakham for the bulls, for the rams, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar, as mishpat (specified);
|28| And one goat for a chattat; in addition to the olat hatamid, and its minchah, and its nesekh.

|29| And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, and fourteen kevasim of the first year temimim;
|30| And their minchah and their nesakham for the bulls, for the rams, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar, as mishpat (specified);
|31| And one goat for a chattat; in addition to the olat hatamid, and its minchah, and its nesekh.

|32| And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen kevasim of the first year temimim;
|33| And their minchah and their nesakham for the bulls, for the rams, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar, as mishpat (specified);
|34| And one goat for a chattat; in addition to the olat hatamid, and its minchah, and its nesekh.

|35| On the eighth day (i.e., Shemini Atzeres) ye shall have an atzeret (assembly): ye shall do no melekhet avodah therein;
|36| But ye shall offer an olah, a fire offering, a reach hannichoach unto Hashem: one bull, one ram, shivah kevasim of the first year temimim;
|37| Their minchah and their nesakham for the bull, for the ram, and for the kevasim, shall be according to their mispar, as mishpat (specified);
|38| And one goat for a chattat; in addition to the olat hatamid and its minchah and its nesekh.

|39| These things ye shall do unto Hashem in your Mo’adim, in addition to your nederim, and your nedavot, for your olat, and for your minchat, and for your nesakham, and for your shelamim.

|40| And Moshe told the Bnei Yisroel according to all that Hashem commanded Moshe. And Moshe spoke unto the Rashei HaMattot (Heads of the Tribes) concerning the Bnei Yisroel saying, This is the thing which Hashem hath commanded:

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|2(3)| If an ish vow a neder unto Hashem, or swear a shevu’ah (oath) to bind his nefesh with an issar (negative vow, prohibition), he shall not break his devar, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth.
|3(4)| If an isha also vow a neder unto Hashem, and bind herself by an issar, being in her bais avi in her youth;
|4(5)| And her av hear her neder, and her issar wherewith she hath bound her nefesh, and her av says nothing to her, then all her nedarim shall stand, and every issar wherewith she hath bound her nefesh shall stand.
|5(6)| But if her av disallow her in the yom that he heareth, not any
of her nedarim, or of her issurim (negative vows, prohibitions) wherewith she hath bound her nefesh, shall stand; and Hashem shall forgive her, because her av forbade her.

6(7) And if she had at all an ish, when she made nedarim or utterance of her lips, wherewith she bound her nefesh; 7(8) And her ish heard it, and said nothing to her in the yom that he heard it, then her nedarim shall stand, and her issurim wherewith she bound her nefesh shall stand.

8(9) But if her ish forbade her on the yom that he heard it, then he shall nullify her neder which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, wherewith she bound her nefesh; and Hashem shall forgive her.

9(10) But every neder of an almanah, and of a gerushah (divorced woman), wherewith she have bound her nefesh, shall stand against her.

10(11) And if she vowed in her bais ish, or bound her nefesh by an issar with a shevuah,

11(12) And her ish heard it, and said nothing to her, and forbade her not, then all her nedarim shall stand, and every issar wherewith she bound her nefesh shall stand.

12(13) But if her ish hath utterly nullified them on the yom he heard them, then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her nedarim, or concerning the issar of her nefesh, shall not stand; her ish hath nullified them; and Hashem shall forgive her.

13(14) Every neder, and every shevuat issar to afflict the nefesh, her ish may let it stand, or her ish may let it have a hafarah.

14(15) But if her ish say nothing to her from yom to yom, then he will have let stand all her nedarim or all her issurim, which are upon her; he will have let them stand, because he said nothing to her in the yom that he heard them. 15(16) But if he shall revoke them after that he hath heard them, then nasa (he shall bear) her avon.

16(17) These are the chukkim, which Hashem commanded Moshe, between an ish and his isha, being yet in her youth in her bais avi.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

2 Avenge the Bnei Yisroel of the Midyanim; afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people.

3 And Moshe spoke unto HaAm, saying, Arm some of your anashim unto war, let them go against Midyan, and avenge Hashem of Midyan.

4 Of every matteh a thousand, throughout kol mattot Yisroel, shall ye send to war.

5 So there were supplied out of the thousands of Yisroel, an elef (a thousand) of every tribe, sheneym asar elef armed for war.

6 And Moshe sent them to war, a thousand of every tribe, them and Pinchas Ben Elazar HaKohen, to the war, with the kelei hakodesh, and the khatzotzerot hateru'ah in his yad.

7 And they warred against Midyan, just, as Hashem commanded Moshe; and they slaughtered kol zachar.

8 And they slaughtered the Melachim of Midyan, besides the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Tzur, and Chur, and Reva, five melachim of Midyan; Balaam Ben Beor also they slaughtered with the cherev.

9 And the Bnei Yisroel took all the nashim of Midyan captive, and their little ones, and took the plunder of all their behemah, and all their mikneh, and all their goods.

10 And they burned with eish all their towns wherein were their moshavot, and all their camps.

11 And they took all the plunder, and all the spoil, both of adam and of behemah.

12 And they brought the captives, and the plunder, and the spoil, unto Moshe, and Elazar HaKohen, and unto the Adat Bnei Yisroel, unto the machaneh at the plains of Moav, which are by Yarden near Yericho.

13 And Moshe, and Elazar HaKohen, and all the nasim of the Edah, went forth to meet them outside the machaneh.

14 And Moshe was in wrath with the pekudei hechayil (officers of the army), with the sarim over thousands, and sarim over hundreds, which were returning from the milchamah of the army.

15 And Moshe said unto them, Have ye saved all the nekevah alive?

16 Hinei, these caused the Bnei Yisroel, through the davar Balaam, to turn unfaithful against Hashem in the matter of Peor, and there was a magefah (plague) among the Adat Hashem.

17 Now therefore slaughter every zachar among the little ones, and kill every isha that hath known ish by lying with zachar.

18 But all the girl nashim, that have no da’as of lying with zachar, save alive for yourselves.

19 And do ye abide outside the machaneh shivat yamim; whosoever
And whosoever hath touched any chalal, purify both yourselves and your captives on Yom HaShelishi and on Yom HaShevi’i.

And purify all your beged, and all keli ohr (all that is made of leather), ma'aseh izzim (all that is made of goat hair) and keli etz (all that is make of wood).

This is the chukkat hatorah which Hashem commanded Moshe:

Only the zahav, and the kesef, the nechoshet, the barzel, the bedil, and the oferet, everything that can withstand eish, ye shall make it go through the eish, and it shall be tahor; nevertheless it shall be purified with the mayim of niddah; and all that can not withstand the eish ye shall make go through the mayim.

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And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

Take inventory of the spoil that was taken, both of adam and of behemah, thou, and Elazar HaKohen, and the Rushei Avot HaEdah:

And divide the spoil into two parts: between them that took the milchamah upon them, who went out to battle, and kol HaEdah;

And levy a mekhes (tribute) unto Hashem of the anshei hamilchamah which went out to battle: one nefesh from five hundred, both of adam, and of bakar, and of chamorim, and of tzon;

Take it of their half, and give it unto Elazar HaKohen, for a terumat Hashem.

And of the Bnei Yisroel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of adam, of bakar, of chamorim, and of tzon, of all behemah, and give them unto the Levi'im, who are shomrei mishmeret Mishkan Hashem (who are guardians of the Mishkan Hashem).

And Moshe and Elazar HaKohen did just as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And the spoil, being the rest of the plunder which the am hatzava (personnel of the army) had taken, was 675,000 tzon,

And 72,000 bakar,

And 61,000 chamorim,

And 32,000 nefesh adam from the nashim who had no da'as of zachar by lying with him.

And the half, which was the chelek of them that went out to war, was in number 337,500 tzon;

And the mekhes (tribute) for Hashem of the tzon was 675.

And the bakar were 36,000; of which the mekhes for Hashem was 72.

And the chamorim were 30,500; of which the mekhes for Hashem was 61.

And the nefesh adam were 16,000; of which the mekhes for Hashem was 32 nefesh.

And Moshe gave the mekhes, which was the terumat Hashem, unto Elazar HaKohen, as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And of the Bnei Yisroel's half, which Moshe divided from the anashim hatzove'im, (Now the half that pertained unto the Edah was 337,500 tzon,

And 36,000 bakar,

And thirty thousand chamorim and five hundred,

And sixteen thousand nefesh adam);

Even of the Bnei Yisroel's half, Moshe took one portion of fifty, both of adam and of behemah, and gave them unto the Levi'im, who were shomrei mishmeret Mishkan Hashem; just as Hashem commanded Moshe.

And they said unto Moshe, Thy avadim have taken the muster census of the anshei hamilchamah which are under our charge, and there was missing not one ish of us.

We have therefore brought a korban Hashem, what every ish hath gotten, of articles of zahav, armlets, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and necklaces, to make kapporah for our nefashot before Hashem.

And Moshe and Elazar HaKohen took the zahav of them, even all wrought jewels.

And all the zahav of the terumah (offering) that they offered up to Hashem, of the sarim of thousands, and of the sarim of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels.

(For the anshei hatzava had taken plunder, every ish for himself.)

And Moshe and Elazar HaKohen accepted the zahav of the sarim of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it
into the Ohel Mo’ed, for a zikaron (memorial) for the Bnei Yisroel before Hashem.

Now the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad had a very great multitude of mikneh; and when they saw Eretz Yazer, and Eretz Gil’ad, that, hinei, the makom was a makom for mikneh;

[2] The Bnei Gad and the Bnei Reuven came and spoke unto Moshe, and to Elazar HaKohen, and unto the nasiim of the Edah, saying,

[3] Atarot, and Divon, and Yazer, and Nimrah, and Chesbon, and Elealeh, and Sevam, and Nevo, and Beon,

[4] Even HaAretz which Hashem struck to conquer before the Adat Yisroel, is an eretz for mikneh, and thy avadim have mikneh.

They said, If we have found chen in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy avadim for an achuzzah, and bring us not over Yarden.

And Moshe said unto the Bnei Gad and to the Bnei Reuven, Shall your achim go to milchamah while ye sit here?

And why discourage ye the lev Bnei Yisroel from going into HaAretz which Hashem hath given them?

Thus did Avoteichem, when I sent them from Kadesh Barnea to look over HaAretz.

For when they went up unto the Eschol Valley, and saw HaAretz, they discouraged the lev Bnei Yisroel, that they should not go into HaAretz which Hashem had given them.

And the Af Hashem was kindled on that day, and He swore, saying,

Surely none of the anashim that came up out of Mitzrayim, from twenty years old and upward, shall see HaAdamah which I swore unto Avraham, unto Yitzchak, and unto Yaakov; because they have not fully followed Me;

Except Kalev Ben Yephunneh the Kenizi, and Yehoshua Ben Nun; for they have fully followed after Hashem.

And if ye turn away from after Him, He will yet again leave them in the midbar; and ye shall destroy kol HaAm Hazeh.

And, hinei, ye have sinned against Hashem and be sure chattatechem (your sin) will find you out.

Build you towns for your little ones, and your gidrot tzon; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth.

And the Bnei Gad and the Bnei Reuven spoke unto Moshe saying, Thy avadim will do as adoni commandeth.

Our little ones, our nashim, our mikneh, and all behemeteinu, shall stay there in the cities of Gil’ad;

But thy avadim will cross over, every man armed for war, before Hashem to battle, as adoni saith.

So concerning them Moshe commanded Elazar HaKohen, and Yehoshua Ben Nun, and the Rashei Avot HaMattot of the Bnei Yisroel;

And Moshe said unto them, If the Bnei Gad and the Bnei Reuven will cross with you over Yarden, every man armed for battle, before Hashem, and HaAretz shall be subdued before you, then ye shall give them Eretz Gil’ad for an achuzzah;

But if they will not cross with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in Eretz Kena’an.

And the Bnei Gad and the Bnei Reuven answered, saying, As Hashem hath said unto thy avadim, so will we do.

We will cross over armed before Hashem into Eretz Kena’an, that the achuzzat nachalateinu on out His oyevim from before Him,
that side of the Yarden may be our own.

And Moshe gave unto them, even to the Bnei Gad, and to the Bnei Reuven, and unto half the shevet of Menasheh Ben Yosef, the kingdom of Sichon Melech HaEmori, and the kingdom of Og Melech HaBashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the territories, even the cities of the surrounding land.

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These are the journeys of the Bnei Yisroel, which went forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim by their tzveos under yad Moshe and Aharon.

And the Bnei Yisroel proceeded from Rameses, and encamped in Sukkot.

And they proceeded from Sukkot, and encamped in Etam, which is on the edge of the midbar.

And they proceeded from Etam, and turned back unto Pi HaChirot, which is before Ba'al Tzephon; and they encamped before Migdol.

And they proceeded from the midst of the yam into the midbar, and went derech shloshet yamim (a three days' journey) in the midbar of Etam, and encamped in Marah.

And they proceeded from Marah, and came unto Elim; and in Elim were twelve einot mayim (springs of water), and threescore and ten temarim (palm trees); and they encamped there.

And they proceeded from Elim, and encamped by the Yam Suf.

And they proceeded from the Yam Suf, encamping in the Midbar Sin.

And they proceeded from the Midbar Sin, and encamped in Dophkah.

And they proceeded from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush.

And they proceeded from Alush, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no mayim for HaAm to drink.

And they proceeded from Rephidim, and encamped in the Midbar Sinai.

And they proceeded from the Midbar Sinai, and encamped at Kivrot Hata'ava.

And they proceeded from Kivrot Hata'ava, and encamped at Chatzerot.

And they proceeded from Chatzerot, and encamped in Rimnah.

And they proceeded from Rimnah, and encamped at Rimmon Peretz.

And they proceeded from Rimmon Peretz, and encamped in Livnah.

And they proceeded from Livnah, and encamped at Rissah.

And they proceeded from Rissah, and encamped in Kehelatah.

And they proceeded from Kehelatah, and encamped in Har Shepher.

And they proceeded from Har Shepher, and encamped in Chadarah.

And they proceeded from Chadarah, and encamped in Makelot.

And they proceeded from Makelot, and encamped at Tachat.

And they proceeded from Tachat, and encamped at Tarach.

And they proceeded from Tarach, and encamped in Mitcah.

And they proceeded from Mitcah, and encamped in Chashmonah.

And they proceeded from Chashmonah, and encamped at Moserot.

And they proceeded from Moserot, and encamped in Bnei Ya'akan.

And they proceeded from Bnei Ya'akan, and encamped at Chor Haggidgad.

And they proceeded from Chor Haggidgad, and encamped in Yotvatah.
And they set out from Yotvatah, and encamped at Avronah.

And they set out from Avronah, and encamped at Etzyon Gever.

And they set out from Etzyon-Gever, and encamped in the Midbar Tzin, which is Kadesh.

And they set out from Kadesh and encamped at Mt Hor, at the border of Eretz Edom.

Aharon HaKohen went up into Mt Hor at the command of Hashem, and died there, in the 40th year after the Bnei Yisroel were come out of Eretz Mitzrayim, in the first yom of the fifth month.

And Aharon was a hundred and twenty and three years old when he died on Mt Hor.

And Melech Arad the Kena'ani, which dwelt in the Negev in Eretz Kena'an, heard of the coming of the Bnei Yisroel.

And they set out from Mt Hor, and encamped in Tzalmonah.

And they set out from Tzalmonah, and encamped in Punon.

And they set out from Punon, and encamped in Ovot.

And they set out from Ovot, and encamped in Iyei HaAvarim at border of Moav.

And they set out from Iyim, and encamped in Divon Gad.

And they set out from Divon Gad, and encamped in Almon Divaltayim.

And they set out from Almon Divaltayim, and encamped in the mountains of Avarim, before Nevo.

And they set out from the mountains of Avarim, and encamped in the plains of Moav by Yarden near Yericho.

And they set out by Yarden, from Beit HaYeshi-mot even unto Avel Sheetim in the plains of Moav.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe in the plains of Moav by Yarden near Yericho, saying,

Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When ye are crossing over Yarden into Eretz Kena'an, then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of HaAretz from before you, and destroy all their maskiyyot (stone carved statues), and destroy all their tzalmei massekhot and demolish all their idolatrous high places;

And ye shall take possession of HaAretz, and dwell therein; for I have given you HaAretz to possess it.

And ye shall distribute HaAretz by goral for an inheritance among your mishpekhot; and to the more numerous ye shall give the larger nachalah, and to the fewer in number ye shall give the smaller nachalah; every man's nachalah shall be in the place where his goral falleth; according to the mattot (tribes of) Avoteichem ye shall inherit.

But if ye will not drive out the yoshvei HaAretz from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be barbs in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall harass you in HaAretz wherein ye dwell.

Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I meant to do unto them.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,

Command the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When ye come into Eretz Kena'an (this is HaAretz that shall fall unto you for a nachalah, even Eretz Kena'an with the borders thereof),

Then your southern side shall be from the Midbar Tzin along by the border of Edom, and your southern border shall be from the edge of the Yam HaMelach (Salt Sea, Dead Sea) to the east;

And your border shall turn from the south of Ma'aléh Akrabim, and pass on to Tzin; and the going forth thereof shall be from the south of Kadesh Barnea, and shall go on to Chatzar Addar, and pass on to Atzmon;

And the border shall go around from Atzmon unto the Wadi of Mizrayim, and the goings out of it shall be toward the Mediterranean Sea;

And as for the western border, ye shall even have the Yam HaGadol for a border; this shall be your west border.

And this shall be your northern border: from the Yam HaGadol ye shall run to Mt Hor;

From Mt Hor ye shall run your border unto the approach to Chamat; and the goings forth of the border shall be toward Tzedad;

And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be Chatzar Einan; this shall be your northern border.

And ye shall draw a line for you for an eastern border from Chatzar Einan to Shepham;

And the border shall go down from Shepham to Rivlah, on the east side of Ain; the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the bank of the Yam Kinneret to the east;

And the border shall go down to the Yarden, and the goings out of it shall be at the Yam HaMelach; this shall be your land with
the borders thereof all around.
[13] And Moshe commanded the Bnei Yisroel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by goral, which Hashem commanded to give unto the nine mattot (tribes), and to the half tribe;
[14] For the tribe of the Bnei Reuven according to the bais avotam, and the tribe of the Bnei Gad according to the bais avotam and the half tribe of Menasheh have received their nachalah;
[15] The two tribes and the half tribe have received their nachalah on the east side of the Yarden near Yericho toward the sunrise.
[16] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying:
[17] These are the shmot of the anashim which shall apportion HaAretz unto you; Elazar HaKohen, and Yehoshua Ben Nun.
[18] And ye shall take one nasi of every matteh to possess HaAretz.
[19] And the shmot of the anashim are these: Of the tribe of Yehudah, Kalev Ben Yephunneh;
[20] And of the tribe of the Bnei Shim'on, Shemuel Ben Ammihud;
[21] Of the tribe of Binyamin, Elidad Ben Kislon;
[22] And the nasi of the tribe of the Bnei Dan, Bukki Ben Yogli;
[23] The nasi of the Bnei Yosef, for the tribe of the Bnei Menasheh, Channiel Ben Ephod;
[24] And the nasi of the tribe of the Bnei Ephrayim, Kemuel Ben Shiphtan;
[25] And the nasi of the tribe of the Bnei Zevulun, Elitzaphan Ben Parnach;
[26] And the nasi of the tribe of the Bnei Yissakhar, Paltiel Ben Azzan;
[27] And the nasi of the tribe of the Bnei Asher, Achihuud Ben Shelomi;
[28] And the nasi of the tribe of the Bnei Naphtali, Pedahel Ben Ammihud;
[29] These are they whom Hashem commanded to apportion the inheritance unto the Bnei Yisroel in Eretz Kena'an.

And Hashem spoke unto Moshe in the plains of Moav by Yarden near Yericho, saying:
[2] Command the Bnei Yisroel, that they give unto the Levi'im from the nachalah of their achuzzah towns to dwell in; and ye shall give also unto the Levi'im open pasturelands around the towns.
[3] And the towns shall they have to dwell in; and the open pasturelands of them shall be for their behemah, and for their livestock, and for all their animals.
[4] And the open pasturelands of the towns, which ye shall give unto the Levi'im, shall reach from the wall of the Ir and outward a thousand cubits all around.
[5] And ye shall measure from outside the Ir on the east side 2000 cubits, and on the south side 2000 cubits, and on the west side 2000 cubits, and on the north side 2000 cubits; and the Ir shall be in the midst; this shall be to them the open pasturelands of the towns.
[6] And among the towns which ye shall give unto the Levi'im there shall be six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the rotze'ach, that he may flee to there; and to them ye shall add 42 ir.
[7] So all the arim (towns) which ye shall give to the Levi'im shall be 48 ir; them shall ye give with their migrashim (open pasturelands).
[8] And the arim (towns) which ye shall give shall be of the achuzzat Bnei Yisroel; from them that have many ye shall give more; but from them that have few ye shall give less; every one shall give of his arim unto the Levi'im according to his nachalah which he inheriteth.
[9] And Hashem spoke unto Moshe, saying,
[10] Speak unto the Bnei Yisroel, and say unto them, When ye be come over the Yarden into Eretz Kena'an, [11] Then ye shall appoint you arim to be arei miklat (cities of refuge) for you; that the rotze'ach may flee to there, which killeth any nefesh bishegagah (unintentionally, accidently).
[12] And they shall be unto you arei miklat (cities of refuge) from the Go'el; that the rotze'ach die not, until he stand before the Edah in mishpat.
[13] And of these arim which ye shall give there shall be shesh arei miklat.
[14] Ye shall give shlosh he'arim on this side of the Yarden, and shlosh he'arim shall ye give in Eretz Kena'an, which shall be arei miklat.
[15] These shesh he'arim shall be for miklat (refuge), both for the Bnei Yisroel, and for the ger, and for the toshav (sojourner) among them; that every one that killeth any nefesh bishegagah (unintentionally, accidently) may flee there.
[16] And if he strike him with keli barzel, so that he die, he is a rotze'ach; the rotze'ach
shall surely be put to death.

[17] And if he strike him with an even (stone) in his yad that could kill, and he die, he is a rotze'ach; the rotze'ach shall surely be put to death.

[18] Or if he strike him with a keli in his hand that could kill, and he die, he is a rotze'ach; the rotze'ach shall surely be put to death.

[19] The Go'el HaDahm himself shall slay the rotze'ach; when he meeteth him, he shall slay him.

[20] And if he push him out of sin'ah (hated), or hurl upon him bitzediyah (with intention, by laying in wait) that he die;

[21] Or in eivah (enmity) strike him with his yad, that he die; he that struck him shall surely be put to death; for he is a rotze'ach; the Go'el HaDahm shall slay the rotze'ach, when he meeteth him.

[22] But if he push him suddenly without eivah (enmity), or have thrown upon him any keli with no tzediyah (intention, laying in wait);

[23] Or with any even (stone), that could kill, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, that he die, and was not his oyev, neither sought his ra'ah,

[24] Then the Edah shall judge between the striker and the Go'el HaDahm according to these mishpatim;

[25] And the Edah shall deliver the rotze'ach out of the yad Go'el HaDahm, and the Edah shall restore him to his ir miklat, to which he fled; and he shall abide in it unto the mot HaKohen HaGadol which was mashach (anointed) with the shemen hakodesh [T.N. Notice there is freedom at the death of the High Priest just as there is peace at the death of the Moshiach Kohen; cf Isa 53:5-9; Ps 110:4].

[26] But if the rotze'ach shall at any time come outside the border of the ir miklat to which he fled;

[27] And the Go'el HaDahm find him outside the gevul (borders, city limit) of his ir miklat, and the Go'el HaDahm kill the rotze'ach, he shall not be guilty of dahm,

[28] Because he should have remained in his ir miklat until the mot HaKohen HaGadol; but after the mot HaKohen HaGadol the rotze'ach shall return into his erez achuzat.

[29] So these things shall be for a chukkat mishpat unto you throughout your dorot in all your dwellings.

[30] Whosoever killeth any nefesh, the rotze'ach shall be put to death by the mouth of edim (witnesses); but ed echad (one witness) shall not testify against any nefesh to cause him to die.

[31] Moreover ye shall take no kofer (ransom payment, satisfaction) for the nefesh of a rotze'ach, which is guilty of dahm; but he shall be surely put to death.

[32] And ye shall take no kofer for him that is fled to his ir miklat that he should come again to dwell in HaAretz until the mot HaKohen.

[33] So ye shall not pollute HaAretz wherein ye are; for dahm pollutes HaAretz; and kapporah cannot be made for HaAretz for the shefach dahm therein, except by the dahm of him that committed shefach dahm (shedding of blood).

[34] Therefore, make not tameh HaAretz which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell, for I Hashem dwell among the Bnei Yisroel.

[35] And the Rashei HaAvot of the Mishpehkit of the Bnei Gil`ad Ben Machir Ben Menasheh, of the Mishpekhot of the Bnei Yosef, came near, and spoke before Moshe, and before the Nasiim Rashei Avot of the Bnei Yisroel,

[36] And they said, When Hashem commanded adoni to give HaAretz for a nachalah by goral to the Bnei Yisroel, adoni was commanded by Hashem to give the nachalah Tzelopheched achunin unto his banot.

[37] Now suppose they become married to any of the Bnei Shivei Bnei Yisroel, and their nachalah be taken from the nachalah of Avoteinu, and be added to the nachalah of the mateh whereunto they marry into; so shall it be taken from the goral of our nachalah.

[4] And when the Yovel of the Bnei Yisroel shall be, then shall their nachalah be added unto the nachalah of the mateh whereunto they marry into; so shall their nachalah be taken away from the nachalah of the mateh of Avoteinu. [See Leviticus 25:8-55; 27:16-25.]

[5] And Moshe commanded the Bnei Yisroel according to the command of Hashem, saying, The mateh of the Bnei Yosef hath said well.

[6] This is the thing which Hashem doth command concerning the Banot Tzelophechad, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best; only within the Mishpakhat Matteh Avoteinu.

[7] So shall not the nachalah of the Bnei Yisroel remove from mateh to mateh; for every ish of the Bnei Yisroel shall keep himself to the nachalah mateh of his Avot.

[8] And every bat, that posseseth a nachalah in mattot Bnei Yisroel, shall be isha unto one
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of the mishpukhat matteh of her av, that the Bnei Yisroel may possess every ish the nachalat of his avot.
|9| Neither shall the nachalah remove from one matteh (tribe) to another matteh (tribe); for the mattot (tribes) of the Bnei Yisroel shall make deveykus every ish to his own nachalah.
|10| Even as Hashem commanded Moshe, so did the Banot Tzelophechad;
|11| For Machlah, Tirtzah, and Choglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the Banot Tzelophechad, became nashim unto bnai dodeihen (sons of their uncles, i.e., cousins);
|12| And they became nashim into the mishpekhoth Bnei Menasheh Ben Yosef, and their nachalah remained in the matteh (tribe) of the mishpakhat of their av.

These are the mitzvot and the mishpatim, which Hashem commanded by the yad Moshe unto the Bnei Yisroel in the plains of Moav by Yarden near Yericho.

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[23] And the proposal pleased me well; and I took Shneya Asar, (Twelve) of you, one of each shevet (tribe);
[24] And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came unto the Eshkol Valley, and explored it.
[25] And they took of the pri ha'aretz in their hands, brought it down unto us, brought us word, and said, It is a tovah ha'aretz which Hashem Eloheinu doth give us.
[26] Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Hashem Eloheichem;
[27] And ye murmured in your ohelim, and said, Because Hashem hated us, He hath brought us forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, to deliver us into the hand of HaEmori, to destroy us.
[28] Where shall we go up? Our brethren have discouraged levavenu (our hearts), saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and walled up to Shomayim; moreover we have seen the Bnei Anakim there.
[29] Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them.
[30] Hashem Eloheichem which gocht before you, He shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Mitrayim before your eyes;
[31] And in the midbar, where thou hast seen how that Hashem Eloheicha did bear thee, as a man doth carry his ben, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.
[32] Yet in this thing ye were not ma'amim (believers) in Hashem Eloheichem,
[33] Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents in, in eish by laishah, to show you by what way ye should go, and in an anan (cloud) by day.
[34] And Hashem heard the sound of your words, and was angry, and on oath, said,
[35] Surely there shall not one of these men of this dor harah see ha'aretz hatovah, which I swore to give unto Avoiteichem.
[36] Except Kalev ben Yephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give ha'aretz that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed Hashem.
[37] Also Hashem was angry with me because of you, saying, Thou also shalt not go in there.
[38] But Yehoshua ben Nun, the one assisting thee, he shall go in there; encourage him, for he shall cause Yisroel to inherit it.
[39] Moreover your little ones, which ye said would be taken captive, and your children, which as yet do not have knowledge between tov and rah, they shall go in there, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.
[40] But as for you, turn, take your journey into the hill country by the way of the Yam Suf, as Hashem spoke unto me; and we circled Mt Seir yamim rabbim (many days).
[41] Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Yam Suf, as Hashem spoke unto me; and we circled Mt Seir yamim rabbim (many days).
[42] And Hashem said unto me, We have sinned against Hashem; we will go up and fight, according to all that Hashem Eloheinu did command us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye made light of going up into the hill country.
[43] And Hashem said unto me, Say unto them. Go not up, neither fight; for I am not in your midst; lest ye be struck down before your enemies.
[44] So I spoke unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the com-
The Lord hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. 

And when we went on past our brethren the Bnei Esav, who dwell in Seir, through the road of the Aravah from Eilat, and from Etzion-Gever, we turned and passed by on the road through the midbar of Moav. 

And Hashem said unto me, Harass not the Moavim, neither provoke them to milchamah for I will not give thee of their land for a yerushah; because I have given Ar unto the Bnei Lot for a yerushah.

The Emim dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Hashem destroyed them before them; and they [the Ammonim] dispossessed them, and dwelt in their place:

As He did to the Bnei Esav, which dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Chori from before them; and they succeeded them, dwelling in their place even to this day; And the Avim which dwelt in villages, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorim, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their place. 

And when we went on past the wadi Yabok, nor unto the Yarden, nor unto any place of the Wadi Arnon: see, I have given it unto the Bnei Lot for a yerushah. The Emim dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonim call them Zamzummim; 

The Chorim also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the Bnei Esav succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their place; as Yisroel did unto the eretz of his yerushah Hashem gave unto them. 

Now rise up, take your journey, and pass over the Wadi Zered. And we went over the Wadi Zered. And the space in which we came from Kadesh-Barnea, until we were come over the Wadi Zered, was 38 shanim; until all the generation of the anshei hamilchamah had been consumed from the machaneh, as Hashem had sworn unto them. 

For indeed the yad Hashem was against them, to destroy them from among the machaneh, until they were consumed. 

So it came to pass, when kol anshei hamilchamah were consumed and dead from among HaAm (the People), That Hashem spoke unto me, saying, Thou art to pass over the border of Moav at Ar today; And when thou comest opposite the Bnei Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them; for I will not give thee of the Eretz Bnei Amnon any yerushah; because I have given it unto the Bnei Lot for a yerushah. 

That also was accounted a land of Refa'im; Refa'im dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonim call them Zamzummim; A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Hashem destroyed them before them; and they [the Ammonim] dispossessed them, and dwelt in their place:

As He did to the Bnei Esav, which dwelt in Seir, when He destroyed the Chori from before them; and they succeeded them, dwelling in their place even to this day; And the Avim which dwelt in villages, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorim, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their place. 

And the Avim which dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the Bnei Esav succeeded them, dwelling in their place: the Ammonim call them Zamzummim; but the Moavim accounted Refa'im, as the Eretz Bnei Ammon was 38 shanim; because I have given it unto the Bnei Lot for a yerushah. 

The Emim dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonim call them Zamzummim; 

Which also were many, and tall, as the Anakim; but the Moavim accounted Refa'im, as the Eretz Bnei Ammon.

And Hashem said unto me, Thou art to pass over the Yarden into the land which Hashem Eloheinu giveth us. But Sichon Melech Cheshbon would not let us pass by him; for Hashem Eloheicha hardened and made stubborn his ruach, and made his lev obdurate, that He might deliver him into thy hand, as indeed hayom hazeh. And Hashem said unto me. See, I have begun to give Sichon and his land before thee; begin the occupation, that thou mayest take possession to inherit his land. Then Sichon came out against us, he and all his people, to make milchamah (battle, war) at Yahatz. And Hashem Eloheinu delivered him before us; and we struck him, and his banim, and all his people. And we took all his towns at that time, and in cherem utterly destroyed them, and of the nashim, and the little ones, of every town, we left no remnant; Only the behemah we left no remnant; Of every town, we took for booty unto ourselves, and the plunder of the towns which we took. From Aroeer, which is on the edge of Wadi Arnon, and from the town that is by the wadi, even unto Gil`ad, there was not one town too strong for us; Hashem Eloheinu delivered all unto us: Only unto the Eretz Bnei Amnon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the Wadi Yabok, nor unto the towns in the.
hills, in accordance with the command of Hashem Eloheinu.

Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan; and Og Melech HaBashan came out against us, he and all his people, to engage in milchamah at Edrei.

And Hashem said unto me, Fear him not; for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sichon Melech HaEmori which dwelt at Cheshbon.

So Hashem Eloheinu delivered into our hands also Og Melech HaBashan, and all his people; and we struck him until no remnant was left to him.

And we took all his towns at that time; there was not a kiryah (town, city) which we took not from them, threescore towns, all the region of Argov, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

All these towns were walled with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwalled towns harbeh me'od (very many).

And in cherem we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sichon Melech Cheshbon, in cherem utterly destroying the men, nashim, and little ones, of every town.

But all the behemah (livestock), and the plunder of the towns, we took for booty to ourselves.

And we took at that time out of the hand of the two melachim of the Emori the land that was on this side [i.e., east of the] Yarden, from the Wadi Arnon unto Mt Chermon:

(Which Chermon the Tzidonim call Siryon; and the Emori call it Senir;)

All the towns of the plain, and all Gil’ ad, and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, towns of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

For only Og Melech HaBashan remained of the remnant of Refa‘im; hinei, his bedstead was a bedstead of barzel. Is it not in Rabbah of the Bnei Ammon? Nine regular cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it.

And ha’aretz hazot, which we possessed at that time, from Aror, which is by the Wadi Arnon, and half way up the hill country of Gil’ad, and the towns thereof, gave I unto the Reuveni and Gadi.

And the rest of Gil’ad, and all Bashan, being the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Menasheh, the kingdom of Argov, with all Bashan, which was called Eretz Refa‘im.

Yair ben Menasheh took all the region of Argov unto the border of Geshuri and Maachati, and called them after shmo (his own name), HaBashan Havot Yair, unto hayom hazeh.

And I gave Gil’ad unto Machir.

And unto the Reuveni and unto the Gadi I gave from Gil’ad even unto the Wadi Arnon with the middle of the valley as the border even unto the Wadi Yabbok, which is the border of the Bnei Ammon; the Aravah also, and Yarden, and the coast thereof, from Kinneret even unto the yam of the Aravah, even the Dead Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah to the east.

And I commanded you at that time, saying, Hashem Eloheichem hath given you this land to possess it; ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the Bnei Yisroel, all bnei chayil (valiant men, men fit for military service).

But your nashim, and your little ones, and your livestock (for I know that ye have much livestock,) shall abide in your towns which I have given you;

Until Hashem have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and until they also possess ha’aretz which Hashem Eloheichem hath given them beyond Yarden; and then shall ye return every man unto his yerushah (possession, inheritance), which I have given you.

And I commanded Yehoshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that Hashem Eloheichem hath done unto these two melachim; so shall Hashem do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest.

Ye shall not fear them; for Hashem Eloheichem He shall fight for you.

And I besought Hashem at that time, saying,

O Adonoi Hashem, Thou hast begun to show Thy eved Thy greatness, and Thy mighty hand; for what El (G-d) is there in Shomayim or on Ha’Aretz, that can do according to Thy works, and according to Thy might?

Ah, let me go over, and see ha’aretz hatovah that is beyond Yarden, that fine hill country, and the Levanon.

But Hashem was angry with me for your sakes, and would not hear me; and Hashem said unto me, Enough from thee; speak no more unto Me of this matter.

Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see it with thine eyes; for

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thou shalt not go over this Yarden.

[28] But commission Yehoshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit ha'aretz which thou shalt see.

[29] So we abode in the valley over against Beit-Peor.

Now therefore shema, Yisroel, unto the chukkim and unto the mishpatim, which I melammed (teach) you, to do them, in order that ye may live, and go in and possess ha'aretz which Hashem Elohei Avoiteichem giveth you.

[2] Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye take anything from it, that ye may be shomer mitzvot of the commandments of Hashem Eloheichem which I command you.

[3] Your eyes have seen what Hashem did because of Baal Peor; for all the men that followed Baal Peor, Hashem Eloheicha hath destroyed them from among you.

[4] But ye that did have deveykus (cleaving) unto Hashem Eloheichem are alive every one of you today.

[5] Behold, I have taught you chukkim and mishpatim, even as Hashem Elohai commanded me, that ye should do so in ha'aretz whither ye go to possess it.

[6] Be shomer therefore and do them; for this is your chochmah and your binah in the sight of the peoples, which shall hear all these chukkim, and say, Surely HaGoy HaGadol is a wise and understanding people.

[7] For what nation is there so great, who hath elohim so near unto them, as Hashem Eloheinu is in all things for which we call upon Him?

[8] And what nation is there so great, that hath chukkim and mishpatim tzaddikim as all this torah, which I set before you today?

[9] Only be shomer over thyself, and be shomer over thy nefesh diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy lev kol yamim of thy life; but teach them to thy banim, and the banim of thy banim;

[10] Specially the yom that thou stoodest before Hashem Eloheicha in Chorev, when Hashem said unto me, Gather Me the people together, and I will make them hear My words, that they may learn to fear Me kol hayamim that they shall live upon ha'adamah and that they may teach their children.

[11] And ye came near and stood at the foot of the mountain; the mountain burned with eish unto the midst of Shomayim, with choshech, and anan, and thick darkness.

[12] And Hashem spoke unto you out of the midst of the eish; ye heard the voice of the devarim, but saw no temunah (form, semblance); only ye heard a voice.

[13] And He declared unto you His Brit, which He commanded you to do, even Aseres HaDevarim; and He wrote them upon shnei luchot avanim (two tablets of stone).

[14] And Hashem commanded me at that time to teach you chukkim and mishpatim, that ye might do them in ha'aretz whither ye go over to possess it.

[15] Be shomer over yourselves, therefore; for ye saw no manner of temunah on the yom that Hashem spoke unto you in Chorev out of the midst of the eish;

[16] Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a pesel (idol, image), or the likeness of anything, which Hashem Eloheicha hath forbidden thee.

[17] The likeness of any behemah that is on ha'aretz, the likeness of any winged fowl that fieth in the air,

[18] The likeness of anything that creepeth on the adamah, the likeness of any dag (fish) that is in the waters below;

[19] And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto Shomayim, and when thou seest the shemesh, and the yarei'ach, and the kokhavim, even all the ta’va HaShomayim, shouldest be driven to hishtachaveh (bow down, worship) them, and serve them which Hashem Eloheicha hath divided unto kol Amim under kol HaShomayim.

[20] But Hashem hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, even out of Mitzrayim, to be unto Him an Am Nachalah (a people of inheritance), as ye are yom hazeh.

[21] Furthermore Hashem was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over Yarden, and that I should not go in unto that ha'aretz hatovah, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah (inheritance);

[22] But I must die in this land, I must not go over Yarden; but ye shall go over, and possess that ha'aretz hatovah.

[23] Be shomer over yourselves, lest ye forget the Brit Hashem Eloheicha, which He cut with you, and make you a pesel (idol, image), or the likeness of anything, which Hashem Eloheicha hath forbidden thee.

[24] For Hashem Eloheicha is a consuming eish,
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even an El Kannah.

|25| When thou shalt father banim, and bnei banim, and ye shall have remained long in Ha’Aretz, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a pesel, or the likeness of anything, and shall do evil in the sight of Hashem Eloheicha, to provoke Him to anger; |26| I call Shomayim and HaAretz to witness against you today, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off Ha’Aretz whereunto ye go over Yarden to possess it; ye shall not prolong your yamim upon it, but shall be utterly shmad.

|27| And Hashem shall scatter you among the amim; ye shall be left few in number among the Goyim, whither Hashem shall lead you. |28| And there ye shall serve elohim, the work of men’s hands, etz (wood) and even (stone), which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. |29| But if from thence thou shalt seek Hashem Eloheicha, thou shalt find Him, if thou seek Him with all thy lev and with all thy nefesh. |30| When thou art in tzar (tribulation), and all these things are come upon thee, even in the acharit hayamim, if thou turn to Hashem Eloheicha and shalt be obedient unto His voice; |31| For Hashem Eloheicha is an El Rachum; He will not abandon thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the Brit Avoteicha which He swore unto them. |32| For ask now of the yamim that are past, which were before thee, since the yom that Elohim bara man upon Ha’Aretz, and ask from the one side of Shomayim unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? |33| Did ever people hear the kol Elohim speaking out of the midst of the eish, as thou hast heard, and live? |34| Or hath Elohim tried to go and take Him a nation from the midst of another nation, by massot (trials), by otot, by moftetim, by milchamah, by a yad chazakah, by an out-stretched zero’a, by great terrors, according to all that Hashem Eloheicha did for you in Mitzrayim before your eyes? |35| Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that Hashem He is HaElohim; there is none else beside Him. |36| Out of Shomayim He made thee to hear His voice, that He might discipline thee; upon Ha’Aretz He showed thee His eish hagedolah; and thou hearest His devarim out of the midst of the eish. |37| And because He loved Avoteicha, therefore He chose their zera after them, and brought thee out in His sight with His ko’ach hagadol out of Mitzrayim; |38| To drive out Goyim from before thee greater and mightier than thou art, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for a nachalah, as it is yom hazeh. |39| Know therefore today, and consider it in thine lev, that Hashem He is HaElohim in Shomayim above, and upon Ha’Aretz above, and upon Ha’Aretz beneath: there is no other. |40| Thou shalt be shomer over His chukkim, therefore, and His mitzvot, which I command thee today, that it may go well with thee, and with thy banim after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy yamim upon adama, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, kol hayamim. |41| Then Moshe separated and set apart three towns on this side of the Yarden toward the rising of the shemesh; |42| That the rotze’ach might flee thither, which should kill his neighbor unaught, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these towns he might live: |43| Namely, Betzer in the midbar, in the flatland, of the Reuveni; and Ramot in Gil’ ad, of the Gadi; and Golan in Bashan, of the Menashi. |44| And this is the torah which Moshe set before the Bnei Yisroel; |45| These are the edot, and the chukkim, and the mishpatim, which Moshe spoke unto the Bnei Yisroel, after they came forth out of Mitzrayim. |46| On this side of the Yarden, in the valley over against Beit Peor, in Eretz Sichon Melech HaEmori, who dwelt at Cheshbon, whom Moshe and the Bnei Yisroel struck down, after they were come forth out of Mitzrayim; |47| And they possessed his land, and Eretz Og Melech HaBashan, two melachim of HaEmori, which were on this side of the Yarden toward the rising of the shemesh; |48| From Aroer, which is by the edge of the Wadi Arnon, even unto Mt Siyon, which is Chermon, |49| And all the Aravah on this side of the Yarden eastward, even unto the Dead Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah.

5 And Moshe called kol Yisroel, and said unto them, Shema, Yisroel, to the chukkim and mishpatim which I speak in your ears today, that ye may learn them, and be shomer to do them.
| 3 | Hashem made not this Brit with Avoteinu, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive today. |
| 4 | Hashem talked with you panim b'panim in the har out of the midst of the eish, |
| 5 | I stood between Hashem and you at that time, to show you the Devar Hashem; for ye were afraid by reason of the eish, and went not up into the har) saying: |
| [6| I Am Hashem Eloheicha, Which brought thee out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim. |
| [7| Thou shalt have no elohim acharim before Me. |
| 8 | Thou shalt not make thee any pesel, or any temunah of anything that is in Shomayim above, or that is in Ha'Aretz beneath, or that is in the mayim beneath ha'aretz; |
| 9 | Lo tishtachaveh (thou shalt not bow down thyself) unto them, nor serve them; for I Hashem Eloheicha am an El Kannah, visiting the iniquity of the avot upon the banim unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, |
| 10 | And showing chesed unto thousands of them that love Me and are shomer over My mitzvot. |
| 11 | Thou shalt not take the Shabbos on Yom HaShabbat. |
| 12 | Honor thy av and em, as Hashem Eloheicha commanded thee; that thy yamim may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in ha'adamah which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee. |
| 13 | Lo tirtzah (thou shalt not murder). |
| 14 | V'lo ta'aneh (neither shalt thou steal). |
| 15 | V'lo tachmod (neither shalt thou covet). |
| 16 | V'lo tigrov (neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor). |
| 17 | V'lo ta'aneh vrecha ed shav (neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor). |
| 18 | Vlo t'‹reh (neither shalt thou commit adultery). |
| 19 | Vlo tashmod (neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's bais, his sadeh, or his eved, or his amah, his ox, or his donkey, or any thing that is thy neighbor's. |
| 20 | These devarim Hashem spoke unto all your Kahal in the mountain out of the midst of the eish, of the anan, and of the thick darkness, with a kol gadol; and He added no more. |
| 21 | And He wrote them in two luchot of even (stone), and delivered them unto me. |
| 22 | And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of thechoshech, (for the har did burn with eish,) that ye came near unto me, even all your Rashei Shvatim (Heads of Tribes), and your Zekeinim (Elders); |
| 23 | And ye said, Behold, Hashem Eloheinu hath showed us His kvod and His gadol (greatness), and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the eish; we have seen today that Elohim doth talk with man, and he liveth. |
| 24 | Now therefore why should we die? For this great eish will consume us; if we hear the voice of Hashem Eloheinu any more, then we shall die. |
| 25 | For who is there of all basar, that hath heard the voice of the Elohim Chayyim speaking out of the midst of the eish, as we have, and lived? |
| 26 | Go thou near, and hear all that Hashem Eloheinu shall say; and speak thou unto us all that Hashem Eloheinu shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it. |
| 27 | And Hashem heard the voice of your words, when ye spoke unto me; and Hashem said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee; they have well said all that they have spoken. |
| 28 | O that there were such a lev in them, that they would fear Me, and be shomer mitzvot over all My mitzvot always, that it might be well with them, and with their banim Iolam! |
| 29 | Go say to them, Get you unto your oholim again. |
| 30 | But as for thee, stand thou here by Me, and I will speak unto thee all the mitzvot, and the chukkim, and the mishpatim, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in
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6 ha'aretz which I give them to possess it.
[32] Ye shall be shomer to do therefore as Hashem Eloheicha hath commanded you; ye shall not turn aside to the right or to the left.
[33] Ye shall walk in kol HaDerech which Hashem Eloheicha hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your yamim in ha'aretz which ye shall possess [see Ac 21:21].

Now these are the mitzvot, the chukkim, and the mishpatim, which Hashem Eloheichem commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in ha'aretz whither ye go to possess it:
[2] That thou mightest fear Hashem Eloheicha, to be shomer over all His chukkim and His mitzvot, which I command thee, thou, and thy ben, and thy ben's ben, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
[3] Shema therefore, Yisroel, and be shomer to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Hashem Elohei Avoteicha hath promised thee, in Eretz Zavat Cholov uDevash.
[6] And these devarim, which I command thee today, shall be in thine lev;
[7] And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy banim, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine bais, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
[8] And thou shalt bind them for an ot upon thine hand, and they shall be as totafos (ornaments [Shemot 13:16, Shabbos 57a]) between thine eyes.
[9] And thou shalt write them upon the mezuzot of thy bais, and on thy she'arim.
[10] And it shall be, when Hashem Eloheicha shall have brought thee into ha'aretz He swore unto Avoteicha, to Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Ya'aakov, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not,
[11] And batim full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, kramim (vineyards) and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full;
[12] Then beware lest thou forget Hashem, which brought thee forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim.
[14] Ye shall not go after elohim acherim, of elohei ha'amim (the g-ds of the peoples) which are round about you;
[15] (For Hashem Eloheicha is an El Kannah among you) lest the anger of Hashem Eloheicha be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from off the face of ha'adamah.
[16] Ye shall not test Hashem Eloheicha, as ye tested Him in Massah.
[17] Ye diligently shall be shomer mitzvot over the mitzvot Hashem Eloheichem and His edut, and His chukkim, which He hath commanded thee.
[18] And thou shalt do that which is yashar (right, straight) and hatov in the eyes of Hashem; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess ha'aretz hatovah which Hashem swore unto Avotecha.
[19] To cast out all thine enemies from before thee, as Hashem hath spoken.
[20] And when thy ben asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the edut, and the chukkim, and the mishpatim which Hashem Eloheinu hath commanded you?
[21] Then thou shalt say unto thy ben, We were Pharaoh’s avadim in Mitzrayim; and Hashem brought us out of Mitzrayim with a yad chazakah;
[22] And Hashem showed otot and mofetim, great and terrible, upon Mitzrayim, and Hashem brought us to be an am goyim in Eretz Mitzrayim;
[23] And Pharaoh drove us out in hostility, and cast great evil upon us, and splintered us, that he might bring us into the midst of the sea, to destroy us.
[24] And Hashem commanded us to do all these chukkim, to fear Hashem Eloheinu, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is at yom hazeh.
[25] And tzedakah it shall be for us, if we are shomer to do all these mitzvot before Hashem Eloheinu, as He hath commanded us.

7 When Hashem Eloheicha shall bring thee into ha'aretz whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out Goyim rabbim before thee, the Chitti, and the Girgashi, and the Emori, and the Kena’ani, and the Perizzi, and the Chivi, and the Yevusi, shivah Goyim greater and mightier than thou;
[2] And when Hashem Eloheicha shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt strike them down, and
utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no Brit with them, nor show mercy unto them; [3] Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy bat thou shalt not give unto his ben, nor his bat shalt thou take unto thy ben. [4] For they will turn away thy ben from following Me, that they may serve elohim acherim; so will the anger of Hashem be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. [5] But thus shalt ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their mizbechot, and break down their matzeivot (pillars), and cut down their Asherah [sacred trees], and burn their peselim with eish. [6] For thou art an Am Kadosh unto Hashem Eloheicha; Hashem Eloheicha hath chosen thee to be an Am Segullah (Treasured People) unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of ha'adamah. [7] Hashem did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of kol ha'aminim; [8] But because of Ahavat Hashem (because Hashem loved you); and because He would be shomer over haShevuah (the Oath) which He had sworn unto Avoteichem, hath Hashem brought you out with a yad chazakah, and redeemed you out of the bais avadim, from the hand of Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim. [9] Know therefore that Hashem Eloheicha, He is HaElohim, the El HaNe'eman, which is shomer HaBrit and hath chesed with them that love Him and are shomer mitzvot to a thousand generations; [10] And repayeth them that are the soneh (hater, enemy) of Him to their face, to destroy them; He will not be slack to him that hateth Him, He will repay him to his face. [11] Thou shalt therefore be shomer mitzvot, and keep the chukkim, and the mishpatim, which I command thee today, to do them. [EIKEV] [12] Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye give heed to these mishpatim, and are shomer, and do them, that Hashem Eloheicha shall be shomer over the Brit unto thee and the chesed which He swore unto Avoteicha; [13] And He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee; He will also bless the pri of thy womb, and the pri of thy land, thy grain, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy cattle, and the flocks of thy sheep, in adamah which He swore unto Avoteicha to give thee. [14] Baruch shalt thou be more than kol ha'aminim; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. [15] And Hashem will take away from thee every choli (disease), and will put none of the evil diseases of Mitzrayim, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. [16] And thou shalt consume kol haAm which Hashem Eloheicha shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them; neither shalt thou serve eloheihem (their g-ds); for that will be a snare unto thee. [17] If thou shalt say in thine lev, These Goyim are more than I; how can I dispossess them? [18] Thou shalt not be afraid of them; but shalt well remember what Hashem Eloheicha did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Mitzrayim; [19] The great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the oto, and the mofetim, and the yad chazakah, and the stretched out zero'a, whereby Hashem Eloheicha brought thee out; so shall Hashem Eloheicha do unto kol ha'amim of whom thou art afraid. [20] Moreover Hashem Eloheicha will send the hornet swarm among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed. [21] Thou shalt not be afraid of them; for Hashem Eloheicha is among you, an El Gadol v'Norah. [22] And Hashem Eloheicha will put out those Goyim before thee mat mat (little by little); thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the sadeh increase upon thee. [23] But Hashem Eloheicha shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be shmad. [24] And He shall deliver their melachim into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their shem from under Shomayim; there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. [25] The peselim of eloheihem shall ye burn with eish; thou shalt not desire the kesef or zahav that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is a to'evah (abomination) to Hashem Eloheicha.
Neither shalt thou bring a to’evah (abomination) into thine bais, lest thou be a cherem like it; but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cherem.

Kol hamitzvot which I command thee today shall ye be shomer to do, lema’an (in order that) ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess ha’aretz which Hashem swore unto Avoteichem.

And thou shalt remember kol haderech which Hashem Eloheicha led thee these arba'im shanah in the midbar, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine lev, whether thou wouldest be shomer over His mitzvot, or no.

And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did Avoteicha know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by lechem only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of Hashem doth man live.

Thy raiment did not increase old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these arba'im shanah.

Thou shalt also consider in thine lev, that, as a man chasteneth bno, so Hashem Eloheicha chasteneth thee.

Therefore thou shalt be shomer over the mitzvot of Hashem Eloheicha, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

For Hashem Eloheicha bringeth thee into an eretz tovah, a land of brooks of mayim, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills;

An eretz chittah, and se'orah (barley), and gefen, and te'ena'h, and pomegranates; an eretz zayit shemen, and devash;

An eretz wherein thou shalt eat lechem without scarceness, thou shalt not lack anything in it; an eretz whose stones are barzel, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig nechoshet (bronze).

When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless Hashem Eloheicha for ha'aretz hatovah which He hath given thee.

Beware that thou forget not Hashem Eloheicha, in not being shomer over His mitzvot, and His mishpatim, and His chukkot, which I command thee today;

Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly batim (houses) and dwelt therein;

And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy kesef and thy zahav is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied;

Then thine lev be lifted up, and thou forget Hashem Eloheicha which brought thee forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim;

Who led thee through that great and terrible midbar, wherein were fiery nachash, and akrav (scorpions), and parched earth, where there was no mayim; Who brought thee forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim;

Who led thee through that great and terrible midbar, wherein were fiery nachash, and akrav (scorpions), and parched earth, where there was no mayim; Who brought thee forth mayim out of the rock of flint;

Who fed thee in the midbar with manna, which Avoteicha knew not, that He might humble thee, and that He might prove thee, to do thee good at thy acharit;

And thou say in thine lev, My ko'ach (power) and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this chayil (wealth);

But thou shalt remember Hashem Eloheicha; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His Brit which He swore unto Avoteicha, as it is yom hazeh.

And it shall be, if thou do at all forget Hashem Eloheicha, and walk after acharei elohim, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you today that ye shall surely perish.

As the Goyim which Hashem destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of Hashem Eloheicha.

Shema, Yisroel: Thou art to pass over Yarden today, to go in to possess Goyim greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and walled up to Shomayim,

A people great and tall, the Bnei Anakim, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the Bnei Anak!

Understand therefore this day, that Hashem Eloheicha is He which goeth over before thee; as a consuming eish He shall destroy them, and He shall bring them down before thy face; so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as Hashem hath said unto thee.

Speak not thou in thine lev, after that Hashem Eloheicha hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my tzedakah (righteousness) Hashem hath brought me in to possess this land; but for the wickedness of these Goyim Hashem doth drive them out from before thee.
Not for thy tzedakah, or for the yosher (uprightness) of thine lev, dost thou go to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these Goyim Hashem Eloheicha doth drive them out from before thee, and that He may perform the word which Hashem swore unto Avoteicha, Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya’akov.

Understand therefore, that Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee not this ha’aretz hatovah to possess it for thy tzedakah; for thou art an Am Kesheh Oref (a stiffnecked people).

Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst Hashem Eloheicha to wrath in the midbar; from the yom that thou didst depart out of Eretz Mitzrayim, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against Hashem.

In Chorev ye provoked Hashem to wrath, so that Hashem was angry with you to have destroyed you.

When I was gone up into the mount to receive the luchot ha’avanim, even the luchot HaBrit which Hashem cut with you, then I abode in the mount arba’im yom and arba’im lailah; I neither did eat lechem nor drink mayim;

And Hashem delivered unto me shnei luchot ha’avanim written with the etzba Elohim (finger of G-d); and on them was written according to all the words, which Hashem spoke with you in the mount out of the midst of the eish in the Yom HaKahal.

And it came to pass at the end of arba’im yom and arba’im lailah, Hashem gave me the shnei luchot ha’avanim, even the Luchot HaBrit.

And Hashem said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Mitzrayim have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a massekhah (molten image).

Furthermore Hashem spoke unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is an Am Kesheh Oref (stiffnecked people):

Let Me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their shem from under Shomayim; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with eish; and the shnei Luchot HaBrit were in my two hands.

And I looked, and, hinei, ye had sinned against Hashem Eloheicha, and had made you an egel massekhah (a molten calf); ye had turned aside quickly out of HaDerech (The Way) which Hashem had commanded you.

And I took the shnei haluchot, and cast them out of my two hands and broke them before your eyes.

And I fell down before Hashem, as at the first, arba’im yom and arba’im lailah; I did neither eat lechem nor drink mayim, because of kol chattatchem ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of Hashem, to provoke Him to anger.

For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith Hashem was angry against you to destroy you. But Hashem listened unto me at that time also.

And Hashem was very angry with Aharon to have made him shmad; and I davened on behalf of Aharon also at that time.

And I took your sin, the egel which ye had made, and burned it with eish, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust; and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

And at Taverah, and at Massah, and at Kivrot Hattaavah, ye provoked Hashem to wrath.

Likewise when Hashem sent you from Kadesh-Barnea, saying, Go up and possess ha’aretz which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of Hashem Eloheichem, and ye believed Him not, nor gave heed to His voice.

Ye have been rebellious against Hashem from the yom that I knew you.

Thus I fell down before Hashem arba’im hayom and arba’im halailah, as I fell down at the first; because Hashem had said He would destroy you.

I davened therefore unto Hashem, and said, Adonoi Hashem, destroy not Thy people and Thy inheritance, which Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness, which Thou hast brought forth out of Mitzrayim with a yad chazakah.

Remember Thy avadim, Avraham, Yitzchak, and Ya’akov; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin;

Lest ha’aretz whence Thou broughtest us out say, Because Hashem was not able to bring them into ha’aretz which He promised them, and because He hated them, He hath brought them out to slay them in the midbar.

Yet they are Thy people and Thine nachalah, which Thou broughtest out by Thy koach hagadol and by Thy outstretched zero’a.
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At that time Hashem said unto me, Carve thee shnei luchot avanim like unto the first, and come up unto Me into the mount, and make thee an aron etz.

And I will write on the luchot the devarim that were in haluchot harishonim which thou didst brake, and thou shalt put them in the aron.

And I made an aron of sheetim wood, and hewed shnei luchot avanim like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the shnei luchot in mine hand.

And He wrote on the luchot, according to the first writing, the Aseres HaDibros (Ten Commandments), which Hashem spoke unto you in the mount out of the midst of the eish in the Yom HaKahal; and Hashem gave them unto me.

And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the luchot in the aron which I had made; and there they are, as Hashem commanded me.

And the Bnei Yisroel took their journey from Be'erot (Wells) of the Bnei Yaakan to Moserah; there Aharon died, and there he was buried; and Elazar bno ministered in the office of kohen in his place.

From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Yotvatah, an eretz of rivers of waters.

At that time Hashem separated the shevet (tribe) of Levi, to bear the Aron Brit Hashem, to stand before Hashem to minister unto Him, and to bless in Shmo, unto yom hazeh.

Therefore Levi hath no chelek nor nachalah with his brethren; Hashem is his nachalah, according as Hashem Eloheicha promised him.

Therefore thou shalt love Hashem Eloheicha, and be shomer over His mishmeret (charge, what is to be preserved), and His chukkot, and His mishpatim, and His mitzvot, always.

And know ye today; for I speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the musar [see Yeshayah 53:5] of Hashem Eloheicha, His greatness, His yad chazakah, and His outstretched zero'a,

And His otot, and His ma'asim, which He did in the midst of Mitzrayim unto Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, and unto all his land;

And what He did unto the army of Mitzrayim, unto their susim, and to their chariots; how He made the mayim of Yam Suf to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how Hashem hath destroyed them unto yom hazeh;

And what He did unto you in the midbar, until ye came into this place;

And what He did unto Datan and Aviram, the bnei Eliav ben Reuven; how ha'aretz opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their
[11] and every living thing in their possession, in the midst of kol kol Yisroel;  
[12] But your eyes have seen kol ma'aseh hagadol Hashem  
[13] Therefore shall ye be shomer over all the mitzvot which I command you today, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess ha'aretz, whither ye go to possess it;  
[14] And in order that ye may prolong your yamim on ha'adamah, which Hashem swore unto Avoteichem to give unto them and to their zera, Eretz Zavat Cholov U'devash (land that floweth with milk and honey).  
[15] But ha'aretz, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as Eretz Mitzrayim, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy zera, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a gan (garden) of herbs:  
[16] And it shall come to pass, if ye shall give heed diligently unto My mitzvot which I command you today, to love Hashem Eloheichem, and to serve Him with all your lev and with all your nefesh,  
[17] And ye shall teach them when thou sittest in thine bais, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.  
[18] See, I set before you today a brocha and a kelalah;  
[19] And it shall come to pass, when Hashem Eloheicha hath brought thee in unto ha'aretz whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the brocha upon Mt Gerizim, and the kelalah upon Mt Eival.  
[20] And ye shall will Hashem Eloheichem, to walk in all His ways, and to have deveykus unto Him;  
[21] That your yamim may be multiplied, and the yamim of your banim, in ha'adamah which Hashem swore unto Avoteichem to give them, as the yamim of Shomayim upon ha'aretz (i.e., as long as the heavens are above the earth).  
[22] For ye shall be shomer diligently over all these mitzvot which I command you, to do them, to love Hashem Eloheichem, to walk in all His ways, and to have deveykus unto Him;  
[23] Then will Hashem drive out all these Goyim from before you, and ye shall possess Goyim gedolim and mightyer than yourselves.  
[24] Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours; from the midbar and the Levanon, from the River, the river Euphrates, even unto the Western [Mediterranean] Sea shall your border be.  
[25] There shall no man be able to stand before you; for Hashem Eloheichem shall lay the pachad (terror, fear) of you and the dread of you upon kol ha'aretz that ye shall tread upon, as He hath said unto you.
which I set before you today.

These are the chukkim and mishpatim over which ye shall be shomer to do in ha'aretz, which Hashem Elohei Avoteicha giveth thee to possess it, kol hayamim that ye live upon ha'adamah.

[2] Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the Goyim which ye shall possess served their elohim, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree;

[3] And ye shall overthrow their mizbechot, and break their matzeivot, and burn their Asherim with eish; and ye shall hew down peselim of their elohim, and destroy the names of them out of that place.


[5] But unto the place which Hashem Eloheichem shall choose out of all your shevatim to put Shmo there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

[6] And thither ye shall bring your olot, and your zevakhim, and your ma'aseros (tithes), and terumot (heave offerings) of your hand, and all your choice nedarim (vows) which ye vow unto Hashem;

[7] And ye shall rejoice before Hashem Eloheichem, ye, and your banim, and your banot, and your avadim, and your maidservants, and the Levi that is within your she'arim; forasmuch as he hath no chelek nor nachalah with you.

[8] Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy olot in every place that thou seest;

[9] But in the place which Hashem Eloheichem shall choose out of all your shevatim to put Shmo there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

[10] Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the Goyim which ye shall possess served their elohim, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree;

[11] And ye shall overthrow their mizbechot, and break their matzeivot, and burn their Asherim with eish; and ye shall hew down peselim of their elohim, and destroy the names of them out of that place.


[13] But unto the place which Hashem Eloheichem shall choose out of all your shevatim to put Shmo there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:

[14] And ye shall rejoice before Hashem Eloheichem, ye, and your banim, and your banot, and your avadim, and your maidservants, and the Levi that is within your she'arim; forasmuch as he hath no chelek nor nachalah with you.

[15] Notwithstanding, thou mayest kill and eat basar in all thy she'arim, whatsoever thy nefesh desireth, according to the birkat Hashem Eloheicha which He hath given thee; hatameh (the unclean) and hatahor (the clean) shall eat of them alike.

[16] Only be sure that thou eat not the dahm; for the dahm is the nefesh; and thou mayest eat the nefesh with the basar.

[17] Thou mayest not eat within thy she'arim the ma'aser (tithe) of thy dagan (grain), or of thy tirosh (new wine), or of thy yitzhar (fresh oil), or the bekhorot (firstlings) of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy nedarim (vows) which thou vowest, nor thy nedavot (freewill offerings), or terumah (heave offering) of thine hand;

[18] But thou must eat them before Hashem Eloheicha in the place which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose, thou, and thy ben, and thy bat, and thy eved, and thy amah, and the Levi that is within thy she'arim; and thou shalt rejoice before Hashem Eloheicha in all that thou puttest thine hands unto.

[19] Be shomer to thyself that thou forsake not the Levi as long as thou livest upon ha'adamah.

[20] When Hashem Eloheicha shall enlarge thy border, as He hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat basar, because thy nefesh longeth to eat basar; thou mayest eat basar, whatsoever thy nefesh desireth after.

[21] If the place which Hashem Eloheicha hath chosen to put Shmo there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which Hashem hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy she'arim whatsoever thy nefesh desireth after.

[22] Even as the gazelle and the deer is eaten, so thou shalt eat them; the tamah (unclean) and the tahor (clean) shall eat of them alike.

[23] Only be sure that thou eat not the dahm; for the dahm is the nefesh; and thou mayest not eat the nefesh with the basar.

[24] Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon ha'aretz as mayim.
|25| Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy banim after thee, when thou shalt do that which is yashar in the sight of Hashem.

|26| Only thy kadashim (holy things) which thou hast, and thy nedarim (vows), thou shalt take, and go unto the place which Hashem shall choose;

|27| And thou shalt offer thy olot, the basar and the dahm, upon the Mizbe'ach of Hashem Eloheicha; and the dahm of thy zevakhim (sacrifices) shall be poured out upon the mizbe'ach of Hashem Eloheicha, and thou shalt eat the basar.

|28| Be shomer and heed all these devarim which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy banim after thee ad olam, when thou dost that which is tov and yashar in the sight of Hashem Eloheicha.

|29| When Hashem Eloheicha shall cut off the Goyim from before thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou displace them, and dwellest in their land;

|30| Be shomer to thyself that thou be not ensnared to follow them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their elohim, saying, How did these Govim serve their elohim? Even so will I do likewise.

|31| Thou shalt not do so unto Hashem Eloheicha; for kol to'avat Hashem (every abomination to Hashem), which He hateth, have they done unto their elohim; for even their banim and their banot they have burned in the eish to their elohim.

|32| What thing soever I command you, be shomer to do it; thou shalt not add thereto, nor take away or diminish from it.

13 If there arise among you a navi, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee an ot (sign) or a mofet (wonder); [2] (13:3) And the ot (sign) or the mofet (wonder) come to pass, whereof he spoke unto thee, saying, Let us go after elohim acherim, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

|3| Thou shalt not give heed unto the devarim of that navi, or that dreamer of dreams; for Hashem Eloheicha is testing you, to know whether ye love Hashem Eloheicha with all your lev and with all your nefesh.

|4| Ye shall walk after Hashem Eloheicha, and fear Him, and be shomer over His mitzvot, and obey His voice, and ye shall serve Him, and have deveykus unto Him.

|5| And that navi, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be shomer to thyself that thou be not ensnared to follow him, after that he be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after his elohim, saying, How did these Govim serve their elohim? Even so will I do likewise.

|6| Then shalt thou harah away from the midst of thee.

|7| If achicha (thy brother), the ben of thy em, or thy ben, or thy bat, or the eshet kheyk of thee (wife of thy bosom), or thy friend, which is as thine own nefesh, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve elohim acherim, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy avot;

|8| Namely, of the elohei ha'amim which are round about you, near unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one ketzeh ha'aretz even unto the other ketzeh ha'aretz;

|8| Thou shalt not yield unto him, nor give heed unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him;

|9| But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of kol HaAm.

|10| And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from Hashem Eloheicha, which brought thee out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim.

|11| And kol Yisroel shall hear, and fear, and shall not again do such wickedness as this is among you.

|12| If thou shalt hear say in one of thy towns, which Hashem Eloheicha hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

|13| Certain men, the be'lei Belyaal (reprobate, worthless men), are gone out from among you, and have enticed the inhabitants of their town, saying, Let us go and serve elohim acherim, which ye have not known;

|14| Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, hinei, if it be emes, and the thing certain, that such to'evah (abomination, detestable action) is wrought among you;

|15| Then shall thou cut off the inhabitants of that town with the edge of the cherev, in cherem destroying it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the cherev.

|16| And thou shalt gather all the
plunder of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with eish the town, and all the plunder thereof completely for Hashem Eloheicha; and it shall be a tel olam (heap forever); it shall not be built again.

And there shall cling none of the accursed thing to thine hand; that Hashem may turn from the fierceness of His anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as He hath sworn unto Avoteicha;

When thou shalt give heed to the voice of Hashem Eloheicha, to be shomer over all His mitzvot which I command thee today, to do that which is yashar (right, straight) in the eyes of Hashem Eloheicha.

Ye are the bnei Hashem Eloheichem; ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead.

For thou art an Am Kadosh unto Hashem Eloheicha, and Hashem hath chosen thee to be an Am Segullah (treasured people) unto Himself, above kol ha'adamim that are upon ha'adamah.

Thou shalt not eat any to'evah (detestable thing).

These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the shor, the seh, and the izzim,

The deer, and the gazelle, and the yachmur, and the akko, and the antelope, and the wild ox, and the wild goat.

And every beast that parteth the hoof, and is separated in two hooves, and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat.

Nevertheless, these ye shall not eat of them that only chew the cud, or of them that only divide the cloven hoof; as the camel, and the hare, and the coney; for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are tameh (unclean) unto you.

And the chazir, because it divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is tameh (unclean) unto you; ye shall not eat of their basar, nor touch their nevelah (dead carcass).

These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales shall ye eat,

And whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye may not eat; it is tameh (unclean) unto you.

Of all tahorah (clean) birds ye shall eat.

But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the nesher, and the vulture, and the bearded vulture,

And the kite, and the buzzard after its kind,

And every raven after its kind,

The owl, and the night hawk, and the seagull, and the hawk after its kind,

The little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl,

And the pelican, and the osprey, and the cormorant,

And the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

And every creeping thing that flieth is tameh (unclean) unto you; they shall not be eaten.

But of all tahor (clean) fowls ye may eat.

Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself; thou shalt give it unto the ger that is in thy she'arim, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien; for thou art an Am Kadosh unto Hashem Eloheicha. Thou shalt not boil a young goat in its mother's cholov.

Thou shalt truly give ma'aser (tithe) of all the increase of thy zera, that the sadeh bringeth forth year by year.

And thou shalt eat before Hashem Eloheicha, in the place which He shall choose to place Shmo there, the ma'aser (tithe) of thy dagan (grain), of thy tirosh (new wine), and of thine yitzhar (fresh oil), and the bekhorot (firstlings) of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to stand in awe of Hashem Eloheicha always.

And if the journey be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose to set Shmo there, when Hashem Eloheicha hath blessed thee;

Then shalt thou exchange it for kesef, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose;

And thou shalt spend that kesef for whatsoever thy nefesh desireth after, for cattle, or for sheep, or for yayin, or for shechar (fermented drink), or for whatsoever thy nefesh desireth; and thou shalt eat there before Hashem Eloheicha, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

And the Levi that is within thy she'arim; thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no chelek nor nachalah with thee.

At the end of shalosh shanim thou shalt bring forth all the ma'aser (tithe) of thy zera increase the same year, and shalt store it up within thy she'arim:

And thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thine household,

And the Levi (because he hath no chelek nor nachalah with thee)
and the ger, and the yatom, and the almanah, which are within thy she’arim, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Hashem Eloheicha may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

At the end of every shevat shanim thou shalt make a shemittah (release).

And this is the manner of the shemittah: Every creditor that lendeth whatever unto his neighbor shall cancel the debt; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called Hashem’s Shemittah.

Of a nokhri thou mayest require a debt to be repaid; but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release the claim.

There shall be no evyon (needy, poor) among you; for Hashem shall greatly bless thee in ha’aretz which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah to possess it; if only thou carefully give heed unto the voice of Hashem Eloheicha to be shomer to do all these mitzvot which I command thee today.

For Hashem Eloheicha blesseth thee, as He promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto Goyim rabbim, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over Goyim rabbim, but they shall not reign over thee.

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren within any of thy she’arim in thy land which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine lev, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother:

But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his machsor (need), in that which he wanteth.

Beware that there be not a thought in thy lev beliyaal, saying, The seventh year, the shnat hashemittah (the year of release), is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou givest him nought; and he cry unto Hashem against thee, and it be chet (sin) unto thee.

Thou shalt surely give him, and thine lev shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; because that for this thing Hashem Eloheicha shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.

For the poor shall never cease out of ha’aretz; therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

And if thy brother, an Ivri (a Hebrew), or an Ivriyyah (Hebrew woman), be sold unto thee, and serve thee shesh shanim; then in the shanah hashevi’it thou shalt let him go free from thee.

And when thou sendest him out chafshi (free) from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty-handed:

Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy tzon, and out of thy threshing floor, and out of thy winepress; of that wherewith Hashem Eloheicha hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.

And thou shalt remember that thou wast an eved in Eretz Mitzrayim, and Hashem Eloheicha redeemed thee; therefore I command thee this thing today.

And thou shalt be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine bais, because he fares well with thee;

Then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the delet, and he shall be thy eved olam. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise.

It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away chafshi (free) from thee; for he hath been worth twice that of a hired eved to thee, in serving thee shesh shanim; and Hashem Eloheicha shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

Kol habechor (all firstling males) that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt set apart as kodesh unto Hashem Eloheicha; thou shalt do no work with the bechor of thy ox, nor shear the bechor of thy sheep.

Thou shalt eat it within thy she’arim; the tameh (unclean) and the tahor (clean) person shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the deer.

Only thou shalt not eat the dahm thereof; thou shalt pour it upon ha’aretz as mayim.

Be shomer of the month of Aviv [springtime, i.e., Nisan], and perform the Pesach offering unto Hashem Eloheicha; for in the month of Aviv Hashem Eloheicha brought thee forth out of Mitzrayim by lailah.
Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the Pesach unto Hashem Eloheicha, of the tzon and the herd, in the place which Hashem shall choose to place Shmo there.

Thou shalt eat no chametz with it; shivat yamim shalt thou eat matzot therewith, even the lechem oni (bread of affliction); for thou camest forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim in haste in order that thou mayest remember the yom when thou camest forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim kol yemei chayyechah (all the days of thy life).

And there shall be no se'or (leaven) seen with thee in all thy territory shivat yamim; neither shall any thing of the basar, which thou sacrificedst ba'Erev baYom HaRishon, remain overnight until the boker.

Thou mayest not sacrifice the Pesach within any of thy she'arim, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee; but at the place which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose to place Shmo in, there shalt thou sacrifice the Pesach at erev, at the going down of the shemesh, at the mo'ed (appointed time) that thou camest forth out of Mitzrayim.

Thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose to place Shmo in, there thou shalt sacrifice the Pesach at erev, at the going down of the shemesh, at the mo'ed (appointed time) that thou camest forth out of Mitzrayim.

And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose to place Shmo in, there thou shalt sacrifice the Pesach at erev, at the going down of the shemesh, at the mo'ed (appointed time) that thou camest forth out of Mitzrayim.

Thou shalt remember that thou wast an eved in Mitzrayim: and thou shalt be shomer and do these chukkim.

Chag HaSukkot shalt thou observe shivat yamim, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing floor and from thy winepress:

And thou shalt rejoice in thy chag (feast), thou, and thy ben, and thy bat, and thy eved, and thy amah, and the Levi that is within thy she'arim, and the ger, and the yatom (orphan), and the almanah, that are among you, in the place which Hashem Eloheicha hath chosen to place Shmo there.

And thou shalt rejoice in thy chag (feast), thou, and thy ben, and thy bat, and thy eved, and thy amah, and the Levi, the ger, and the yatom (orphan), and the almanah, that are within thy she'arim.

Chag HaSukkot shalt thou observe the chag (feast) unto Hashem Eloheicha in the place which Hashem shall choose, because Hashem Eloheicha shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the works of thine hands, so that thou shalt surely rejoice.

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Thou shalt not set up any tree as an Asherah near unto the Mizbe'ach of Hashem Eloheicha, which thou shalt make thee.

Neither shalt thou set thee up any matzeivah (pillar); which Hashem Eloheicha hateth.

Not for thy tzadakah (righteousness) Hashem hath brought me in to possess this land; but for the wickedness of these Goyim, Hashem doth drive them out from before thee, and that He may perform the word which Hashem swore unto Avoteicha, Avraham, Yitzchak,
acceptance with Hashem. He was raised for your having fallen asleep in death. as the “First-fruits” of the ones on Nisan 16, Moshiach did so When Moshiach stood up alive of our Redemption (Isa 53:7). himself is the Korban Pesach (see Dt 16:5-6 and cf Yn 19:14). Here we see that Moshiach lambs were being slaughtered Nisan 14, at the time that the dead ones. This happened Nisan 16, 3793 (33 C.E.), Moshiach had his Techiyah (Resurrection) from the Mesim (Dead ones) on Yom HaShlishi as the Bikkurim (First-fruits) of the ones having fallen asleep in death. See Gn 1:11-13, which states that Elohim said, Let the land produce bikkurim and “there was evening and there was morning, Yom Shelishi (the Third Day).” Hashem, You will not allow your Chassid (Moshiach Ben David) to see corruption—Ps 16:10, as it says, On Yom HaShlishi (the Third Day) He will raise us up that we may live in His Presence—Hos 6:2. On Pesach, 3793 (33 C.E.) Moshiach was led as our Korban Pesach “lamb to the slaughter” (Isaiah 53:7, Sanhedrin 98b) that we might have an Exodus from the Olam Hazeh and for the Olam HaBah purchased by the redemption payment of his covenant blood (“He was excluded out of the land of the living [he died, in other words] for the transgression of my people” (Isaiah 53:8). Moshiach died for our sins according to this Scripture. His covenant blood was sprinkled (Isaiah 52:15) to make us tahor (clean) in order that we might be raised spiritually and (in the Olam HaBah, bodily) in Moshiach with a lev chadash and a ruach chadasha (Ezek 36:26) by emunah (faith) in the Kitvei Hakodesh (the Holy Scriptures). Thus Moshiach Our Kohen Forever (Psalm 110:4) fulfilled the Mo’adim (Appointed time, Festivals) of Hashem, including the Korban Pesach Nisan 14, 3793, and the Korban Omer HaBikkurim Nisan 16, 3793, for our acceptance with Hashem according to the Scriptures (Lv 23:11). On Yom HaRishon, Nisan 16, 3793 (33 C.E.), when Moshiach’s Talmidim to empower them to proclaim the Besuras HaGeulah (the Good News of Redemption) everywhere, to the Jewish people first, of course, but also the non-Jew. This is true Spirit-filled Second Temple era Messianic Judaism. Look at MJ 10:25; 13:17. As we see in Dt. 12:13-14 Moshe also taught the importance of faithfulness in a community of ma’amim (believers), “Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy olot in every place that thou seest; But in the place which Hashem shall choose in one of thy shevetim, there thou shalt offer thy olot, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.” Notice also Dt.14:23, “And thou shalt eat before Hashem Eloheicha, in the place which He shall choose to place Shmo there, the ma’aser (tithe) of thy dagan (grain), of thy tyrosch (new wine), and of thine yitzhar (fresh oil), and of the bekhorot (firstlings) of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to stand in awe of Hashem Eloheicha always.” The person who insists that he or she can worship G-d in the park or under a beautiful tree, and that no other venue is needed, does not follow what Moshe is teaching. Moshe instructs that G-d wants the kohen and the kohen’s teaching and the Scriptures and the avodos kodesh worship involved and specifically warns against the worshiper choosing any place he likes (see Dt 12:13). On the kohen as a teacher see
felt quest after the true and believer should begin a heart to their full expression. Every mature and our gifts can come can systematically grow and responsibility to locate in a kehillah atmosphere where we invested in us. We have the to use the gifts that He has Hashem expects each one of us enough to exercise them. But committed to any kehillah long them, because he has never gifts are latent in certain spiritual gifts. has given to each believer limmud (instruction). Hashem around by every wind of tossed by waves and carried are no longer to be olalim avodas kodesh ministry. We This is for the equipping of the overseers) are ro'im and morim ruchaniyim (spiritual supervising mashgichim efforts for Moshiach, and some spiritually to be used in Kiruv some nevi'im and some gifted faith. Some are shluchim, and believer in the household of gifts for the upbuilding of each Hashem has provided spiritual beyond what is written. And Hashem has provided spiritual gifts for the upbuilding of each believer in the household of faith. Some are shluchim, and some nevi'im and some gifted spiritually to be used in Kiruv efforts for Moshiach, and some supervising mashgichim (spiritual overseers) are ro'im and morim in the kehillah (see Ep 4:11). This is for the equipping of the Kedoshim for the work of avodas kodesh ministry. We are no longer to be olamim tossed by waves and carried around by every wind of limmud (instruction). Hashem has given to each believer certain spiritual gifts. However, in many cases these gifts are latent in an individual without his being aware of them, because he has never committed to any kehillah long enough to exercise them. But Hashem expects each one of us to use the gifts that He has invested in us. We have the responsibility to locate in a kehillah atmosphere where we can systematically grow and mature and our gifts can come to their full expression. Every believer should begin a heartfelt quest after the true and living alternative of Spirit-filled Second Temple era faith and the true Moshiach. This means correct doctrine. Look at Dan 7:14, 3:7, 11-12, 15. The word יִרְמאָ֛ס (see Brown, Driver, Briggs Heb English Lexicon p.1108 “pay reverence to deity”) found there in all those passages in Daniel makes it self-evident from this Biblical data that although Daniel’s friends would not reverence as deity Babylon’s idols, all peoples will in fact pay homage to Hashem’s Moshiach when he comes on the heavenly clouds of glory; yet Moshiach so revered will not be an idol. Notice the word יִרְמאָ֛ס is used negatively regarding idols but positively and approvingly regarding Moshiach. One can be revered as deity in the book of Daniel and the other cannot. We believe that the יִרְמאָ֛ס found in Isaiah 6:3 and in Isaiah chapter 12 and in the Orthodox Jewish Prayer Book is the locus classicus of Hashem’s Kedushah HaMesheleshet (Three-fold Holiness) and that this Jewish doctrine is found in the Zohar and in other Rabbinic literature. We believe that Adonai and His saving Messianic Drar Hashem and His Ruach Hakodesh, though three, is Echad (Dt 6:4), essentially One, even as a man and his wife, though two, is Echad (Gn 2:24) or a cluster of grapes is echad (Num 13:23). A true kehillah is where this doctrine is faithfully taught. Whoever runs ahead and does not remain in the torah of Moshiach does not have Hashem (see II Yn 9). This translation, the Orthodox Jewish Bible, was prepared the way it is for the additional purpose [not the only purpose] of assisting in Messianic congregations planted for the sake of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. See the translator’s books, Everything You Need To Grow A Messianic Synagogue, William Carey Library, 1974; Everything You Need To Grow A Messianic Yeshiva, William Carey Library, 1981.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto Hashem Eloheicha any ox, or sheep, wherein is mum (blemish), or any evil thing, any defect: for that is a to'evat (abomination) unto Hashem Eloheicha.

2 | If there be found among you, within any of thy she'arim which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, ish or isha, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of Hashem Eloheicha, in transgressing His Brit,

3 | And hath gone and served elohim acherim, and worshiped them, either the shemesh, or yarei'ach, or any of the tz'vah HaShomayim, which I have not commanded;

4 | And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, hinei, it be emes, and the thing nakhon (certain, correct), that such to'evat (abomination) is wrought in Yisroel,

5 | Then shalt thou bring forth that ish or that isha, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy she'arim, even that ish or that isha, and shalt stone them with avanim, till they die.

6 | At the mouth of shneym edim, or shloshah edim, shall he that is worthy of death be put...
to death; but at the mouth of ed echad (one witness) he shall not be put to death.

[7] The hands of the edim shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of kol ha'Am. So thou shalt put harah (the evil) away from among you.

[8] If there arise a matter too hard for thee in mishpat, between dahm and dahm, between din and din, and between nega and nega, being matters of controversy within thy she'arim, then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which Hashem Eloheicha shall choose;

[9] And thou shalt come unto the kohanim, who are the Levi'im, and unto the Sho fet that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show thee the devar hamishpat (word of judgment);

[10] And thou shalt do according to the devar, which they of that place which Hashem shall choose shall show thee; and thou shalt be shomer to do according to all that they teach thee;

[11] According to the pi hatorah which they shall teach thee, and according to the mishpat which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do; thou shalt not turn aside from the devar which they shall show thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.

[12] And the ish that will do presumptuously, and will not give heed unto the kohen that standeth to minister there before Hashem Eloheicha, or unto the Sho fet, even that ish shall die; and thou shalt put away harah from Yisroel.

[13] And kol ha'Am shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

[14] When thou art come unto ha'aretz which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a melech over me, like Kol HaGoyim that are about me;

[15] Thou shalt in any wise set him as melech over thee, whom Hashem Eloheicha shall choose; one from among thy achim shalt thou set as melech over thee; thou mayest not set an ish nokhri over thee, which is not achicha (thy brother, i.e., a fellow Hebrew);

[16] But he shall not multiply susim to himself, nor cause the people to return to Mizrayim, to the end that he should multiply the sus; forasmuch as Hashem hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

[17] Neither shall he multiply nashim to himself, that his lev turn not away; neither shall he greatly multiply to himself kesef and zahav.

[18] And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the kisei mamlakhto (throne of his kingdom), that he shall write him a mishneh hatorah hazot (copy of this torah) in a sefer (book) out of that which is before the kohanim, the Levi'im;

[19] And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear Hashem Elohay, to be shomer over kol hatorah hazot and these chukkim, to do them;

[20] That his lev be not lifted up in pride above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the mitzvah, to the right hand, or to the left; to the end that he may prolong his days in his mamlachah, he, and his banim, in the midst of Yisroel.

The kohanim, who are Levi'im, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no chelek nor nachalah with Yisroel; they shall eat the offerings of Hashem made by eish, even His nachalah.

[2] Therefore shall they have no nachalah among their achim; Hashem is their nachalah, as He hath said unto them.

[3] And this shall be the mishpat hakohanim (the right of the kohanim) from the people, from them that offer the zevach, whether it be shor or seh; and they shall give unto the kohen the shoulder, and the two jowls, and the stomach.

[4] The reshit also of thy grain, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the reshit of the shearing of thy tzon, shalt thou give him.


[6] And if a Levi come from any of thy she'arim (gates, i.e., towns) out of kol Yisroel, where he is living, and come with all the earnestness of his nefesh unto the place which Hashem shall choose;

[7] Then he shall minister in the Shem of Hashem Elohay, as all his achim the Levi'im do, which stand there before Hashem.

[8] They shall have chelek k'chelek (like portions) to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

[9] When thou art come into ha'aretz which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to imitate the to'avot (abominations) of those Goyim.

[10] There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his ben or his bat to pass through the eish (i.e., be burned as an idol's offering) or kosem kesamim (a diviner of divination) or a m'onen (soothsayer, astrologer).
or a m'nachesh (one who interprets omens), or a mekhashchef (witch).
[11] Or one who casts spells, or one who inquires of a ghost or a familiar spirit, or a doresh el hamesim (a consulter of the dead ones, i.e., a necromancer).
[12] For all that do these things are a to'avat Hashem; and because of these to'evot, Hashem Eloheicha is about to drive them out before thee.
[14] For these Goyim, which Hashem Eloheicha hath cut off the Goyim, whose land Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, and thou dispossess them, and dwellest in their towns, and in their batim (houses),
[15] Hashem Eloheicha will raise up unto thee a Navi from among thy achim, of thy achim, raise up unto thee a Navi from among their achim, that which they have spoken.
[16] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not listen unto My words which he shall command him [Deut 10:18].
[17] And Hashem said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Navi from among their achim, like unto thee, and will put My words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him [Deut 10:18].
[18] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not listen unto My words which he shall speak Bishmi (In My Name), I will require it of him. But the navi, which shall presume to speak a word Bishmi (In My Name), which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the shem of elohim acharim, even that navi shall die.
[19] And if thou say in thine lev, How shall we know the word which Hashem hath not spoken? When a navi speaketh b'Shem Hashem, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Hashem hath not spoken, but the navi hath spoken it bezadon (in zadon [presumption, arrogance]); thou shalt not be afraid of him.

When Hashem Eloheicha hath cut off the Goyim, whose land Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, and thou dispossess them, and dwellest in their towns, and in their batim (houses),
[2] Thou shalt separate shalosh arim for thee, and thou shalt inherit in the eretz that Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah, and so dahmim be not shed in thy land, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah, and so dahmim be upon thee.
[3] Thou shalt prepare yourselves roads, and divide the territory of thy land, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee there.
[4] And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee there, that he may live: Whoso killeth a nasi (a high official), in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of shney edim, or at the mouth of shlaysh edim, shall the matter be established.
[5] Lest the Goel HaDahm pursue the slayer, while his lev is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.
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[8] And if Hashem Eloheicha enlarge thy territory, as He hath sworn unto Avoteicha, and give thee kol ha'aretz which He promised to give unto Avoteicha;
[9] If thou shalt be shomer over all these mitzvot to do them, which I command thee today, to love Hashem Eloheicha, and to walk in His ways; then shalt thou add three towns more for thee, beside these three; When Hashem Eloheicha hath cut off the Goyim, whose land Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee, and thou dispossess them, and dwellest in their towns, and in their batim (houses),
[10] That dahm naki (innocent blood) be not shed in thy land, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah, and so dahmim be upon thee.
[11] But if any ish hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and strike him mortally that he die, and fleeth into one of these towns; Then the zezenim of his town shall send and have him taken from there, and deliver him into the yad of the Goel HaDahm, that he may die.
[12] Then the zekenim of his town shall send and have him taken from there, and deliver him into the yad of the Goel HaDahm, that he may die.
[13] Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the guilt of dahm naki from Yisroel, that it may go well with thee.
[14] Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set in thine nachalah, which thou shalt inherit in the eretz that Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee to possess it.
[15] Ed echad shall not rise up against an ish for any avon (iniquity), or for any chattat (sin), in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of shney edim, or at the mouth of shlashah edim, shall the matter be established.
[16] If an ed chamas (malicious, false
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witness) rise up against any
ish to testify against him that
which is wrong;
[17] Then both the men,
between whom the controversy
is, shall stand before Hashem,
before the kohanim and the
shofetim, which shall be in
those days;
[18] And the shofetim shall
make diligent inquiry; and,
hinei, if the witness be an ed
sheker (false witness), and
hath testified falsely against
his brother;
[19] Then shall ye do unto
him, as he had thought to
have done unto his brother: so
shalt thou put harah away
from among you.
[20] And those which remain
shall hear, and fear, and shall
henceforth commit no more
any such rah among you.
[21] And thine eye shall not
pity; but nefesh shall go for
nefesh, eye for eye, tooth for
tooth, yad for yad, regel for
regel.

When thou goest
out to milchamah
against thine
enemies, and seest sus
(horses), and chariots, and a
people more than thou, be not
afraid of them; for Hashem
Eloheicha is with thee, which
brought thee up out of Eretz
Mitrayim.
[2] And it shall be, when ye
are come nigh unto the
milchamah, that the kohen shall
approach and speak unto the people.
[3] And shall say unto them,
Shema, Yisroel, ye approach
today unto milchamah against
your enemies; let not your
hearts faint; fear not, and do
not tremble, neither be ye
terrified because of them;
[4] For Hashem Eloheicha
is He that goeth with you, to
fight for you against your
enemies, to save you.
[5] And the shomer shall
speak unto the people, saying,
What ish is there that hath
built a bais chadash, and hath
not dedicated it? Let him go
and return to his bais, lest he
die in the milchamah, and
another ish dedicate it.
[6] And what ish is he that
hath planted a kerem
(vineyard), and hath not yet
eaten of it? Let him also go
and return unto his bais,
lest he die in the milchamah,
and another ish eat of it.
[7] And what ish is there that
hath betrothed an isha,
and hath not taken her? Let him
go and return unto his bais,
lest he die in the milchamah,
and another ish take her.
[8] And the shomer shall
speak further unto the people,
and they shall say, What ish is
there that is fearful and
fainthearted? Let him go and
return unto his bais, lest his
brethren's lev faint as well as
his lev.
[9] And it shall be, when the
shomer have made an end of
speaking unto the people that
they shall appoint sarei tzvaos
to lead the people.
[10] When thou comest nigh
to a town to fight against it,
then proclaim an offer of
shalom unto it.
[11] And it shall be, if it make
them answer of shalom, and
open unto thee, then it shall
be, that kol haAm that is
found therein shall be
servants, placed under tribute
unto thee, and they shall serve
thee.
[12] And if it will make no
shalom with thee, but engages
in milchamah against thee,
then thou shalt besiege it;
[13] And when Hashem
Eloheicha hath delivered it
into thine hands, thou shalt
strike every male thereof with
the edge of the cherov;
[14] But the nashim, and the
little ones, and the behemah,
and all that is in the town,
even all the plunder thereof,
shalt thou take unto thyself;
and thou shalt eat the plunder
of thine enemies Hashem
Eloheicha hath given thee.
[15] Thus shalt thou do unto
all the towns which are very
far off from thee, which are
not of the towns of these
Goyim.
[16] But of the towns of these
people, which Hashem
Eloheicha doth give thee for a
nachalah, thou shalt save
alive nothing that breatheth;
[17] But thou shalt utterly
put them under cherem of
destruction; namely, the
Chitti, and the Emori, the
Kenani, and the Perizzi, the
Chivi, and the Yevusi; as
Hashem Eloheicha hath
commanded thee;
[18] That they teach you not
to do after all their tovevot
(abominations) which they
have done unto their elohim;
so that ye would sin against
Hashem Eloheicha.
[19] When thou shalt besiege
a town yamim rabbim, in
making war against it to take
it, thou shalt not destroy the
trees thereof by forcing an axe
against them; although thou
mayest eat of them, thou shalt
not cut them down. Are the
etz hasadeh men that they
should come under your siege?
[20] Only the trees which
thou knowest that they be not
trees for food, thou shalt
destroy and cut them down;
and thou shalt build siege
works against the town that
maketh milchamah with thee,
until it be subdued.
If one be found slain in ha'adamah which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee to possess it, lying in the sadeh, and it be not known who hath slain him;

Then thy zekenim and thy shofetim shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the towns which are round about him that is slain;

And it shall be, that the town which is next unto the slain man, even the zekenim of that town shall take a heifer, which hath not been worked with, and which hath not pulled the ol (yoke);

And the zekenim of that town shall bring down the heifer unto a wadi with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the wadi;

And the kohanim the Bnei Levi shall come near; for them Hashem Eloheicha hath chosen to minister unto Him, and to bless in the Shem of Hashem; and by their word shall every controversy and every assault be tried;

And all the zekenim of that town, that are next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley;

And they shall answer and say, Yadeinu (our hands) are not guilty of shefach dahm (shedding blood), neither have our eyes seen it.

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And they shall answer and say, Yadeinu (our hands) are not guilty of shefach dahm (shedding blood), neither have our eyes seen it.

Thou shalt not see thy brother's shor (beard) or his seh go astray, and ignore them; thou shalt in any case bring them back unto thy brother.

And if thy brother be not near unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own bais, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.
[3] In like manner shalt thou do with his chamor; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost things of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise; thou mayest not ignore it.

[4] Thou shalt not see thy brother's chamor or his shor fall down by the road, and ignore them; thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

[5] The isha shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a gever (man) neither shall a gever put on simlat isha (garment of a woman); for all that do so are to'avat unto Hashem Eloheicha.

[6] If a bird's ken (nest) chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the mother is roosting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the mother with the young;

[7] But thou shalt in any wise let the mother go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy yamim.

[8] When thou buildest a bais chadash, thou shalt make a parapet for thy roof, that thou bring not dahm (blood guiltiness) upon thine bais, if any fall from thence.

[9] Thou shalt not sow thy kerem with different seeds; lest the fruit of thy zera which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy kerem, be defiled.

[10] Thou shalt not plow with a shor and a chamor together.

[11] Thou shalt not sow thy kerem with different seeds; lest the fruit of thy kerem, be defiled.

[12] Thou shalt make thee gedilim (fringes, tzitzis, twisted threads) upon the four corners of thy garment, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

[13] If any ish take an isha, and go in unto her, and hate her,

[14] And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up a shem rah (bad name) upon her, and say, I took this isha, and when I came to her, I found her with no betulim (proofs of virginity);

[15] Then shall the av of the na'arah, and her em, take and bring forth the betulim (proofs of virginity) unto the zekenim of the town in the sha'arah (gate);

[16] And the avi hana'arah shall say unto the zekenim, I gave my bat unto this ish as isha (wife) and he hateth her;

[17] And, hinei, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy bat with betulim; and yet these are my bat's betulim.

And they shall spread the simlah (clothing) before the zekenim of the town.

[18] And the zekenim of that town shall take that ish and punish him;

[19] And they shall fine him a hundred shekels of kesef, and yet these are my bat's betulim.

And they shall spread the simlah (clothing) before the zekenim of the town.

[20] But if this thing be emes, and the betulim be not found for the na'arah;

[21] Then they shall bring out the na'arah to the door of her bais aviv, and the anashim of her town shall stone her with avanim that she die; because she hath commited an outrage in Yisroel, to play the whore in her bais aviv; so shalt thou put away the rah from among you.

[22] If an ish be found lying with an isha married to a husband then they shall both of them die, both the ish that lay with the isha, and the isha; so shalt thou put away the rah from Yisroel.

[23] If a na'arah that is a betulah be betrothed unto a husband, and an ish find her in the town, and lie with her;

[24] Then ye shall bring them both out unto the sha'ar of that town, and ye shall stone them with avanim that they die; the na'arah, because she cried not, being in the town; and the ish, because he hath humbled his neighbor's isha; so thou shalt put away the rah from among you.

[25] But if the ish find a na'arah hame'orasah (betrothed woman) in the sadeh, and the ish overpower her, and lie with her; then the ish only that lay with her shall die.

[26] But unto the na'arah thou shalt do nothing; there is in the na'arah no chet mavet (sin worthy of death); for as when an ish riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth him, even so is this matter;

[27] For he found her in the sadeh, and the na'arah hame'orasah cried, and there was no moshia (savior) for her [see 2C 11:2-3 regarding Moshiach and his Kehillah Kallah and Hasatan's evil interference with the betrothal and the above three Scriptures T.N.].

[28] If an ish find a na'arah that is a betulah, which is not orasah (betrothed), and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

[29] Then the ish that lay with her shall give unto the avi hana'arah fifty [shekels] of kesef, and she shall be his isha; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his yamim.

[30] An ish shall not take eshet aviv (his father's wife), nor uncover his father's robe.
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23 He that is wounded in the testicles, or hath a severed organ, shall not enter into the Kahal Hashem.

2 [3] A mamzer shall not enter into the Kahal Hashem; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the Kahal Hashem.

3 (4) An Amoni or Moavi shall not enter into the Kahal Hashem; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the Kahal Hashem.

4 (5) Because they met you not with lechem and with mayim in the way, when ye came forth out of Mitzrayim; and because they hired against thee Balaam ben Beor from Petor in Aram Naharaim, to curse thee.

5 (6) Nevertheless Hashem Eloheicha would not give heed unto Balaam; but Hashem Eloheicha turned the kelalah into a brocha unto thee, because Hashem Eloheicha loved thee.

6 (7) Thou shalt not seek their shalom nor their tovat all thy yamim l’olam.

7 (8) Thou shalt not abhor an Edomi; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor a Mitzri (an Egyptian); because thou wast a ger in his land.

8 (9) The banim that are begotten of them shall enter into the Kahal Hashem in their third generation.

9 (10) When the machaneh (camp) goeth forth against thine enemies, then be shomer over thee against every wicked thing.

10 (11) If there be among you any ish, that is not tahor (clean) by reason of a nocturnal occurrence, then shall he go outside the machaneh, he shall not come within the machaneh;

11 (12) But it shall be, when erev cometh on, he shall wash himself with mayim; and when the shemesh is down, he shall come into the machaneh again.

12 (13) Thou shalt have a place also outside the machaneh, whither thou shalt go forth outside;

13 (14) And thou shalt have a shovel in addition to thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt relieve thyself outside, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:

14 (15) For Hashem Eloheicha walketh in the midst of thy machaneh, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy machaneh be kadosh; that He see no ervat davar (shameful thing) in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 (16) Thou shalt not give back unto his adon the eved which is rescued from his adon unto thee; he shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy she’arim, where it pleases him best; thou shalt not oppress him.

16 (17) He shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy she’arim, where it pleases him best; thou shalt not oppress him.

17 (18) There shall be no kedeshah (ritual prostitute) of the banot Yisroel, nor a kadesh (sodomite ritual prostitute) of the bnei Yisroel.

18 (19) Thou shalt not bring the hire of a zonah, or the price of a kelev (male prostitute), into the Bais Hashem Eloheicha for any neder; for even both of these are to’avit Hashem Eloheicha.

19 (20) Thou shalt not lend upon neshek (interest) to thy brother; neshek of kesef, neshek of okhel, neshek of any thing that is lent upon neshek;

20 (21) Unto a nokhri thou mayest lend upon neshek; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon neshek; that Hashem Eloheicha may bless thee in all that thou setteth thine hand to in ha’aretz whither thou goest to possess it.

21 (22) When thou shalt vow a neder unto Hashem Eloheicha, thou shalt not delay to pay it; for Hashem Eloheicha will surely require it of thee; and it would be chet (sin) in thee.

22 (23) But if thou shalt abstain from vowing, it shall be no chet in thee.

23 (24) That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt be shomer over and perform; even a vow thou hast voluntarily vowed unto Hashem Eloheicha, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 (25) When thou comest into thy neighbor’s kerem (vineyard), then thou mayest eat thy fill of grapes at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

25 (26) When thou comest into the standing grain of thy neighbor, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not use a sickle unto thy neighbor’s standing grain; see Mt 12:1; Mk 2:23; Lk 6:1 on the fact that where the Spirit of the L-rd is, there is liberty.T.N.].

When an ish hath taken an isha, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no chen (favor) in his eyes, because he hath found some ervat davar (matter of immorality) in her; then let him write her a sefer keritut and give it in her hand, and send her out of his bais;

2 And when she is departed out of his bais, she may go and be...
an ish acher (wife of another).
[3] And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a sefer keritut and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his bais; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his isha;
[4] Her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his isha, after that she is hutamma’ah (defiled); for that is to’evah (abomination) before Hashem; and thou shalt not cause ha’aretz to sin, which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah.

[5] When an ish hath taken an isha chadasha, he shall not go out to milchamah, neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free in his bais shanah echat, and shall gladden his isha which he hath taken.

[6] No ish shall take the lower or the upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh a man’s nefesh in pledge.

[7] If an ish be found kidnapping any of his brethren of the Bnei Yisroel, and enslaves him, or selleth him; then that ganav shall die; and thou shalt put the rah away from among you.

[8] Take heed in the nega hatzara’at, that thou be shomer me’od and do according to all that the kohanim, the Levi'im, shall teach you; as I commanded them, so ye shall be shomer to do.

[9] Remember what Hashem Eloheicha did unto Miryam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Mitzrayim.

[10] When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his bais to get his pledge.

[11] Thou shalt stand outside, and the ish to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge outside unto thee.

[12] And if the ish be oni (poor), thou shalt not keep his pledge overnight;

[13] In any case thou shalt deliver to him the pledge again when the shemesh goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee; and it shall be zedakah unto thee before Hashem Eloheicha.

[14] Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is oni (poor) and eyyon (needy), whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy ger that are in thy land within thy she’arim;

[15] Each day thou shalt give him his wages, neither shall the shemesh go down upon it; for he is oni, and setteth his lev upon it; lest he cry against thee unto Hashem, and it be chet unto thee.

[16] The avot shall not be put to death for the banim, neither shall the banim be put to death for the avot; every ish shall be put to death for his own chet.

[17] Thou shalt not pervert the mishpat due the ger, nor of the yatom; nor take an almanah’s raiment to pledge;

[18] But thou shalt remember that thou wast an eved in Eretz Mitzrayim, and Hashem Eloheicha redeemed thee thence; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

[19] When thou cuttest down thine katzir in thy sadeh, and hast forgot an omer (sheaf) in the sadeh, thou shalt not go again to bring it back; it shall be for the ger, for the yatom (orphan), and for the almanah; that Hashem Eloheicha may bless thee in all the ma’aseh of thine hands.

[20] When thou beatest thine etz hazayit (olive tree), thou shalt not go over the branches again; it shall be for the ger, for the yatom (orphan), and for the almanah.

[21] When thou gatherest the grapes of thy kerem, thou shalt not glean it afterward; it shall be for the ger, for the yatom, and for the almanah.

[22] And thou shalt remember that thou wast an eved in Eretz Mitzrayim; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

[23] If there be a dispute between anashim, and they come unto hamishpat (the court) that the shofetim may judge them; then they shall justify the tzaddik (i.e., declare him to be in the right), and condemn the guilty.

[24] And it shall be, if the reshah be worthy to be beaten, that the shofet shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten in his presence, according to his fault, by a certain number.

[25] Arba'im he may give him, and not exceed; lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with makkah rabbah (many stripes), then thy brother would be degraded in your sight.

[26] Thou shalt not muzzle the shor when he treadeth out the grain [1C 9:9; 1Ti 5:18].

[27] If achim dwell together, and one of them die, and ben ain lo (have no child), the eshet hamet (wife of the dead) shall not marry outside unto an ish zar (strange man); her yevam (deceased husband’s brother) shall go in unto her, and take her to him as a wife, and perform the levirate marriage.

[28] And it shall be, that the bechor which she beareth shall succeed in the shem of his brother which is dead, that shmo be not blotted out from Yisroel [see Ruth].
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|7| And if the ish like not to take his brother’s isha, then let his brother's isha go up to the sha’ar unto the zekenim, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a shem in Yisroel, he will not perform the levirate marriage with me.
|8| Then the zekenim of his town shall call him, and speak unto him; and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her;
|9| Then shall his brother's isha come unto him in the presence of the zekenim, and remove his sandal from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that ish that will not build up the bais achiv (the house of his brother).

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And it shall be, when thou art come in unto ha'aretz which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah, and possessest it, and dwellest therein,
|2| That thou shalt take of the reshit kol pri ha'adamah (firstfruits of the fruit of the land), which Thou, Hashem, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before Hashem Eloheicha, and worship before Hashem Eloheicha;
|3| And thou shalt rejoice in kol hatov which Hashem Eloheicha hath given unto thee, and unto thine bais, thou, and the Levi, and the ger that is among you.
|4| When thou hast made an end of tithing kol ma’aser (all the tithe) of thine tevu'at bashanah hashelishit (increase in the third year), which is the Shnat HaMa’aser (Year of Tithing), and hast given it unto Hashem Eloheicha, that I am come unto the country which Hashem swore unto Avoteinu to give us.

[17] Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Mitzrayim;
[18] How he met thee by the way, and struck your rear ranks, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not Elohim.
[19] Therefore it shall be, when Hashem Eloheicha hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in ha’aretz which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee for a nachalah to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under Shomayim; thou shalt not forget it.

[10] And shmo shall be called in Yisroel, The bais of him that hath his sandal loosed.
[11] When anashim strive together one with another, and the eshet (wife) of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that striketh him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the private parts,
[12] Then thou shalt cut off her kaf (palm, hollow or flat of the hand), thine eye shall not pity her.
[13] Thou shalt not have in thy bag differing weights, a gedolah and a ketannah.
[14] Thou shalt not have in thine bais differing eifah (measures), a gedolah and a ketannah.
[15] But thou shalt have a shleimah and tzedek weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy yamim may be lengthened in ha’adamah which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee.
[16] For all that do such things, and all that do unrighteously, are a to’evah (abomination) unto Hashem Eloheicha.
[17] And thou shalt speak and say before Hashem Eloheicha, An Aramean ready to perish was Avi, and he went down into Mitzrayim, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous;
[18] And the Egyptians mistreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us avodah kashah (hard labor);
[19] Then and when we cried unto Hashem Eloheihem Avoteinu, Hashem heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our labor, and our oppression;
[20] And Hashem brought us forth out of Mitzrayim with a yad chazakah, and with an outstretched zero’a, and with great awesomeness, and with otot, and with mofetim;
[21] And He hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, even an etzet zavat cholov udevash.
[22] And now, hinei, I have brought the reshit pri ha’adamah [firstfruits of the fruit of the land], which Thou, Hashem, hast given me. And thou shalt set it before Hashem Eloheicha, and worship before Hashem Eloheicha;
[23] And thou shalt rejoice in kol hatov which Hashem Eloheicha hath given unto thee, and unto thine bais, thou, and the Levi, and the ger that is among you.
[24] When thou hast made an end of tithing kol ma’aser (all the tithe) of thine tevu'at bashanah hashelishit (increase in the third year), which is the Shnat HaMa’aser (Year of Tithing), and hast given it unto the Levi, the ger, the yatom (orphan), and the almanah, that they may
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27 And Moshe with the zekenim of Yisroel commanded the people, saying, Be shomer over all the mitzvot which I command you today.

[13] Then thou shalt say before Hashem Eloheicha, I have brought away HaKodesh (the Holy) out of mine bais, and also have given them unto the Levi, and unto the ger, to the yatom (orphan), and to the almanah, according to all Thy mitzvot which Thou hast commanded me; I have not transgressed Thy mitzvot, neither have I forgotten them.

[14] I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I taken away whatever thereof while I was tameh, nor given thereof for the dead; but I have given heed to the voice of Hashem Elohai, and have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me.

[15] Look down from Thy me’on kadosh (holy dwelling place), from Shomayim, and bless Thy people Yisroel, and ha’adamah which Thou hast given us, as Thou didst swear unto Avoteinu, Eretz zavat cholov udevash.

[16] This day Hashem Eloheicha hath commanded thee to do these chukkim and mishpatim; thou shalt therefore be shomer over and do them with kol levavecha, and with kol nafshecha.

[17] Thou hast distinguished Hashem this day to be thy Elohim, and to walk in His ways, and to be shomer over His chukkim, and His mishpatim, and to give heed unto His voice;

[18] And Hashem hath distinguished thee today to be His Am Segullah (treasured people), as He hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest be shomer over all His mitzvot;

[19] And to set thee high above kol HaGoyim which He hath made, in tehillah (praise), and in shem, and in tiferet; and that thou mayest be an Am Kadosh unto Hashem Eloheicha, as He hath spoken.

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saying, Take heed, and shema, Yisroel; today thou art become the people of Hashem Eloheicha.

[10] Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of Hashem Eloheicha, and do His mitzvot and His chukkim, which I command thee today.

[11] And Moshe charged the people the same yom, saying,

[12] These shall stand upon Mt Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Yarden; Shimeon, and Levi, and Yehudah, and Yissakhar, and Yosef, and Binyamin;

[13] And these shall stand upon Mt Eival fot the curse: Reuven, Gad, and Asher, and Zevulun, Dan, and Naphtali.

[14] And the Levi'im shall speak, and say unto all the men of Yisroel with a loud voice,

[15] Arur (cursed) be the ish that maketh any pesel (graven image) or massekhah (molten image), a to’evah (abomination) unto Hashem, the work of the hands of the charash (craftsman), and sets it up in a secret place. And kol HaAm shall answer and say, Omein.

[16] Arur (cursed) be he that treats with contempt aviv or immo. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.

[17] Arur (cursed) be he that moveth his neighbor’s boundary marker. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.

[18] Arur (cursed) be he that maketh the ivver (blind) to wander out of the way. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.

[19] Arur (cursed) be he that perverteth the mishpat of the ger, yatom, and almanah. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.

[20] Arur (cursed) be he that lieth with eshet aviv (his father’s wife); because he uncovereth the robe of his father. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.
[21] Arur be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.
[22] Arur be he that lieth with his achot, the bat aviv, or the bat immo. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.
[23] Arur be he that lieth with his chotenet (mother-in-law). And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.
[24] Arur be he that attacks his re’a (neighbor) secretly. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.
[25] Arur be he that taketh shochad (bribe, reward) to slay the nefesh dahm naki. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.
[26] Arur be he that confirmeth not divrei haTorah hazot by doing them. And kol HaAm shall say, Omein. [Ga 3:10]

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt give heed diligently unto the voice of Hashem Eloheicha, to be shomer and to do all His mitzvot which I command thee today, that Hashem Eloheicha will set thee on high above kol Goyei Ha’Aretz; And kol HaAm shall say, Omein.

[2] And all these berakhot shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt give heed unto the voice of Hashem Eloheicha.
[3] Baruch atah baIr (blessed shalt thou be in the town), and baruch atah basadeh (blessed shalt thou be in the field, country).
[4] Baruch shall be the pri of thy womb, and the pri of thy adamah, the increase of thy livestock, and the flocks of thy sheep.
[5] Baruch shall be thy basket and thy kneading bowl.
[7] Hashem shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be defeated before thy face; they shall come out against thee derech echad, and flee before thee shivah derakhim.
[8] Hashem shall command the brocha upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settseth thine hand unto; and He shall bless thee in ha’aretz which Hashem Eloheicha giveth thee.
[9] Hashem shall establish thee an Am Kadosh unto Himself, as He hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt be shomer over the mitzvot of Hashem Eloheicha, and walk in His ways.
[10] And all people of ha’aretz shall see that thou art called by the Shem of Hashem; and they shall be afraid of thee.
[11] And Hashem shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the pri of thy womb, and in the pri of thy livestock, and in the pri of thy ground, in ha’adamah which Hashem swore unto Avotecha to give thee.
[12] Hashem shall open unto thee His oztar hatov, the Shomayim, to give the matar unto thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto Goyim rabbim, and thou shalt not borrow.
[13] And Hashem shall make thee the rosh, and not the zanav (tail); and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou give heed unto the mitzvot Hashem Eloheicha, which I command thee today, to be shomer to do them;
[14] And thou shalt not turn aside from any of the devarim which I command thee today, to the right, or to the left, to go after elohim acherim to serve them.
[15] But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not give heed unto the voice of Hashem Eloheicha, to be shomer to do all His mitzvot and His chukkot which I command thee today, that all these kelalot (curses) shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:
[16] Arur shalt thou be in the town, and Arur shalt thou be in the sadeh.
[17] Arur shall be thy basket and thy kneading bowl.
[18] Arur shall be the pri of thy womb, and the pri of thy adamah, the increase of thy livestock, and the flocks of thy sheep.
[19] Arur shalt thou be when thou comest in, and Arur shalt thou be when thou goest out.
[20] Hashem shall send upon thee me’erah (curse), mehumah (confusion), and migeret (rebuke), in all that thou settseth thine hand unto to do, until thou be shmad, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken Me.
[21] Hashem shall make the dever (plague, pestilence) have deveykus with thee, until He have consumed thee from off ha’adamah, whither thou goest to possess it.
[22] Hashem shall strike thee with a shachefet (consumption), and with a kaddachat (fever, Mk 1:31), and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the cherev, and with scorching, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.
[23] And thy Shomayim that is over thy head shall be nechoshet, and Ha’Aretz that is under thee shall be barzel.
[24] Hashem shall make the matar of thy land powder and dust; from Shomayim
shall it come down upon thee, until thou be shmad.

[25] Hashem shall cause thee to be defeated before thine enemies; thou shalt go out derech echad against them, and flee shivah derakhim before them; and shalt be an object of horror unto all the kingdoms of the earth. 

[26] And thy nevelah shall be okhel unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of ha'aretz, and no ish shall frighten them away.

[27] Hashem will strike thee with the shekhn (boils) of Mitzrayim, and with the tumors, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. 

[28] Hashem shall strike thee with shiga'on (insanity), and ivvaron (blindness), and timhon levav (confusion of heart); 

[29] And thou shalt grope at noonday, as the ivver gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and plundered evermore, and thou shalt have no moshi'a. 

[30] Thou shalt betroth an isha, and another ish shall lie with her; thou shalt build a bais, and thou shalt not dwell therein; thou shalt plant a kerem, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. 

[31] Thine shor shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thine chamor shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee; thy tzon shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have no moshi'a. 

[32] Thy banim and thy banot shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them kol hayom; and there shall be nothing you can do. 

[33] The pri of thy adamah, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed kol hayamim; 

[34] So that thou shalt be driven meshuga because of the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 

[35] Hashem shall strike thee in the birkayim (knees), and in the legs, with shekhn rah (foul boil) that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head. 

[36] Hashem shall bring thee, and thy melech which thou shalt set over thee, unto a Goy which neither thou nor Avoiteicha have known; and there shalt thou serve elohim acherim, etz va'even (wood and stone). 

[37] And thou shalt become an object of horror, a mashal, and a byword, among kol haGoyim whither Hashem shall lead thee. 

[38] Thou shalt carry much zera out into the sadeh, and shalt gather but little in; for the arbeh shall devour it. 

[39] Thou shalt plant kramim, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the yayan, nor gather the grapes; for the tola'at (worm) shall eat them. 

[40] Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy territory, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the shemen; for thine olives shall drop off. 

[41] Thou shalt shemesh banim and banot, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into shevi (captivity, the golus). 

[42] All thy trees and pri of thy adamah shall the locust consume. 

[43] The ger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. 

[44] He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him; he shall be the rosh, and thou shalt be the zanav. 

[45] Moreover all these kela'ot shall come upon thee, and shalt pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be shmad; because thou gavest not heed unto the voice of Hashem Eloheirocha to be shomer over His mitzvot and His chukkot which He commanded thee; 

[46] And they shall be upon thee for an ot and for a molet, and upon thy zera ad olam. 

[47] Because thou servedst not Hashem Eloheicha with simchah, and with gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things; 

[48] Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which Hashem shall send against thee, in ra'av (hunger, famine), and in tzama (thirst), and in eirom (nakedness), and in choser (want) of all things; and He shall put an ol barzel (yoke of iron) upon thy tzavvar (neck), until He hath made thee shmad. 

[49] Hashem shall bring a nation against thee from afar, from the ketzeh ha'aretz, as swift as the nesher flieth; a nation against thee from afar, and a byword, among kol haGoyim whither Hashem shall lead thee. 

[50] A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not respect the zaken’s person, nor show favor to the na’ar; 

[51] And he shall eat the pri of thy animals, and the pri of thy adamah, until thou be shmad; which also shall not leave thee either dagan, tirosh, nor show favor to the na’ar; 

[52] And it shall besiege thee in all thy she’arim, until thy high and fortified walls come down, wherein thou
trusted, throughout all thy land; and it shall besiege thee in all thy she'arim throughout all thy land, which Hashem Eloheicha hath given thee.

[53] And thou shalt eat the pri of thine own womb, the basar of thy banim and of thy banot, which Hashem Eloheicha hath given thee, in the matzor (siege), and in the desperate straits, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee;

[54] So that the ish that is sensitive among you, and very refined, his eye shall be hostile toward his brother, and toward his eshet kheyk (wife of his bosom), and toward the remnant of his banim which he shall leave;

[55] So that he will not give to any of them of the basar of his banim whom he shall eat; because he hath nothing left him in the matzor (siege), and in the desperate straits, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy she'arim.

[56] The sensitive and refined woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, she shall be hostile toward her ish kheyk (husband of her bosom), and toward her ben, and toward her bat,

[57] And toward her afterbirth that cometh out between her feet, and toward her banim which she shall bear; for she shall eat them for choser (want) of all things secretly in the matzor (siege) and desperate straits, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy she'arim.

[58] If thou wilt not be shomer to do kol divrei hatorah hazot that are written in this sefer, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful Shem, HASHEM ELOHEICHA,

[59] Then Hashem will make thy makkot (plagues) extraordinary, and the makkot of thy zera, even makkot gedolot, and of long continuance, and cholayim ra'im (evil sicknesses), and of long continuance.

[60] Moreover He will bring upon thee all the diseases of Mitzrayim, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall have deveykus unto thee.

[61] Also every choli (sickness), and every makkah (plague), which is not written in the sefer of this torah, them will Hashem bring upon thee, until thou be shmad.

[62] And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the kohavim of Shomayim for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of Hashem Eloheicha.

[63] And it shall come to pass, that as Hashem rejoiced over you to do you good, to multiply you, so Hashem will rejoice over you to make you shmad, to bring you to no-thing; and ye shall be plucked from off the adamah whither thou goest to possess it.

[64] And Hashem shall scatter thee among kol ha'amim, from the one end of ha'aretz even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve elohim acherim, which neither thou nor Avoteicha have known, even etz va’even.

[65] And among these Goyim shalt thou find no mane’ach [see Ruth], neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest; but Hashem shall give thee there a lev rogez (anxious heart), and failing of eyes, and da’avon nefesh (suffering of soul);

[66] And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear laalah and yomam, and shalt have none assurance of thy life;

[67] In the boker thou shalt say, Would it were erev! And at erev thou shalt say, Would it were boker! For the pachad of thine lev wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

[68] And Hashem shall bring thee into Mitzrayim again with oniyot, by the way whereof I spoke unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again; and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for avadim and shefachot, and no ish shall buy you.

These are the devarei HaBrit, which Hashem commanded Moshe to cut with the Bnei Yisroel in Eretz Moav, besides the Brit which He cut with them in Chorev.

[2 (1)] And Moshe called unto kol Yisroel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Hashem did before your eyes in Eretz Mitzrayim unto Pharaoh, and unto all his avadim, and unto all his land;

[3 (2)] The massot hagedolot (great trials) which thine eyes have seen, the otot, and those mofetim hagedolim;

[4 (3)] V’lo natan Hashem lakhem lev lada’at veinayim lirot vozna’m mishmoa ad hayom hazeh (Yet Hashem hath not given you a lev for da’as, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day.)

[5 (4)] And I have led you arba'im shanim in the midbar; your clothes are not worn out upon you, and thy sandal is not worn out upon thy foot.

[6 (5)] Ye have not eaten lechem, neither have ye drunk yavin or shechar; that ye might have da’as that Ani Hashem Eloheicha.
| 7 (6) | And when ye came unto this place, Sichon Melech Cheshbon, and Og Melech HaBashan, came out against us unto milchamah, and we defeated them: |
| 8 (7) | And we took their land, and gave it for a nachalah unto the Reuveni, and to the Gadi, and to the half tribe of Menasheh. |

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| 9 (8) | Therefore be shomer over the divrei HaBrit hazot, and do them, lema'an (in order that) ye may prosper in all that ye do. |
| 10 (9) | Ye stand today all of you before Hashem Eloheichem; your rashei shvatim (heads of tribes), your zekenim, and your shoterim, with kol Ish Yisroel, your little ones, your nashim, and the ger that is in thy machaneh, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy mayim; |
| 11 (10) | That thou shouldest enter into Brit with Hashem Eloheicha, and into His alah (oath, imprecation) which Hashem Eloheicha cuts with thee today: |
| 12 (11) | In order that He may establish thee today for a people unto Himself, and that He may be unto thee Elohim, as He hath said unto thee, and as He hath sworn unto Avoteicha, to Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Yaakov. |

| 14 (13) | Neither with you only do I cut this Brit and this alah (oath, imprecation); |
| 15 (14) | But with him that standeth here with us today before Hashem Eloheinu, and also with him that is not here with us today; |

| 16 (15) | For ye know how we have dwelt in Eretz Mitzrayim; and how we came through the Goyim which ye passed by; |
| 17 (16) | And ye have seen their shikkutzim (abominations), and their gillulin (idols), etz va’even, kesef and zahav, which were among them: |
| 18 (17) | And it come to pass, when he heareth the divrei haalah (words of this oath, imprecation) that he bless himself in his lev, saying, Shalom be with me, though I walk in the stubbornness of mine lev—thus bringing disaster on both the watered and the thirsty. |

| 19 (18) | Hashem will not spare him, but then the wrath of Hashem and His kina (jealousy) shall burn against that ish, and kol haalah (all the curses) that are written in this sefer shall fall upon him, and Hashem shall blot out shmo from under Shomayim. |

| 20 (19) | And Hashem shall uprooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is yom hazeh. |
| 21 (20) | The nistarot (secret things) belong unto Hashem Eloheinu: but the niglot (those things which are revealed) belong unto us and to baneinu ad olam, that we may do all the divrei haTorah hazot. |

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the brocha and the kelalah, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt cause them to return to thy
heart among kol HaGoyim, whither Hashem Eloheicha hath driven thee,

[2] And shalt return unto Hashem Eloheicha, and shalt obey His voice according to all that I command thee today, thou and thy banim, bekhol levavcha uvekhol nafshecha;
[3] That then Hashem Eloheicha will bring you back from the golus, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from kol ha'amim whither Hashem Eloheicha hath dispersed thee.

[4] If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of Shomayim, from thence will Hashem Eloheicha gather thee, and from thence will He bring thee back;

[5] And Hashem Eloheicha will bring thee into ha'aretz which Avoteicha possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and He will do thee good, and multiply thee above Avoteicha.

[6] And Hashem Eloheicha will circumcise thine lev, and the lev of thy zera, to love Hashem Eloheicha bekhol levavcha uvekhol nafshecha; that thou mayest live.

[7] For this mitzvah which I command thee today, it is not too hidden from thee, neither is it too distant.

[8] It is not in Shomayim, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to Shomayim, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

[9] Neither is it beyond the yam, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the yam for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

[10] But the Davar is very near unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy lev, that thou mayest do it.

[11] See, I have set before thee today HaChayyim and HaTov, and Mavet and Rah;

[12] In that I command thee today to love Hashem Eloheicha, to walk in His ways, and to be shomer over His mitzvot and His chukkot and His mishpatim, that thou mayest live and multiply; and Hashem Eloheicha shall bless thee in ha'aretz where thou goest to possess it.

[13] But if thine lev turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship elohim acherim, and serve them;

[14] I announce unto you today, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your yamim upon ha'adamah, whither thou passest over Yarden to go to possess it.

[15] I call Shomayim and Ha'aretz to record today as witnesses against you, that I have set before you HaChayyim and HaMavet, HaBrocha and HaKelalah; therefore choose Chayyim, that both thou and thy zera may live;

[16] That thou mayest love Hashem Eloheicha, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest have deveykus unto Him: for He is Chayyeicha (your life, Pp 1:21; Ac 17:28), and the orech yameicha (length of your days); that thou mayest dwell in ha'adamah which Hashem swore unto Avoteicha, to Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Ya'akov, to give them.

[17] And Moshe went and spoke these devarim unto kol Yisroel.

[18] And he said unto them, I am me'ah v'esrim shanah today; I can no more go out and come in; also Hashem hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Yarden.

[19] Hashem Eloheicha, He it is that provided in the land of Egypt, whither thou wast in shmo, and in the land whither thou passest over; and in the land of ha'man, and in the land of ha'aretz.

[20] That thou mayest love Hashem Eloheicha, and that thou mayest obey His voice, and that thou mayest have deveykus unto Him: for He is Chayyeicha (your life, Pp 1:21; Ac 17:28), and the orech yameicha (length of your days); that thou mayest dwell in ha'adamah which Hashem swore unto Avoteicha, to Avraham, to Yitzchak, and to Ya'akov, to give them.

[21] And Moshe went and spoke these devarim unto kol Yisroel.
doth go with thee; He will not fail thee, nor abandon thee.
[7] And Moshe called unto Yehoshua, and said unto him in the sight of kol Yisroel, Chazak! (be strong) and of a good courage; for thou must go with this people unto Ha'Aretz which Hashem hath sworn unto their avot to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. [See Yeshayah 49:8; Yn 14:1-3.]
[8] And Hashem, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither abandon thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.
[9] And Moshe wrote this torah, and delivered it unto the kohanim, the Bnei Levi, which bore the Aron Brit Hashem and unto kol Ziknei Yisroel.
[10] And Moshe commanded them, saying, At the end of every shevah shanim, in the mo'ed (appointed time) of the shnat hashemittah (year of release), in Chag HaSukkot,
[11] When kol Yisroel is come to appear before Hashem Eloheicha in the place which He shall choose, thou shalt read this torah before kol Yisroel in their hearing.
[12] Gather the people together, anashim and nashim, and banim, and ger that is within thy she'arim, in order that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Hashem Eloheichem, and be shomer to do kol divrei hatorah hazot;
[13] And that their banim, which have not known anything, may hear, and learn to fear Hashem Eloheichem, as long as ye live in ha'adamah whither ye go over Yarden to possess it.
[14] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Behold, thy yamim approach that thou must die; call Yehoshua, and present yourselves in the Ohel Mo'ed, that I may give him a charge. And Moshe and Yehoshua went, and presented themselves in the Ohel Mo'ed.
[15] And Hashem appeared in the Ohel in an ammud anan (pillar of cloud); and the ammud anan stood over the petach (entrance) of the Ohel.
[16] And Hashem said unto Moshe, Behold, thou shalt sleep with Avoteicha; and this people will rise up, and play the harlot going after the elohi nekhar ha'a'aretz (g-ds of the foreigners of the land), whither they go to be among them, and will forsake Me, and break MyBrit which I have cut them.
[17] Then My anger shall be kindled against them in Yom Hahu, and I will forsake them, and I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and ra'ot rabbot (many evils) and tzarot (troubles) shall befall them; so that they will say in Yom Hahu, Are not these evils come upon us, because Elohai is not among us?
[18] And I will surely hide My face in Yom Hahu for kol hara'ah which they shall have done, in that they are turned unto elohim acherim. 
[19] Now therefore write ye this shirah for you, and teach it the Bnei Yisroel; put it in their mouths, in order that this shirah may be an ed (witness) for Me against the Bnei Yisroel.
[20] For when I shall have brought them into ha'adamah which I swore unto Avotav (their fathers), zavat cholov u'devash (that floweth with milk and honey); and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and grown fat; then will they turn unto elohim acherim, and serve them, and provoke Me, and break My Brit. 
[21] And it shall come to pass, when ra'ot rabbot and tzarot are befallen them, that this shirah shall testify against them as an ed (witness); for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their zera; for I know their yetzer (inclination) in which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into ha'aretz which I swore unto them; and I will be with thee. [Isa 49:8]
[22] Moshe therefore wrote this shirah on that day, and taught it the Bnei Yisroel.
[23] And he gave Yehoshua ben Nun a charge, and said, Chazak! And of a good courage; for thou shalt bring the Bnei Yisroel into Ha'Aretz which I swore unto them; and I will be with thee. [Devarim 31]
[24] And it came to pass, when Moshe had made an end of writing the divrei HaTorah hazot in a sefer, until they were finished,
[25] That Moshe commanded the Levi'im, which bore the Aron Brit Hashem, saying,
[26] Take this sefer haTorah, and put it at the side of the Aron Brit Hashem Eloheicha, that it may be there for an ed (witness) against thee.
[27] For I know thy meri (rebellion), and thy oref hakasheh (stiff neck); behold, while I am yet alive with you today, ye have been mamrim (rebellious) against Hashem; and how much more after my death!
[28] Gather unto me kol ziknei shvatim of you, and your shoterim, that I may speak these devarim in their hearing, and call Shomayim and HaAretz to record as witnesses against them.
[29] For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from HaDerech which I have commanded you; and hara'ah will
befall you in the acharim hayamim; because ye will do rah (evil) in the sight of Hashem, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.

[30] And Moshe spoke in the ears of kol Kahal Yisroel the divrei hashirah hazot (words of this song), until they were ended.

[HAAZINU]

Give ear, O Shomayim, and I will speak; and hear, O Ha’Aretz, the words of my mouth.

[2] My teaching shall drop as the matar, my speech shall distil as the tal, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the esea;


[4] He is the Tzur, His po’al is tamim; for all His ways are mishpat; El Emunah and without avel (iniquity), tzaddik and yashar is He.

[5] They have corrupted themselves, their mum is not His; the defect is in His banim; a dor ikesh u’petaltol (a perverse and crooked generation).

[6] Do ye thus repay Hashem, O foolish people without chacham? Is not He Avicha that hath bought thee? Hath He not made thee, and established thee?

[7] Remember the yemot olam, consider shenot dor v’dor: ask Avicha, and he will show thee; thy zekenim, and they will tell thee.

[8] When HaElyon divided to the Goyim their nachalah, when He separated the Bnei Adam, He set the gevulot (borders) of the people according to the number of the Bnei Yisroel.

[9] For Hashem’s chelek is His people; Ya’akov is the chevel (allotment) of His nachalah.

[10] He found him in an eretz midbar, and in a barren and howling wilderness; He encircled him, He granted him discernment, He preserved him as the pupil of His eye.

[11] As a nesher stirreth up her ken (nest), fluttereth over her young, spreadeth her wings, taketh them up, beareth them on her wings.

[12] So Hashem alone did lead him, and there was no el nekhar (strange g-d) with him.

[13] He made him ride on the high places of Eretz, that he might eat the tenuvot sadeh (increase of the fields); and He made to suckle him devash out of the rock, and shemen out of the flinty rock;

[14] Butter of cattle, and cholov tzon, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with chittah (wheat) as fat as kidneys; and thou didst drink the pure dahm of the grape.

[15] But Yeshurun grew fat, and kicked; thou art grown fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook G-d which made him, and lightly esteemed the Tzur of his Yeshuah (Salvation).

[16] They provoked Him to jealousy with zarim (foreign g-ds), with to’evot (abominations) provoked they Him to anger.

[17] They sacrificed unto shedim (demons), not to G-d; to elohim whom they knew not, to chadashim (new g-ds), new arrivals, whom Avoteichem feared not.

[18] Of the Tzur that fathered thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten El that formed thee.

[19] And when Hashem saw it, He spurned them, because of the provoking of His banim, and of His banot.

[20] And He said, I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end shall be; for they are a very perverse generation, banim in whom is no faithfulness.

[21] They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is lo El (not G-d), they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those which are lo Am (a non-people); I will provoke them to anger with a goy naval (foolish, senseless nation)

[Ro 10:19].

[22] For an eish is kindled in Mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest Sheol, and shall devour Eretz and her increase, and set on fire the foundations of harim.

[23] I will heap disasters upon them; I will spend Mine khitzim (arrows) upon them.

[24] They shall be burned with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction; I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the venom of serpents of the aphar (dust).

[25] The cherev without, and terror within, shall destroy both the bochur and the betulah, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.

[26] I said, I will dash them in pieces, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;

[27] Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should misinterpret, and lest they should say, Our hand is triumphant, and Hashem hath not done all this.
For they are a goy (nation) void of sense, neither is there any seichel in them. O that they were wise, that they had seichel, that they would consider their acharit (latter end, future)!

How should echad chase an elef (thousand), and shnayim (two) put ten thousand to flight, except their tzur had sold them, and Hashem had shut them up? For their tzur is not like Tzureinu, even our enemies themselves being conceders.

Their gefen is of the gefen of Sodom, and of the fields of Amora (Gomorrah); their grapes are grapes of poison, their clusters are bitter;

Their yayin is the venom of serpents, and the deadly poison of asps. Is not this laid up in store with Me, and sealed up among My otzrot (treasures)? To Me belongeth nakam (vengeance) and recompence; their foot shall sli in due time; for the Yom of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.

And Hashem shall judge His people, and relent for His avadim, when He seeth that their power is gone, and there is none left, slave or free.

And Moshe came and spoke kol divre hashirah in the hearing of the people, he, and Hoshea ben Nun.

And Moshe made an end of speaking all these devarim to kol Yisroel; And he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the devarim which I testify among you today, which ye shall command your banim to be shomer to do, kol divrei hatorah hazot.

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And it is not an idle thing for you; because it is Chayyeichem (your life); and through this thing ye shall prolong your yamim in ha’adamah, whither ye go over Yarden to possess it.

And Moshe charged us with a torah, even the morashah kehillat Ya’akov (heritage of the Congregation of Ya’akov).

And Hashem came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; He shined forth from Mt Paran, and He came with ten thousands of kodesh; from His right hand went a fiery law for them.

And Hashem went down, and stood in the top of the mountain, and called Moshe unto the top of the mountain, and Moshe went up.

And Moshe came and spake to all the people the words of this song, which Moshe had sung for Hashem, the Elohim of Israel, in the ears of the Bnei Yisroel.
And this to Yehudah: and he said, Shema, Hashem, the voice of Yehudah, and bring him unto his people; let his hands contend for him; and be Thou an ezer (help) to him from his enemies.

And of Levi he said, Let Thy Tummim and Thy Urim be with Thy chasid, whom Thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom Thou didst strive at the waters of Merivah; who said unto his av and to his em, I have not seen him; neither did he acknowledge his brethren, nor knew his own banim; for they (Levi'im) have been shomer over Thy word, and Thy Brit they have preserved.

They shall teach Ya'akov Thy mishpatim, and Yisroel Thy torah; they shall put ketorah before Thee, and kalil (whole burnt offerings) upon Thine mizbe'ach. Bless, O Hashem, his resources, and accept the work of his hands; strike through the loins of them that rise against him, and of them that hate him, that they rise not again.

And of Binyamin he said, Yedid Hashem shall dwell in safety by Him; and Hashem shall hover over him all day long, and he (Yedid Hashem, beloved of Hashem) shall rest between His shoulders.

And of Yosef he said, Mevorekhet Hashem (Blessed of Hashem) be his land, for the precious things of the everlasting hills, and the choice fruits brought forth by the shemesh, and choice crops put forth by the yarei'ach. And with the choicest of the harrei kedem (eternal mountains), and for the precious things of the everlasting hills, and for the precious things of ha'aretz and fulness thereof, and for the good will of Him whose [shechinah] dwelling is in the [burning] bush; let the blessing come upon the head of Yosef, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.

His glory is like the bechor of his shor, and his horns are like the horns of a wild ox; with them he shall push the people together to the ends of ha'aretz; and they are the ten thousands of Ephrayim, and they are the thousands of Menasheh. And of Zevulun he said, Rejoice, Zevulun, in thy going out; and, Yissakhar, in thy oholim. They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer zivkhei tzedek; for they shall draw out of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.

Baruch be he that enlargeth Gad; he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the zero'a as well as the crown of the head. And he provided the reshit for himself, when the chelkat mechokek (lawgiver's chelek) was assigned. When the Rashei Am came, he executed the Tzidkat Hashem, and His mishpatim with Yisroel.

Baruch be Asher with banim; let him be acceptable to his brethren, and let him tovel (dip, immerse as in tevilah) his foot in shemen. Thy bars shall be barzel (iron) and nechoshet (bronze); and as thy yamim, so shall thy strength be. There is none like unto El Yeshurun, who rideth upon Shomayim to be thy ezer (help), and on the sky in His majesty.

Elohei Kedem is thy me'onah (dwelling place); and underneath are the Zero'ot Olam (Everlasting Arms); and He shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Make them shmad. Happy art thou, O Yisroel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by Hashem, the mogen of thy ezer and the cherev of thy majesty! Thine enemies shall come fawning unto thee; and thou shalt trample down their high places.

And Moshe went up from the plains of Moav unto Mt Nevo to the top of Pisgah, that is, over against Yericho. And Hashem showed him all Eretz Gil'ad, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and Eretz Ephrayim, and Menasheh, and all Eretz Yehudah, unto the Western Mediterranean Sea, and the Negev, and the plain of the valley of Yericho, the Ir Hatemarim (City of Date Palms), unto Tzoar. And Hashem said unto him, This is HaAretz which I swore unto Avraham, unto Yitzchak, and unto Yaakov, saying, I will give it unto thy zera; I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but
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thou shalt not go over thither.
[5] So Moshe Eved Hashem died there in Eretz Moav, as Hashem had said.
[6] And He buried him in a valley in Eretz Moav, over against Beit Peor; but no man kneweth of his kever unto this yom. [See Yeshayah 53:9 on Moshiach's kever.]
[7] And Moshe was me'ah vesrim shanah when he died; his eyesight was not weakened, nor his natural force reduced.
[8] And the Bnei Yisroel wept for Moshe in the plains of Moav shloshim yom; then the yamim of weeping and mourning for Moshe were ended.
[9] And Yehoshua ben Nun was full of the ruach chochmah; for Moshe had laid his hands upon him; and the Bnei Yisroel were heedful unto him, and did as Hashem commanded Moshe.
[10] And there arose not a navi since in Yisroel like unto Moshe, whom Hashem knew panim el panim (face to face),
[11] In all the otot and the mofetim, which Hashem sent him to do in Eretz Mitzrayim to Pharaoh, and to all his avadim, and to all his land,
[12] And in all that yad hachazakah, and in all the morah hagadol (great terror) which Moshe did in the sight of kol Yisroel.

Now after the mot Moshe Eved Hashem it came to pass, that Hashem spoke unto Yehoshua ben Nun, mesharet Moshe, saying,
[1] Moshe Eved Hashem was dead; Moshe Avdi is dead; now therefore arise, cross over this Yarden, thou, and kol HaAm Hazeh, unto HaAretz which I do give to them, even to the Bnei Yisroel.
[2] Moshe Avdi is dead; now therefore arise, cross over this Yarden, thou, and kol HaAm Hazeh, unto HaAretz which I do give to them, even to the Bnei Yisroel.
[3] Every place that the sole of your regel shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, just as I said unto Moshe.
[4] From the midbar and this Levanon even unto the Nahar Hagadol, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Chittim, and unto the Yam HaGadol toward the going down of the shemesh, shall be your territory.
[5] There shall not any ish be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moshe, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.
[6] Chazak! (be strong!) And be of good courage: for unto HaAm Hazeh shalt thou divide for a nachalah HaAretz, which I swore unto their avot to give them.
[7] Only chazak (be strong) and very courageous, that thou mayest be shomer to do according to kol HaTorah, which Moshe Avdi commanded thee; turn not from it to the yamin or to the semol, in order that thou mayest succeed everywhere thou goest.
[8] This Sefer HaTorah shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate on it yomam valailah so that thou mayest meditate on it yomam valailah in order that thou mayest mend your ways and succeed everywhere thou goest.
[9] Have not I commanded thee? Chazak! And be of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for Hashem Eloheichem is with thee everywhere thou goest.
[10] Then Yehoshua commanded the Shotrei HaAm, saying,
[11] Pass through the machaneh, and command HaAm, saying, Prepare you supplies; for within shloset yamin ye shall pass over this Yarden, to go in to possess HaAretz, which Hashem Eloheichem giveth you to possess it.
[12] And to the Reubeni, and to the Gadi, and to the half tribe of Menasheh, spoke Yehoshua, saying,
[13] Remember the devar which Moshe Eved Hashem commanded you, saying, Hashem Eloheichem hath given you menuchah, and hath given you HaAretz Hazot.
[14] Your nashim, your little ones, and your livestock, shall remain in the land which Moshe gave ye beyond the Yarden; but ye shall cross over ahead of your achim armed, all the gibborei hachayil, and help them;
[15] Until Hashem has given your achim menuchah, as He hath given you, and they also have possessed HaAretz which Hashem Eloheichem giveth them; then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and occupy it, which Moshe Eved Hashem gave ye beyond Yarden toward the rising of the shemesh.
[16] And they answered Yehoshua, saying, All that thou commandest us we will do, and everywhere thou sendest us, we will go.
[17] According as we paid heed unto Moshe in all things, so will we pay heed unto thee; only Hashem Eloheicha be with thee, just as He was with Moshe.
[18] Whosoever he be that doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not pay heed unto thee; only Hashem Eloheicha be with thee, just as He was with Moshe.
And Yehoshua sent two men from She'elim to spy secretly, saying, Go view Ha'Aretz, even Yericho. And they went, and entered into bais isha zonah, and her name was Rachav, and they lodged there.

And it was told Melech Yericho, saying, Hinei, shnayim anashim have come here halailah of the Bnei Yisroel to spy out Ha'Aretz.

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And she said unto them, It shall be, when Hashem hath delivered into yadeinu kol Ha'Aretz, that we will deal chesed v'emes with thee. And that ye will save achim, and all that are come to thee, who entered into thine bais; for they have come to spy out kol Ha'Aretz.

And the isha took the two anashim, and hid them, and said thus, There came anashim unto me, but I knew not where they had come from;

And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the sha'ar, when it was choshech, that the anashim went out; where the anashim went I know not; pursue after them quickly; for ye may overtake them.

But she had brought them up to the gag (roof), and hid them with the pisheiti haetz (stalks of flax), which she had laid out upon the gag.

And she let them down the shchul (window); and she tied the scarlet cord in the chalon by which thou didst let them down; and thou shalt bring thy av, and thy em, and thy achim, and all thy bais av, with thee inside the bais.

And if thou utter what we are doing, then we will be nekkiyyim (free ones); and whosoever shall be with thee in the bais, his dahm shall be on rosheinu (our head), if any yad be laid upon him.

And they said unto Yehoshua, Truly Hashem hath delivered into yadeinu kol Ha'Aretz; for even all the inhabitants of Ha'Aretz faint because of us.

And Yehoshua rose early in the boker; and they set out from She'elim, and came to the Yarden, he and Kol Bnei Yisroel, and camped there early in the boker; and Yaakov rose early on the day following.

But she had brought them up to the gag (roof), and hid them with the pisheiti haetz (stalks of flax), which she had laid out upon the gag.

So the anashim pursued after them the derech (road) to Yarden unto the fords; and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they closed the sha'ar.

And before they [the two spies] lay down, she went up unto them upon the gag;

And she said unto the anashim, I know that Hashem hath given you Ha'Aretz, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of Ha'Aretz faint because of you.

For we have heard how Hashem dried up the waters of the Yam Suf from before you, when ye came out of Mitzrayim; and what ye did unto the two melachim of the Emori, that were beyond the Yarden, Sichon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed [put under cherem ban].

And as soon as we had heard these things, levaveinu (our hearts) did melt, neither did there remain any more ruach in any ish, because of you; for Hashem Eloheichem hu Elohim ba'Shamayim above, and on Ha'Aretz beneath.

Therefore, now, swear unto me by Hashem, since I have showed you chesed, that ye will also show chesed unto Bais Avi, and give me an ot (sign of truth);

And that ye will save alive avi, and immi, and my ach and my achoth, and all that they have, and deliver nafshoteinu (our lives, souls) from mavet (death).

And the anashim answered her, Nafsheinu (our soul) shall die for you, if ye utter not what we are doing. And it shall be, when Hashem hath given us Ha'Aretz, that we will deal chesed v'emes with thee.

Then she let them down by a chevel (cord, rope) through the chalon (window); for her bais was in the city wall, and she dwelt in the chomah (wall).

And she said unto them, Get you to the hill country, lest the rodefim (pursuers) meet you; and hide yourselves there shloshet yamim, until the rodefim return; and afterward may ye go your way.

And the anashim said unto her, We will be nekkiyyim (free ones) of this thine shevu'ah (oath) which thou hast made us swear,

Unless when we come into Ha'Aretz, thou shalt tie this rope of scarlet cord in the chalon by which thou didst let us down; and thou shalt bring thy av, and thy em, and thy achim, and all thy bais av, with thee inside the bais.

And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the delatot of thy bais into the chutzah (street, outside), his dahm shall be upon his rosh, and we will be nekkiyyim (free ones); and whosoever shall be with thee in the bais, his dahm shall be on rosheinu (our head), if any yad be laid upon him.

And if thou utter what we are doing, then we will be nekkiyyim (free ones) of thine shevu'ah (oath) which thou hast made us to swear.

And she said, According unto your devarim, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed; and she tied the scarlet cord in the chalon.

And they went, and came unto the hill country, and abode there shloshet yamim, until the rodefim returned; and the rodefim sought them all along the derech, but found them not.

So the two anashim returned, and descended from the hill country, and passed over, and came to Yehoshua ben Nun, and told him all things that befell them;

And they said unto Yehoshua, Truly Hashem hath delivered into yadeinu kol Ha'Aretz; for even all the inhabitants of Ha'Aretz do faint because of us.

And Yehoshua rose early in the boker; and they set out from She'elim, and came to the Yarden, he and Kol Bnei Yisroel, and camped there before they crossed over.

And it came to pass after shloshet yamim, that the Shoterim went
And they commanded HaAm, saying, When ye see the Aron Brit Hashem Eloheichem, and the Kohanim who are Levi'im bearing it, then ye shall move out from your makom, and follow after it.

Yet there shall be a rachok (distance, space) between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure; come not near unto it, that ye have da'as of the Derech by which ye must go; for ye have not passed this way heretofore.

And Yehoshua said unto HaAm, Set yourselves apart as kodesh; for tomorrow Hashem will do nifla'ot among you.

And Yehoshua spoke unto the Kohanim, saying, Take up the Aron HaBrit, and cross over before HaAm. And they took up the Aron HaBrit, and went before HaAm.

Hashem said unto Yehoshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of kol Yisroel, that they may know that, as I was with Moshe, so I will be with thee.

And thou shalt command the Kohanim that bear the Aron Hashem, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the mayim, (for the Yarden overfloweth all its banks all the days of katzer [harvest]),

That this may be an ot among you, that when your banim ask in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these avanim? Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of the Yarden were cut off from before the Aron Brit Hashem; when it passed over the Yarden, the waters of the Yarden were cut off; and these avanim shall be for a zikaron (memorial) unto the Bnei Yisroel ad olam (forever).

And Yehoshua did so just as Yehoshua commanded, and took up Shtei Esreh Avanim out of the middle of the Yarden, out of the place where the feet of the Kohanim stood firm, twelve avanim (stones), and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the malon (lodging place), where ye shall lodge halailah (tonight).

Then Yehoshua called the Shneym Asar Ish, whom he had prepared of the Bnei Yisroel, out of every tribe an Ish;

And Yehoshua said unto them, Pass over before the Aron Hashem Eloheichem into the middle of the Yarden, and take you up every ish of you an even (stone) upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the Shivtei Bnei Yisroel;

That this may be an ot among you, that when your banim ask in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these avanim?

Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of the Yarden were cut off from before the Aron Brit Hashem; when it passed over the Yarden, the waters of the Yarden were cut off; and these avanim shall be for a zikaron (memorial) unto the Bnei Yisroel ad olam (forever).

And the Bnei Yisroel did so just as Yehoshua commanded, and took up Shtei Esreh Avanim out of the middle of the Yarden, just as Hashem spoke unto Yehoshua, according to the number of the Shivtei Bnei Yisroel, and carried them over with them unto the malon where they lodged, and laid them down there.

And it came to pass, when Kol HaGoy had completely passed over the Yarden, that Hashem spoke unto Yehoshua, saying,

And take you Shnei Asar Ish out of the Shevet Yisroel, out of every tribe an ish.
For the Kohanim bearing the Aron stood in the middle of the Yarden, until everything was finished that Hashem commanded Yehoshua to speak unto HaAm, according to all that Moshe commanded Yehoshua; and HaAm hurried and crossed over.

And it came to pass, when Kol HaAm had completely crossed over, that the Aron Hashem crossed over, and the Kohanim, ahead of HaAm.

And the Bnei Reuven, and the Bnei Gad, and the half-tribe of Menasheh, crossed over armed ahead of the Bnei Yisroel, just as Moshe directed them;

About forty thousand, battle-ready, crossed over before Hashem for milchamah, to the plains of Yericho.

On Yom Hahu Hashem magnified Yehoshua in the eyes of Kol Yisroel; and they feared him, just as they feared Moshe, all the days of his life.

And Hashem spoke unto Yehoshua, saying,

Command the Kohanim bearing the Aron HaEdut, so that they come up out of the Yarden.

And Yehoshua therefore commanded the Kohanim, saying, Come ye up out of the Yarden.

And it came to pass, when the Kohanim bearing the Aron Brit Hashem were come up out of the middle of the Yarden, and the soles of the feet of the Kohanim were set on dry land, that the waters of the Yarden returned unto their place, and overflowed all its banks, as they did before.

And HaAm came up out of the Yarden on the tenth day of the chodesh harishon, and camped at Gilgal, by the eastern border of Yericho.

And those twelve avanim, which they took out of the Yarden, did Yehoshua set in a pile at Gilgal.

And he spoke unto the Bnei Yisroel, saying, When your banim shall ask their avot in time to come, saying, What mean these avanim?

Then ye shall let your banim know, saying, Yisroel crossed over this Yarden on yabashah (dry land) [Gn 1:9].

For Hashem Eloheichem dried up the waters of the Yarden from before you, until ye were passed over, just as Hashem Eloheichem did to Yam Suf, which He dried up from before us, until we were crossed over;

So that Kol Ammei HaAretz (all the peoples of the earth) might know the Yad Hashem, that it is chazakah; so that ye might fear Hashem Eloheichem kol hayamim (all the days, forever).

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And it came to pass, when all the melachim of the HaEmori, which were beyond the Yarden westward, and all the melachim of the Kena’ani, which were by the Yam, heard that Hashem had dried up the waters of the Yarden from before the Bnei Yisroel, until they had passed over, their levav sank, neither was there ruach in them any more, because of the Bnei Yisroel.

At that time Hashem said unto Yehoshua, Make thee knives of flint, and do a second time the Bris Milah to the Bnei Yisroel.

And Yehoshua made him flint knives, and did Bris Milah to the Bnei Yisroel at Givat HaAralot.

And this is the reason why Yehoshua did the Bris Milah: Kol HaAm that came out of Mitzrayim, that were zekharim (males), even Kol Anshei HaMilchamah, died in the midbar baderech, after they came out of Mitzrayim.

Now Kol HaAm that came out were Mulim (circumcised); but Kol HaAm that were born in the midbar baderech when they came forth out of Mitzrayim, them they had not given Bris Milah.

For the Bnei Yisroel walked arbaim shanah in the midbar, until Kol HaGoy that were Anshei HaMilchamah, which came out of Mitzrayim, were consumed, because they obeyed not the Kol Hashem (voice of Hashem); unto whom Hashem swore that He would not show them HaAretz, which Hashem swore unto their Avot that He would give us, Eretz zavat cholov u’devash.

And Hashem said unto Yehoshua, This day galloti (have I rolled away) the reproach of Mitzrayim from off you. Therefore the shem of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

And the Bnei Yisroel encamped at Gilgal, and observed the Pesach on the fourteenth day of the month at erev in the plains of Yericho.

And they did eat of the produce of HaAretz on the day after the Pesach, on that very day, matzot, and roasted grain.

And the manna ceased on the following day.

And Yehoshua therefore commanded the Kohanim, saying, Come ye up out of the Yarden.

And it came to pass, when the Kohanim bearing the Aron Brit Hashem were come up out of the middle of the Yarden, and the soles of the feet of the Kohanim were set on dry land, that the waters of the Yarden returned unto their place, and overflowed all its banks, as they did before.
day after they had eaten of the produce of HaAretz; neither had the Bnei Yisroel manna any more; but they did eat of the increase of Eretz Kena’an that year.

[13] And it came to pass, when Yehoshua was there by Yericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, hinei, there stood an ish in front of him with his cherev drawn in his yad; and Yehoshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

[14] And he said, Lo (no); but as Sar Tze’va Hashem am I now come. And Yehoshua fell on his face to the ground, and did prostrate himself, and said unto him, What saith Adoni unto his eved?

[15] And the Sar Tze’va Hashem said unto Yehoshua, Take off thy sandals from off thy feet; for the makom whereon thou standest is kodesh. And Yehoshua did so.

Now Yericho was closely shut up because of the Bnei Yisroel; none went out, and none came in.

[2] And Hashem said unto Yehoshua, See, I have given into thine yad Yericho, and the melech thereof, and the gibborei hechayil.

[3] And ye shall march around the Ir, all ye anshei hamilchamah, and go around the Ir once. Thus shalt thou do sheshet yamim.

[4] And seven Kohanim shall bear before the Aron shivah shoferot hayovelim; and the Yom HaShevi’i ye shall march around the Ir seven times, and the Kohanim shall sound the shoferot.

[5] And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the keren hayovel, when ye hear the sound of the shofer, Kol HaAretz shall shout with a teruah gedolah; and the Chomat HaIr shall fall down, and HaAm shall go up every ish charging straight in.

[6] And Yehoshua ben Nun called the Kohanim, and said unto them, Take up the Aron HaBrit, and let shivah Kohanim bear shivah shoferot yovelim (seven ram-shofars) before the Aron Hashem.

[7] And he ordered HaAm, Pass on, and march on the Ir, and let him that is armed pass on ahead of the Aron Hashem. And it came to pass, when Yehoshua had spoken unto HaAm, that the shivah Kohanim bearing the shivah shoferot hayovelim passed on before Hashem, and sounded the shoferot; and the Aron Brit Hashem followed after them.

[9] And the armed men marched ahead of the Kohanim that blew with the shoferot, and the rear guard came after the Aron, with the shoferot of the Kohanim going on sounding.

[10] Yehoshua had commanded HaAm, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any davar proceed out of your mouth, until the Yom I tell you to shout; then shall ye shout.

[11] So the Aron Hashem circled the Ir, going about it once; and they returned to the machaneh, and spent the night in the machaneh.

[12] And Yehoshua rose early in the boker, and the Kohanim took up the Aron Hashem.

[13] And shivah kohanim bearing shivah shoferot hayovelim before the Aron Hashem went on continually, and sounded the shoferot; and the armed men went before them; with the rearguard after the Aron Hashem, the Kohanim going on, and sounding the shoferot.

[14] And the Yom HaSheni they circled the Ir once, and returned to the machaneh; so they did sheshet yamim.

[15] And it came to pass on the Yom HaShevi’i, that they got up early about shachar, circled the Ir after the same manner sheva times; only on that Yom they marched around the Ir sheva p’amim.

[16] And it came to pass on the Shevi’it, when the Kohanim sounded the shoferot, Yehoshua said unto HaAm, Shout; for Hashem hath given you the Ir. And the Ir shall be cherem, even it, and all that are therein, to Hashem; only Rachav the zonah shall live, she and all that are with her in the bais, because she hid the malachim that we sent. And ye, be shomer to keep yourselves from the cherem, lest ye make yourselves cherem, when ye take of the cherem, and make the Machaneh Yisroel cherem, and trouble it.

[17] But all the kesef, zahav, and vessels of nechoshet and barzel, are kodesh unto Hashem; they shall come into the Otzar Hashem. So HaAm shouted when the Kohanim sounded the shoferot; and it came to pass, when HaAm heard the kol (sound) of the shofer, and HaAm shouted with a teruah gedolah, that the chomah fell down, so that HaAm went up into the Ir, every ish straight before him, and they took the Ir.

[18] And they utterly destroyed [devoted as cherem] all that was in the Ir, both ish and isha, na’ar and zaken, and shor, and seh, and chamor, with the edge of the cherev.

[19] But Yehoshua had said unto the two anashim that had spied out HaAretz, Go into the bais haisha hazonah, 6
and bring out from there the isha, and all that she hath, just as ye swore unto her. 

|23| And hane'aram (the young men) that were spies went in, and brought out Rachav, and her av, and her em, and her achim, and all that she had; and they brought out all her mishpechot, and put them outside the Machaneh Yisroel. 

|24| And they burned the Ir with eish, and all that was therein; only the keshet, and the zahav, and the vessels of nechoshet and of barzel (iron), they put into the Otzar Bais Hashem. 

|25| And Yehoshua saved Rachav the zonah alive, and her Bais Avi, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Yisroel even unto this day; because she hid the malachim, which Yehoshua sent to spy out Yericho. 

|26| And Yehoshua made them take this shevu'ah, saying, Arur (cursed) be the ish before Hashem, who shall riseth up and rebuildeth this Ir Yericho; he shall lay the foundation thereof with his tza'ir (youngest son) shall he set up bechor, and with his tza'ir (youngest son). 

|27| So Hashem was with Yehoshua; and his fame was noised throughout kol HaAretz. 

7 But the Bnei Yisroel broke [covenant] faith in regard to the Cherem; for Achan ben Carmi ben Zavdi ben Zerach of the tribe of Yehudah, took of the Cherem (that which was devoted to destruction); and the Af Hashem was kindled against the Bnei Yisroel. 

|2| And Yehoshua sent anashim from Yericho to Ai, which is near Beit-Aven, on the east of Beit-El, speaking unto them, saying, Go up and spy out HaAretz. And the anashim went up and spied out Ai. 

|3| And they returned to Yehoshua, and said unto him, Let not kol HaAm go up; but let about two or three thousand Ish go up and attack Ai; and weary not kol HaAm there; for they are but few. 

|4| So there went up there of HaAm about three thousand Ish; and they fled before the anashim of Ai. 

|5| And the anashim of Ai struck down of them about thirty and six ish; for they chased them from before the sha'ar even unto Shevarim, and struck them down on the descent; therefore the levav HaAm melted, and became like mayim. 

|6| And Yehoshua tore his clothes, and fell to the ground upon his face before the Aron Hashem until erev, he and the Ziknei Yisroel, and they put dust upon their heads. 

|7| And Yehoshua said, Alas, Adonoi, what shall I say, when Yisroel turneth their backs before their enemies! 

|8| For the Kena'anani and all the inhabitants of HaAretz shall hear of it, and shall surround us, and cut off Shemeinu (our name) from HaAretz; and what wilt Thou do unto Thy Shem Hagadol? 

|9| For the Kena'ani and all the inhabitants of HaAretz shall hear of it, and shall surround us, and cut off Shemeinu (our name) from HaAretz; and what wilt Thou do unto Thy Shem Hagadol? 

|10| And Hashem said unto Yehoshua, Stand up; why liest thou thus upon thy face? 

|11| Yisroel hath sinned, and they have also violated My Brit which I commanded them; for they have even taken of the Cherem, and have also played the ganav, and lied also, and they have put it even among their own possessions. 

|12| Therefore the Bnei Yisroel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they are for Cherem; neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the Cherem from among you. 

|13| Up, set HaAm apart as kodesh, and say, Set yourselves apart as kodesh against tomorrow: for thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, There is Cherem among you, O Yisroel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the Cherem from among you. 

|14| In the boker therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes; and it shall be, that the shevet (tribe) which Hashem taketh shall come near according to the mishpekhat thereof; and the mishpakhah which Hashem shall take shall come near by batim; and the bais which Hashem shall take shall come near man by man. 

|15| And it shall be, that he that is taken with the Cherem shall be burned with eish, he and all that he hath; because he hath violated the Brit Hashem, and because he hath wrought shame in Yisroel. 

|16| So Yehoshua rose up early in the boker, and brought Yisroel near by their tribes; and the Shevet Yehudah was taken; 

|17| And he brought the Mishpakhah Yehudah; and the Mishpakhah Zarchi was taken; and he brought the Mishpakhah HaZarchi man by man; and Zavdi was taken; 

|18| And he brought near his Bais man by man; and Achan ben Carmi ben Zavdi ben Zerach, of the tribe of Yehudah, was taken.
And Hashem said unto Yehoshua, Fear not, neither be thou discouraged; take kol Am HaMilchamah with thee, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy yad the melech HaAi, and his people, and his city, and his land;
[2] And thou shalt do to Ai and her melech just as thou didst unto Yericho and her melech; only the plunder thereof, and the livestock thereof, shall ye carry off for yourselves. Behind it set thee an ambush for the Ir (city [of Ai]).
[3] So Yehoshua arose, and kol Am HaMilchamah that were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the Ir, and encamped on the north side of Ai; now there was the gey (valley) between them and Ai.
[4] And he took about chameshet alafim ish, and set them to lie in ambush between Beit-El and Ai, on the west side of the Ir.
[5] And Yehoshua went that lailah into the midst of the emek (valley).
[6] And it came to pass, when the melech of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose early, and the anshei HaIr went out against Yisroel in the milchamah, he and all his people, at the place, before the Aravah; but he had no da’as that there was an ambush against him set up behind the Ir.
[7] And Yehoshua and kol HaAm that were with me, will approach unto the Ir, and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the rishonah, that we will flee before them, (For they will come out after us) until we have drawn them from the Ir; for they will say, They flee before us, just as at the rishonah; therefore we will flee before them.
[8] Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the Ir; for Hashem Eloheichem will deliver it into your yad.
[9] And it shall be, when ye have taken the Ir, that ye shall set eish to the Ir; according to the Davar Hashem shall ye do. See, I have commanded you.
[10] Yehoshua therefore sent them forth; and they went to the place of ambush, and waited between Beit-El and Ai, on the west side of Ai; but Yehoshua spent that lailah among HaAm.
[11] And Yehoshua rose up early in the boker, and mustered HaAm, and went up, he and the Ziknei Yisroel, before HaAm to Ai.
[12] And Kol HaAm HaMilchamah that were with him, went up, and drew near, and came before the Ir, and encamped on the north side of Ai; now there was the gey (valley) between them and Ai.
[13] And when they had set HaAm, even Kol HaMachaneh that was on the north of the Ir, and the ambush to the west of the Ir, Yehoshua went that lailah into the midst of the emek (valley).
[14] And it came to pass, when the melech of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose up early, and the anshei HaIr went out against Yisroel in the milchamah, he and all his people, at the place, before the Aravah; but he had no da’as that there was an ambush against him set up behind the Ir.
[15] And Yehoshua and kol Yisroel let themselves be driven before them, and fled by the derech hamidbar.
[16] And kol HaAm that were in Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Yehoshua, and were lured from the Ir.
[17] And there was not an ish left in Ai or Beit-El, that went not out after Yisroel; and they left the Ir open,
And pursued after Yisroel.

|18| And Hashem said unto Yehoshua, Stretch out the kidon (javelin) that is in thy yad toward Ai; for I will give it into thine yad. And Yehoshua stretched out the kidon that he had in his yad toward the Ir.
|19| And the ambush arose quickly out of their makom, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his yad; and they entered into the Ir, and took it, and hastened and set eish to the Ir.
|20| And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, hinei, the ashan HaIr (smoke of the city) ascended up to Shomayim, and they had no way to flee here or there; and HaAm that fled to the midbar turned back upon the pursuers.
|21| And when Yehoshua and kol Yisroel saw that the ambush had taken the Ir, and that the ashan HaIr ascended, then they turned again, and attacked the anshei HaAi.
|22| Then these came out of the Ir against them; so they were in the midst of Yisroel, some on this side, and some on that side; and they struck them down, until they left none of them sarid (remnant, survivor) or palit (refugee, fugitive).
|23| And the melech HaAi (literally, the King of Ruin) they took alive, and brought him to Yehoshua.
|24| And it came to pass, when Yisroel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the sadeh, in the midbar wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the edge of the cherev, until they were consumed, that kol Yisroel returned unto Ai, and struck it with the edge of the cherev.
|25| And so it was, that all that fell that yom, both of ish and isha, were sheneym asar elef, even kol anshei HaAi.
|26| For Yehoshua drew not his yad back, wherewith he stretched out the kidon, until he had utterly destroyed kol yoshvei HaAi.
|27| Only the behemah and the plunder of that Ir Yisroel carried off for themselves, according to the Davar Hashem which He commanded Yehoshua.
|28| And Yehoshua burned Ai, and made it a tel olam (heap forever), even a desolation unto yom hazeh.
|29| And the melech HaAi he hanged on HaEtz until the time of erev; and as soon as the shemesh was down, Yehoshua commanded that they should take his nevelah (body) down from HaEtz, and cast it at the petach sha'ar HaIr, and raised thereon a pile of avanim, that remaineth unto Yom Hazeh.
|30| Then Yehoshua built a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem Elohei Yisroel in Har Eval, just as Moshe Eved Hashem commanded the Bnei Yisroel, as it is written in the Sefer Torah Moshe, a Mizbe'ach avanim shelemot, over which no man hath lift up any barzel (iron); and they offered thereon olot unto Hashem, and sacrificed shelamim.
|31| And he wrote there upon the avanim a mishneh (copy) Torat Moshe, which he wrote in the presence of the Bnei Yisroel.
|32| And Kol Yisroel, and their Zekenim, and shoterim, and their shofetim, stood on this side the Aron and on that side, half of them over against Har Gerizim, and half of them over against Har Eval; just as Moshe Eved Hashem had commanded before, in connection with the blessing of HaAm Yisroel.
|33| And afterward he read kol divrei HaTorah, the brocha and kelalah, according to all that is written in the Sefer HaTorah.
|34| And Yisroel did war in a cunning, crafty manner [see Genesis 3:1], and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sakkim (sacks) upon their donkeys, and skins of yayin, old, and cracked, and mended; and sandals old and patched upon their feet, and selamot ballot (old garments) upon them; and all the lechem of their food supply was dry and moldy.
|35| And they went to Yehoshua unto the machaneh at Gilgal, and
said unto him, and to the Ish Yisroel, We are come from an eretz rechokah (far country); now therefore cut ye a brit with us.

[7] And the Ish Yisroel said unto the Chivi (Hivites), Perhaps ye dwell among us; how then shall we cut a brit with you?

[8] And they said unto Yehoshua, We are thy avadim. And Yehoshua said unto them, Who are ye? And from where do ye come?

[9] And they said unto him, From an eretz rechokah me’od thy avadim are come because of the Shem of Hashem Eloheicha; for we have heard the report of Him, and all that He did in Mitzrayim,

[10] And all that He did to the two melachim of HaEmori, that were beyond the Yarden, to Sichon Melech Cheshbon, and to Og Melech HaBashan, which was at Ashtarot.

[11] Therefore Zekeinenu and all the inhabitants of Artzeinu spoke to us, saying, Take food supplies with you for the derech, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your avadim; therefore now cut ye a brit with us.

[12] This our lechem we packed cham (hot) for our provision out of our batim (houses) on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, hinei, it is dry, and it is moldy;

[13] And these skins of yayin, which we filled, were chadashim; and, hinei, they are cracked; and these our garments and our sandals are become worn out by reason of the derech me’od.

[14] And the anashim took of their food supplies, and asked not counsel at the pi Hashem (mouth of Hashem).

[15] And Yehoshua made shalom with them, and cut a brit with them, to let them live; and the Nasi'im of the Edah so ratified by oath unto them.

[16] And it came to pass at the end of shloshet yamim after they had cut a brit with them, that they heard that they were their kerovim (neighbors), and that they dwelt near them.

[17] And the Bnei Yisroel journeyed, and came unto their towns on the yom hashelishi. Now their towns were Giv’on, and Kephirah, and Be’erot, and Kiryat-Ye’arim.

[18] And the Bnei Yisroel did not strike them down, because the Nasi'im of the Edah had sworn unto them by Hashem Eloheicha. And Kol HaEdah murmured against the Nasi'im.

[19] But all the Nasi'im said unto Kol HaEdah, We have sworn unto them by Hashem Eloheicha; now therefore we may not touch them.

[20] This we will do to them; we will even let them live, lest ketzef (wrath) be upon us, because of the shevu'ah (oath) which we swore unto them.

[21] And the Nasi'im said unto them, Let them live; but let them be woodcutters and water carriers unto Kol HaEdah; as the Nasi'im had promised them.

[22] And Yehoshua called for them, and he spoke unto them, saying, Why have ye beguiled us, saying, Rechokim anachnu from you when ye dwell near us?

[23] Now therefore ye are arurim, and there shall none of you be yikaret (be cut off) from being eved, and woodcutters and water carriers for the Bais Elohai.

[24] And they answered Yehoshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy avadim, how that Hashem Eloheicha commanded His Eved Moshe to give you kol HaAretz, and to destroy all the inhabitants of HaAretz from before you, therefore we were greatly afraid for nafshoteinu because of you, so we have done this thing.

[25] And now, behold, we are in thine yad; as it seemeth tov and yashar unto thee to do unto us, do.

[26] And so did he unto them, and saved them out of the yad of the Bnei Yisroel, that they slaughtered them not.

[27] And Yehoshua made them that day woodcutters and water carriers for the Edah, and for the Mizbe‘ach of Hashem, even unto this day, in the makom which He would choose.

Now it came to pass, when Adoni-Tzedek Melech Yerushalayim had heard how Yehoshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; just as he had done to Yericho and its melech, so he had done to Ai and its melech; and how the inhabitants of Giv’on had made terms of shalom with Yisroel, and were near them;

[2] That they feared greatly, because Giv’on was an ir gedolah, like one of the royal cities, and because it was larger than Ai, and all the men thereof were gibborim.

[3] Therefore Adoni-Tzedek Melech Yerushalayim sent unto Hoham Melech Chevron, and unto Piram Melech Yarmut, and unto Yaphia Melech Lachish, and unto Devir Melech Eglon, saying,

[4] Come up unto me, and help me, that we may attack Giv’on; for it hath made terms of shalom with Yehoshua and with the Bnei Yisroel.

[5] Therefore the five kings of HaEmori, the Melech Yerushalayim, the Melech Chevron, the
And thou, Yarei'ach, in the stand thou still upon Giv'on; sight of Yisroel, Shemesh, Yisroel, and he said in the HaEmori before the Bnei Hashem delivered up Hashem in the day when

Then spoke Yehoshua to the cherev. Bnei Yisroel slaughtered with stones) than they whom the avnei habarad (hail-stones) than they were more which died unto Azekah, and they died; they were more which died with avnei habarad (hail-stones) than they whom the Bnei Yisroel slaughtered with the cherev.

And Hashem said unto Yehoshua therefore came unto them pitom, and went up from Gilgal kol halailah. Yehoshua therefore came unto them pitom, and went up from Gilgal kol halailah.

And Hashem threw them from Gilgal kol gibborei hachayil. kol gibborei hachayil. And Hashem threw them from Gilgal kol gibborei hachayil.

And Hashem repented in his heart that he had troubled Yisroel, and said unto Yehoshua, Ye have borne the face of my wrath because of this sin, which ye have committed; but yet ye shall not go back from Makkedah. And Hashem repented in his heart that he had troubled Yisroel, and said unto Yehoshua, Ye have borne the face of my wrath because of this sin, which ye have committed; but yet ye shall not go back from Makkedah.

And Hashem ... Yehoshua; and thou, Yarei'ach, in the Emek Ayalon. And Hashem ... Yehoshua; and thou, Yarei'ach, in the Emek Ayalon.
struck it down with the edge of the cherev, and kol hanefesh therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the melech thereof as he did unto the melech of Yericho [See Yehoshua 6:21].

[31] And Yehoshua passed from Livnah, and kol Yisroel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it;

[32] And Hashem delivered Lachish into the yad Yisroel, which took it on the yom hasheni, and struck it down with the edge of the cherev, and kol hanefesh therein, according to all that he had done to Livnah.

[33] Then Horam Melech Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Yehoshua struck him down and his army, until he had left him none remaining.

[34] And from Lachish, Yehoshua passed unto Eglon, and kol Yisroel with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it;

[35] And they took it on that day, and struck it down with the edge of the cherev, and kol hanefesh therein; he destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Livnah.

[36] And Yehoshua went up from Eglon, and kol Yisroel with him, unto Chevron, and they fought against it;

[37] And they took it, and struck it down with the edge of the cherev, and the melech thereof, and all the towns thereof, and kol hanefesh therein; he let none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but destroyed it utterly, and kol hanefesh therein.

[38] And Yehoshua returned, and kol Yisroel with him, to Devir; and fought against it;

[39] And he took it, and the melech thereof, and all the towns thereof; and they struck them down with the edge of the cherev, and utterly destroyed kol nefesh therein; he left none remaining; as he had done to Chevron, so he did to Devir, and to the melech thereof; as he had done also to Livnah, and to its melech.

[40] So Yehoshua subdued kol HaAretz HaHar, and of the Negev, and of the Shefelah, and of the asedot (slopes), and all their melachim; he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed kol haneshamah, as Hashem Elohei Yisroel commanded.

[41] And Yehoshua struck them down from Kadesh-Barnea even unto Azah (Gaza), and all the country of Goshen, even unto Givon.

[42] And all these melachim and their land did Yehoshua take at one time, because Hashem Elohei Yisroel fought for Yisroel.

[43] And Yehoshua returned, and kol Yisroel with him, unto the machaneh at Gilgal.

And it came to pass, when Yavin Melech Chatzor had heard those things, that he sent to Yovav Melech Madon, to the Melech Shimron, and to the Melech Achshaph,

[4] And they went out, they and all their machanot with them, am rav, even as the sand that is upon the sea in multitude, with susim and chariots rav me’od.

[5] And when all these melachim were met together, they came to encamp together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Yisroel.

[6] And Hashem said unto Yehoshua, Be not afraid before them; for machar about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Yisroel; thou shalt lame their susim, and burn their merkevot with eish.

[7] So Yehoshua, kol Am HaMilchamah with him, came against them by the waters of Merom (suddenly); and they fell upon them.

[8] And Hashem delivered them into the yad Yisroel, who struck them down, and pursued them unto Tzidon (Rabbah), and unto Misrefot-Mayim, and unto the Valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they struck them down, until they left them none sarid (remaining).

[9] And Yehoshua did unto them just as Hashem directed him; he lamed their susim, and burned their merkevot with eish.

[10] And Yehoshua at that time turned back, and took Chatzor, and struck down the melech thereof with the cherev; for Chatzor formerly had been the rosh kol hamamlachot haelleh.

[11] And they struck down kol hanefesh that were therein with the edge of the cherev, utterly destroying them; there was not left kol neshamah; and with eish he burned Chatzor.

[12] And all the towns of those melachim, and all the melachim of them, did Yehoshua take, and struck them down with the edge of the cherev, and he utterly destroyed them, just as Moshe Eved Hashem commanded.
13 But as for the towns that stood on their tel (mound, old site), Yisroel burned none of them, except Chatzor only; that did Yehoshua burn.
14 And all the plunder of these towns, and the behemah, the Bnei Yisroel carried off for themselves; but kol haAdam they struck down with the edge of the cherev, until they had destroyed them, neither left they kol neshamah.
15 Just as Hashem commanded Moshe His Eved, so did Moshe command Yehoshua, and so did Yehoshua; he left nothing undone of all that Hashem commanded Moshe.
16 So Yehoshua took kol HaAretz hazot, the har, and kol haNegev, and kol Eretz HaGoshen, and the Shefelah, and the Aravah, and the har Yisroel, and the Shefelah;
17 Even from the Har HeChalak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-Gad in the valley of the Levanon under Mt Chermon; and all their melachim he took, and struck them down, and slaughtered them.
18 Yehoshua made milchamah yamim rabbim with all those melachim.
19 There was not an ir that made terms of shalom with the Bnei Yisroel, except Chivi the inhabitants of Giv’on; all others they took in milchamah.
20 For it was of Hashem to harden their hearts, that they should come against Yisroel in milchamah, that he might destroy them utterly, that there might be to them no techannah (mercy plea), but that he might destroy them, just as Hashem commanded Moshe.
21 And at that time came Yehoshua, and cut off the Anakim from the har, from Chevron, from Devir, from Anav, from kol har Yehudah, from kol har Yisroel; Yehoshua destroyed them utterly with their towns.
22 There were none of the Anakim left in the Eretz Bnei Yisroel; only in Azah (Gaza), in Gat, and in Ashdod, there remained.
23 So Yehoshua took Kol HaAretz, according to all that Hashem said unto Moshe; and Yehoshua gave it for a nachalah unto Yisroel according to their shevatim. And HaAretz rested from milchamah.
The Melech Taanach, one; the Melech Megiddo, one; the Melech Yokne'aim in Carmel, one; the Melech Dor in the heights of Dor, one; the Melech Goyim of Gilgal, one; the Melech Tirtzah, one: kol melachim sheloshim v'echad.

Now Yehoshua was zaken, advanced in yamim; Hashem said unto him, Thou art old, advanced in yamim; HaAretz there remaineth yet harebbeh me’od to be possessed.

This is HaAretz that yet remaineth; all the regions of the Pelishtim, and all Geshuri, From Sichor, which is before Mitzrayim, even unto the territory of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Kena’ani; five rulers of the Pelishtim; the Azzati, the Ashdodi, the Eshkaloni, the Gitti, the Ekroni; also the Avi’im; From the south, all the Eretz HaKena’ani, and from Arah that belongs to the Tzidonim unto Aphek, to the region of HaEmori; And all the Mamlechut Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtarot and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of Repha’im; for these did Moshe conquer, and dispossessed them.

Nevertheless the Bnei Yisroel dispossessed not the Geshuri, nor the Maachati; but the Geshuri and the Maachati dwell among Yisroel until this day.

The boundary of the Bnei Reuven was the Yarden, and the bank thereof. This was the nachalah Bnei Reuven after their mishpekhot, the towns and villages thereof.

And Moshe gave unto the tribe of Gad, even unto the Bnei Gad according to their mishpekhot; Territory to them, Yazer, and all the towns of Gil’ ad, and half the Eretz Bnei Ammon, as far as Aroer that is near Rabbah; And from Cheshbon unto Ramat HaMitzpeh, and Betonim; and from Machanayim unto the territory of Devir; And in the valley, Beit-Haram, and Beit-Nimrah, and Sukkot, and Tzaphon, the rest of the Mamlechot Sichon Melech Cheshbon, the Yarden and its territory, even unto the end of the Yam Kinneret on the other side of the Yarden eastward.

This is the nachalah of the Bnei Gad after their mishpkehot, the towns, and their villages.

And Moshe gave unto the half tribe of Menasheh;
and this was the possession of the half tribe of the Bnei Menasheh by their mishpekhot.

|22| Their territory was from Machanayim, all Bashan, kol Mamlechot Og Melech HaBashan, and all the towns of Ya’ir, which are in Bashan, shishim ir;

|23| And half Gil’ad, and Ashtarot, and Edrei, towns of the Mamlechot Og in Bashan, were pertaining unto the Bnei Machir ben Menasheh, even to the one half of the Bnei Machir by their mishpekhot.

|24| These which Moshe did distribute for nachalah in the plains of Moav, on the other side of the Yarden, by Yericho, eastward.

|25| But unto the Shevet HaLevi Moshe gave not any nachalah; Hashem Elohei Yisroel was their nachalah, as He said unto them.

14 And these are that which the Bnei Yisroel inherited in Eretz Ken’aan, which Elazar HaKohen, and Yehoshua ben Nun, and the Roshei Avot of the tribes of the Bnei Yisroel, distributed for nachalah to them.

|2| By goral (lot) was their nachalah, just as Hashem commanded by the yad Moshe, for the nine tribes, and for the half-tribe.

|3| For Moshe had given the nachalah of two and a half tribes on the other side of the Yarden; but unto the Levi’im he gave no nachalah among them.

|4| For the Bnei Yosef were two tribes, Menasheh and Ephrayim; therefore they gave no chelek unto the Levi’im in HaAretz, except arim (cities) to dwell in, with their open land for their livestock and for their herds.
to the Even Bohan ben Reuven;
[17] And the boundary went up toward Devir from the Achor Valley, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, which faces Ma’aleh-Adumim, which is on the south side of the wadi; and the boundary passed toward the Ein-Shemesh Spring, and ended at Ein Rogel;
[7] And the boundary went up toward Devir from the Achor Valley, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, which faces Ma’aleh-Adumim, which is on the south side of the wadi; and the boundary passed toward the Ein-Shemesh Spring, and ended at Ein Rogel;
[8] And the boundary went up by Ben Hinnom Valley unto the slope of the Yevusi (that is, Yerushalayim); and the boundary went up to the top of the har that is before the Hinnom Valley westward, which is at the end of the Repha’im Valley northward;
[9] From the top of the har the boundary ran unto the source of Nephtoach Spring, and went out to the towns of Har Ephron; and the boundary went to Baalah (that is, Kiryat Yearim);
[10] And the boundary curved from Baalah westward unto Mt Seir, and ran along unto the slope of Mt Yearim (that is, Kesalon), on the north side, and went down to Beit Shemesh, and passed on to Timnah;
[11] And the boundary went out unto the side of Ekron northward; and the boundary ran over to Shikkeron, and passed along to Mt Baalah, and went out unto Yavne’el; and the boundary ended at the Yam [Mediterranean Sea];
[12] And the western boundary is HaYamah Hagadol, and the coast thereof. This is the boundary around the Bnei Yehudah according to their mishpekhah.
[13] And unto Kalev ben Yephunneh he gave chelek among the Bnei Yehudah, according to the commandment of Hashem to Yehoshua, even Kiryat-Arba (avi HaAnak), which is Chevron.
[14] And Kalev drove from there the three Bnei Anak: Sheshai and Achiman and Talmai, the descendants of Anak.
[15] And he went up from there to the inhabitants of Devir; and the shem of Devir formerly was Kiryat Sefer.
[16] And Kalev said, He that strikes down Kiryat Sefer, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my bat as isha.
[17] And Otniel ben Kenaz, the brother of Kalev, took it; and he gave him Achsah his bat as isha.
[18] And it came to pass, as she came unto him, that she urged him to ask of her av a sadeh; and she got off her chamor; and Kalev said unto her, What wouldest thou?
[19] She answered, Give me a brocha; for thou hast given me eretz HaNegev [land in the southern desert]; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the lower springs.
[20] This is the nachalah of the tribe of the Bnei Yehudah according to their mishpekhot.
[21] And the towns at the extremity of the tribe of the Bnei Yehudah toward the boundary of Edom southward were Kavtze’el, and Eder, and Yagur, and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah,
[22] And Kedesh, and Chatzor, and Yitnan, and Ziph, and Telem, and Bealot, and Chatzar, and Chadattah, and Keriot, and Chetzron, which is Chatzar, and Amam, and Shema, and Moladah,
[23] And Chatzar Shuval, Beer-Sheva, and Bizyot-Yah, and Baalah, and Iyim, and Etzem, and Eltolad, and Kesil, and Chormah, and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, and Levaot, and Shilchim, and Ayin, and Rimmon; all the cities are 29, with their villages.
[25] And Tzenan, and Chadashah, and Migdal-Gad, and Dilean, and Mitzpeh, and Yokte’el, and Lachish, and Botzkar, and Eglon,
[27] And from Ekron even unto the Yam, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages.
[28] Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Azah (Gaza) with her towns and her villages, unto the Wadi Mitzrayim, and the Yam HaGadol, and the coastline thereof.
[29] In the har, Shamir, and Yatir, and Socho, and Goshen, and Cholon, and Giloh;
11 cities with their villages; 11
[52] Arav, and Dumah, and Eshan,
[53] And Yanum, and Beit Tappuach, and Aphekah,
[54] And Chamatah, and Kiryat Arba, which is Chevron, and Tzior; 9 cities with their villages;
[55] Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Yutah,
[56] And Yizre’el, and Yokdeam, and Zanoah,
[57] Kayin, Giveah, and Timnah; 10 cities with their villages;
[58] Chalchul, Beit-Tzur, and Gedor,
[59] And Maarat, and Beit-Anot, and Eltekon; 6 cities with their villages;
[60] Kiryat Baal, which is Kiryat-Ye’arim, and Rabbah; 2 cities with their villages;
[61] In the midbar, Beit Aravah, Middin, and Sechachah,
[62] And Nivshan, and the Ir HaMelach, and Engedi; 6 cities with their villages.
[63] As for the Yevusi, the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, the Bnei Yehudah could not drive them out; but the Yevusi dwell with the Bnei Yehudah at Yerushalayim unto HaYom Hazeh.

16 And the goral (lot) of the Bnei Yosef ran from the Yarden by Yericho, east of the spring at Yericho, to the midbar that goeth up from Yericho into the hill country of Beit-El,
[2] And goeth out from Beit-El to Luz, and passeth along unto the territory of Arki to Atarot,
[3] And goeth down westward to the territory of Yaphleti, unto the territory of Lower Beit Choron, and to Gezer; ending at the Yam [Mediterranean Sea].

17 There was also a goral (lot) for the tribe of Menasheh, for he was the bechor of Yosef; Machir was the bechor of Menasheh and the av of Gil’ad, and because he was an ish milchamah, therefore he got Gil’ad and Bashan.
[2] There was also a goral (lot) for the rest of the Bnei Menasheh by their mishpekhot; for the Bnei Aviezer, for the Bnei Chelek, for the Bnei Asriel, for the Bnei Shechem, for the Bnei Chepher, and for the Bnei Shemida; these were the zekharim of the Menasheh ben Yosef by their mishpekhot.

[3] But Tzelophechad ben Chepher ben Gil’ad ben Machir ben Menasheh had no banim, but banot; and these are the shmot of his banot, Machlah, and Noah, Choglah, Milcah, and Tirtzah.
[4] And they came near before Elazar HaKohen, and before Yehoshua ben Nun, and before the nasi’im saying, Hashem commanded Moshe to give us a nachalah among acheinu. Therefore according to the commandment of Hashem he gave them a nachalah among the achim of their av.

[5] And there fell ten tracts of land to Menasheh, in addition to Eretz Gil’ad and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Yarden;
[6] Because the banot of Menasheh had inherited a nachalah among his banim; and the rest of the Bnei Menasheh had Eretz Gil’ad.
[7] And the boundary of Menasheh was from Asher to Michmetat on the north side; and the boundary ran eastward unto Taanat Shiloah, and passed by it on the east to Yanochah;
[8] And it ran down from Yanochah to Atarot, and to Naarah, and came to Yericho, and ran to an end at the Yarden.
[9] The boundary ran from Tapuach westward unto the Wadi Kanah; and the end thereof ran to the Yam. This is the nachalah of the tribe of the Bnei Ephrayim by their mishpekhot.
[10] And they drove not out the Kena’ani that dwelt in Gezer: but the Kena’ani dwell among the Ephrayim unto yom hazeh, and serve under forced labor.

[272] There was also a goral (lot) for the rest of the Bnei Menasheh by their mishpekhot; for the Bnei Aviezer, for the Bnei Chelek, for the Bnei Asriel, for the Bnei Shechem, for the Bnei Chepher, and for the Bnei Shemida; these were the zekharim of the Menasheh ben Yosef by their mishpekhot.

[151] There was also a goral (lot) for the tribe of Menasheh, for he was the bechor of Yosef; Machir was the bechor of Menasheh and the av of Gil’ad, and because he was an ish milchamah, therefore he got Gil’ad and Bashan.
[152] There was also a goral (lot) for the rest of the Bnei Menasheh by their mishpekhot; for the Bnei Aviezer, for the Bnei Chelek, for the Bnei Asriel, for the Bnei Shechem, for the Bnei Chepher, and for the Bnei Shemida; these were the zekharim of the Menasheh ben Yosef by their mishpekhot.

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in Yissakhar on the east.


[12] Yet the Bnei Menasheh could not drive out the inhabitants of those towns; but the Kena'ani persisted dwelling in that land.

[13] Yet it came to pass, when the Bnei Yisroel increased in chozek (strength) that they put the Kena'ani to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out.

[14] And the Bnei Yosef spoke unto Yehoshua, saying, Why hast thou given me for a nachalah but one goral and one chevel (portion, lot) to inherit, seeing I am an am rav, forasmuch as Hashem hath blessed me hitherto?

[15] And Yehoshua answered them, If thou be an am rav, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself there in the Eretz HaPerizzi and HaRepha'im, if Har Ephrayim be too small for thee.

[16] And the Bnei Yosef said, The har is not enough for us; and all the Kena'ani that dwell in the eretz haemek have chariots of barzel (iron), both they who are of Beit Shian and her towns, and they who are of the emek Yizre'el.

[17] And Yehoshua spoke unto Bais Yosef, even to Ephrayim and to Menasheh, saying, Thou art an am rav, and hast ko'ach gadol; thou shalt not have goral ehad only;

[18] But the har shall be thine; for it is a forest, and thou shalt cut it down; and the rest of the cleared land shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Kena'ani, though they have chariots of barzel (iron), and though they be chazak.

And the kol Adat Bnei Yisroel assembled together at Shiloh, and set up the Ohel Mo'ed there. And HaAretz was subdued before them.

[2] And there remained among the Bnei Yisroel shivah shevatim (seven tribes), which had not yet received their nachalah.

[3] And Yehoshua said unto the Bnei Yisroel, How long are ye mitrapim (slack ones, cowardly) going to take to go in and possess HaAretz, which Hashem Elohei Avoteichem hath given you?

[4] Appoint from among you shloshah anashim for each tribe; and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through and survey the land, and write down a description of it, according to the nachalah of each; and they shall come again to me.

[5] And they shall divide it into shivah chalakim (seven portions); Yehudah shall abide in their territory on the south, and Bais Yosef shall abide in their territory on the north.

[6] Ye shall therefore write a description of HaAretz in shivah chalakim, and bring the description here to me, that I may cast goral for you before Hashem in Shiloh.

[7] And the Levi'im have no chelek among you; for the Kehunah Hashem is their nachalah; and Gad, and Reuven, and the half tribe of Menasheh, have received their nachalah beyond the Yarden on the east, which Moshe Eved Hashem gave them.

[8] And the men arose, and went away; and Yehoshua charged them that went to map HaAretz, saying, Go and survey the land, and write a description of it, and come again to me, that I may here cast goral for you before Hashem in Shiloh.

[9] And the men went and passed through HaAretz, and described it by towns in shivah chalakim in a sefer, and came again to Yehoshua to the machaneh at Shiloh.

[10] And Yehoshua cast goral for them in Shiloh; and there Yehoshua divided HaAretz unto the Bnei Yisroel according to their portions.

[11] And the goral of the tribe of the Bnei Binyamin came up according to their mishpekhot; and the territory of their goral (allotment) came forth between the Bnei Yehudah and the Bnei Yosef.

[12] And their boundary on the north side was from the Yarden; and the boundary went up along the side of Yericho on the north, and went through the har westward; and ended at the midbar of Beit Aven.

[13] And the boundary ran over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz (that is, Beit-El) southward; and the boundary descended to Atarot Adar, near the har that lieth on the south side of the Lower Beit Choron.

[14] And the boundary ran from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz that is, Beit-El; and the boundary descended to Ateret Adar, near the har that lieth on the south side of the Lower Beit Choron.

[15] And the boundary ran from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz that is, Beit-El; and the boundary descended to Ateret Adar, near the har that lieth on the south side of the Lower Beit Choron.

[16] And the boundary ran from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz (that is, Beit-El) southward; and the boundary descended to Atarot Adar, near the har that lieth on the south side of the Lower Beit Choron.

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[18] But the har shall
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[15] And the southern side was from the end of Kiryat Ye'arim, and the boundary went out on the west, and went out to the ma'ayan (spring) of the waters of Nephtoach;

[16] And the boundary came down to the foot of the har that lieth before the Ben Hinnom Valley, and which is in the Emek Repha'im on the north, and descended to the Hinnom Valley, to the south of the Yevusi, and descended to Ein Rogel,

[17] And ran from the north, and went to Ein Shemesh, and went toward Gelilot, which is opposite the ascent of Adummim, and descended to the Even Bohan ben Reuven,

[18] And passed along toward the slope opposite Aravah northward, and went down unto the Aravah;

[19] And the boundary passed along to the slope of Beit Choglah northward; and the end of the boundary was at the north bay of the Yam HaMelach (the Salt Sea, the Dead Sea) at the south end of the Yarden; this was the southern boundary.

[20] And the Yarden was the boundary of it on the east side. This was the nachalah of the Bnei Binyamin, to its boundaries all around, according to their mishpekhot.

[21] Now the towns of the tribe of the Bnei Binyamin according to their mishpekhot were Yericho, and Beit Choglah, and the valley of Ketzitz,

[22] And Beit Ha'Aravah, and Tzemarayim, and Beit-El,

[23] And Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah,

[24] And Chephar Haammonai, and Ophni, and Gaba; 12 towns with their villages.

[25] Giveon, and Ramah, and Be'erot,

[26] And Mitzpeh, and Kephirah, and Motzah,

[27] And Rekem, and Yirpe'el, and Taralah,

[28] And Tzelah, Eleph, and Yevusi, which is Yerushalayim, Givat, and Kiryat; 14 towns with their villages. This is the nachalah of the Bnei Binyamin according to their mishpekhot.

19 And the second goral (lot) came to Shim'on, even for the tribe of the Bnei Shim'on according to their mishpekhot; and their nachalah was within the nachalah of the Bnei Yehudah.

[2] And they had in their nachalah Beer-Sheva, and Sheva, and Moladah,

[3] And Chatzar Shual, and Balah, and Atzem,

[4] And Etoled, and Beitul, and Chormah,

[5] And Ziklag, and Beit-HaMarkavot, and Chatzar Susah,


[7] Ain, Rimmon, and Eter, and Ashan; 4 towns and their villages;

[8] And all the villages that were around these towns as far as Baalat Be'er, Ramat Negev. This is the nachalah of the tribe of the Bnei Shim'on according to their mishpekhot.

[9] Of the chevel (portion, lot) of the Bnei Yehudah was the nachalah of the Bnei Shim'on; for the chelek of the Bnei Yehudah was too much for them; therefore the Bnei Shim'on had their nachalah within the nachalah of them.

[10] And the third goral came up for the Bnei Zevulun according to their mishpekhot; and the boundary of their nachalah was as far as Sarid;

[11] And their boundary went up to the west, and Maralah, and reached to Dabbasket, and reached to the wadi that is opposite Yokeam;

[12] And turned from Sarid eastward toward the rising of the shemesh unto the territory of Kislot Tavor, and then goeth out to Doarot, and goeth up to Yaphia,

[13] And from there passeth on along on the east to Gath-Chepher, to Et-Katzin, and goeth out to Rimmon being bent unto Neah;

[14] And the boundary goes around it on the north to Chanaton; and ends at the valley of Yiphta'ch-Eli;


[16] This is the nachalah of the Bnei Zevulun according to their mishpekhot, these towns with their villages.

[17] And the fourth goral came out to Yissakhar, for the tribe of the Bnei Yissakhar according to their mishpekhot.

[18] And their territory was toward Yizre'el, and Kesulot, and Shunem,

[19] And Chaphrayim, and Shi'on, and Anacharat,

[20] And Rabit, and Kishyon, and Evetz,

[21] And Remet, and Ein-Ganim, and Ein Chaddah, and Beit Patzetz;

[22] And the boundary reacheth to Tavor, and Shachatimah, and Beit Shemesh; and the end of their boundary was at the Yarden; 16 towns with their villages.

[23] This is the nachalah of the tribe of the Bnei Yissakhar according to their mishpekhot, the towns and their villages.

[24] And the fifth goral came out for the tribe of Bnei Asher
according to their mishpheat.

| 25 | And their territory was Chelkat, and Chali, and Beten, and Achshaph, and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to Shichor-Livnat; and turneth toward the rising of the shemesh toward Beit Dagon, and reacheth to Zevulun, and to the valley of Yiphthach-El toward the north side of Beit Emek, and Nei'el, and goeth out to Kavul-Missetti, and Evron, and Rechov, and Chammon, and Kanah, even as far as Tzidon Rabbah; and then the boundary turneth to Ramah, and to the fortress-city of Tzor; and the boundary turneth to Chossah; and the end thereof is at the Yam [Mediterranean] in the region of Akhziv; Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rechov; 22 towns with their villages.

| 26 | This is the nachalah of the tribe of the Bnei Asher according to their mishpheat, these towns with their villages.

| 27 | The sixth goral came out for the tribe of the Bnei Naphtali, even for the Bnei Naphtali according to their mishpheat. And their boundary ran from Cheleph, from Elon in Tzannanim, Adami-Nekev, and Yavne'el, unto Lakum; and ended at the Yarden. And they appointed Kedesh in the Galil in Har Naphtali and Shechem in Har Ephrayim, and Kiryat Arba, which is Chevron, in Har Yehudah.

| 28 | And the seventh goral came out for the tribe of the Bnei Dan according to their mishpheat. And if the Go'el HaDahm pursue after him, then they shall not surrender the slayer up into his yad; because he struck his neighbor unwittingly, and not with malice against him beforetime. And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before HaEdah L'Mishpat, and until the Mot of the HaKohen HaGadol that shall be in those yamim; then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own bais, unto the Ir from whence he fled.

| 29 | And when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the petach (entrance) of the sha'ar ha'ir, and shall declare his cause in the ears of the zekenim of that city, they shall admit him into the Ir unto them, and give him a makom, that he may dwell among them.

| 30 | These are hanechalot (the inheritances), which Elazar HaKohen, and Yehoshua ben Nun, and the Roshei HaAvot of the tribes of the Bnei Yisroel, distributed by lot in Shiloh before Hashem, at the petach of the Ohel Mo'ed. So they made an end of dividing up HaAretz.

| 31 | Hashem also spoke unto Yehoshua, saying, Speak to the Bnei Yisroel, saying, Designate for you cities of refuge, whereof I spoke unto you by the yad Moshe: That the slayer that killeth any nefesh unawares and unwittingly may flee there; and they shall be your refuge from the Go'el HaDahm.

| 32 | When they had made an end of dividing HaAretz for which he asked, even Timnat-Serach in Mt Ephrayim; and he built the town, and dwelt therein. And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before HaEdah L'Mishpat, and until the Mot of the HaKohen HaGadol that shall be in those yamim; then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own bais, unto the Ir from whence he fled.

| 33 | And they appointed Kedesh in the Galil in Har Naphtali and Shechem in Har Ephrayim, and Kiryat Arba, which is Chevron, in Har Yehudah.

| 34 | And the Go'el HaDahm shall not surrender the slayer up into his yad; because he struck his neighbor unwittingly, and not with malice against him beforetime. And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before HaEdah L'Mishpat, and until the Mot of the HaKohen HaGadol that shall be in those yamim; then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own bais, unto the Ir from whence he fled.

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And on the other side of the Yarden by Yericho 
eastward, they assigned Betzer 
in the midbar upon the plain 
out of the tribe of Reuven, and 
Ramot in Gil'ad out of the 
trade of Gad, and Golan in 
Bashan out of the tribe of 
Menasheh.

These were the cities designated for kol Bnei 
Yisroel, and for the stranger 
that sojourneth among them, 
that whosoever killeth any 
nefesh unawares might flee 
there, and not die by the yad 
of the Go'el HaDahm, until he 
stood before HaEdah.

Then came near 
the Rashei Avot 
Levi'im unto 
Elazar HaKohen, and unto 
Yehoshua ben Nun, and unto 
the Rashei Avot of the tribes of 
the Bnei Yisroel;

And they spoke unto them 
at Shiloh in Eretz Kena'an, 
saying, Hashem commanded 
by the yad Moshe to give us 
towns to dwell in, with the 
migrashim thereof for our 
livestock.

And the Bnei Yisroel gave 
to the Levi'im out of their 
nachalah, at the command- 
ment of Hashem, these towns 
and their migrashim.

And the goral (lot) came 
out for the mishpekhot of the 
Kehati. And the Bnei Aharon 
HaKohen, which were of the 
Levi'im, had by lot 13 towns 
out of the tribe of Yehudah, 
and out of the tribe of 
Shim'on, and out of the tribe of 
Binyamin.

And the rest of the Bnei 
Kehat had by goral out of the 
mishpekhot of the tribe of 
Ephrayim, and out of the tribe 
of Dan, and out of the half 
tribe of Menasheh, 10 towns.

And the Bnei Gershon 
had by goral out of the 
mishpekhot of the tribe of 
Yissakhar, and out of the tribe 
of Asher, and out of the tribe 
of Naphtali, and out of the 
half-tribe of Menasheh in 
Bashan, 13 towns.

The Bnei Merari by their 
mishpekhot had out of the 
tribe of Reuven, and out of the 
tribe of Gad, and out of the 
tribe of Zevulun, 12 towns.

And the Bnei Yisroel gave 
goral unto the Levi'im these 
towns with their migrashim, 
just as Hashem commanded 
by the yad Moshe.

And they allotted out of 
the tribe of the Bnei Yehudah, 
and out of the tribe of the 
Bnei Shim'on, these towns 
which are here called b'shem 
(by name),

Which the Bnei Aharon, 
being of the mishpekhot of the 
Kehati, who were of the Bnei 
Levi, had; for theirs was the 
goral rishonah.

And they gave them 
Kiryat-Arba (Arba, Avi 
HaAnak), which is Chevron, in 
the har Yehudah, with the 
migrash thereof around it.

But the sadeh haIr, and 
the villages thereof, they gave 
to Kalev ben Yephunneh for 
his achuzzah (possession, 
property, estate).

Thus they gave to the 
Bnei Aharon HaKohen 
Chevron with its migrash, to 
be an Ir Miklat HaRotzeiach 
(City of Refuge of the Slayer); 
and Livnah with its migrash, 
And Yatir with its 
migrashim, and Eshtemoa 
with its migrash, 
And Cholon with its 
migrash, and Devir with its 
migrash, 
And Ayin with its 
migrash, and Yutah with its 
migrash, and Beit Shemesh 
with its migrash; 9 towns out 
of those two shevatim (tribes).

And out of the tribe of 
Binyamin, Giveon with its 
migrash, Geva with its 
migrash, 
Anatot with its migrash, 
and Almon with its migrash; 4 
towns.

All the towns of the Bnei 
Aharon, the Kohanim, were 13 
towns with their migrash.

And the mishpekhot of the 
Bnei Kehat, the Levi'im 
which remained of the Bnei 
Kehat, even they had the 
towns of their goral out of the 
tribes of Ephrayim.

For they gave them 
Shechem with its migrash in 
har Ephrayim, to be an Ir 
Miklat HaRotzeiach; and 
Gezer with its migrash, 
Kiryat-Arba, which is Chevron, in 
the har Yehudah, with the 
migrash thereof around it.

The Bnei Shem'on, these towns 
which are here called b'shem 
(by name),

Which the Bnei Aharon, 
being of the mishpekhot of the 
Kehati, who were of the Bnei 
Levi, had; for theirs was the 
goral rishonah.

And they gave them 
Shechem with its migrash in 
har Ephrayim, to be an Ir 
Miklat HaRotzeiach; and 
Gezer with its migrash,

Kiryat-Arba (Arba, Avi 
HaAnak), which is Chevron, in 
the har Yehudah, with the 
migrash thereof around it.

But the sadeh haIr, and 
the villages thereof, they gave 
to Kalev ben Yephunneh for 
his achuzzah (possession, 
property, estate).

All the towns were 10 
with their migrash for the 
mishpekhot of the Bnei Kehat 
that remained.

And unto the Bnei 
Gershon, of the mishpekhot 
Levi'im, out of the other half 
tribe of Menasheh they gave 
Golan in Bashan with its 
migrash, to be an Ir Miklat 
HaRotzeiach; and Beeshterah 
with its migrash; 2 towns.

And out of the tribe of 
Yissakhar, Kishyon with its 
migrash, Dobrin with its 
migrash, 
Yarmut with its migrash, 
Ein Gannim with its migrash, 
4 towns.
And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its migrash, Avdon with its migrash;
And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in the Galil with its migrash, to be an Ir Miklat HaRotzeiach; and Chammmot Dor with its migrash, and Kartan with its migrash; 3 towns.
All the towns of the Gershuni according to their mishpekhot were 13 towns with their migrash.
And unto the mishpekhot Bnei Merari, the rest of the Levi'im, out of the tribe of Zevulun, Yokneam with its migrash, and Kartah with its migrash,
Dimnah with its migrash, Nahalal with its migrash; 4 towns.
And out of the tribe of Reuven, Betzer with its migrash, and Yachtzah with its migrash,
Kedemot with its migrash, and Mephaat with its migrash; 4 towns.
And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramot in Gil`ad with its migrash, to be an Ir Miklat HaRotzeiach; and Machanayim with its migrash,
Cheshbon with its migrash, Yazer with its migrash; 4 towns in all.
So all the towns for the Bnei Merari by their mishpekhot, which were remaining of the mishpekhot Levi'im, were by their goral 12 towns.
All the towns of the Lev'itim within the achuzzat Bnei Yisroel (possession, estate of the Sons of Israel) were 48 towns with their migrashim.
These towns were every one with their migrash around them; thus were all these towns.
And Hashem gave unto Yisroel Kol HaAretz which He swore to give unto their Avot; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein.
And Hashem gave them manaoch (rest, peace) on every side, according to all that He swore unto their Avot; and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; Hashem delivered all their enemies into their yad.
There naphal (failed, fell) not davar mikol hadavar hatov (any promise from all the good promises) which Hashem had spoken unto Bais Yisroel; hakol bo (all came, all came to pass).
Then Yehoshua summoned the Reuveni, and the Gadi, and the half-tribe of Menasheh,
And said unto them, Ye have been shomer over all that Moshe Eved Hashem commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you;
Ye have not deserted your achim these yamim rabbim to yom hazeh, but have been shomer over the mishmeret mitzvat Hashem Eloheichem (charge, duty of the commandment of Hashem your G-d.)
And now Hashem Eloheichem hath given manaoch unto your achim, just as He promised them; therefore now return ye, and get you unto your ohalmim, and unto the Eretz Achuzzatam (the land of their possession, estate), whereof they had taken as a possession, according to the word of Hashem by the yad Moshe.
And when they came unto the Gelilot of the Yarden, that is in eretz Kena'an, the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad and the half-tribe of Menasheh returned, and departed from the Bnei Yisroel at Shiloh, which is in Eretz Kana'an, to go unto Eretz Gil`ad, to the Eretz Achuzzatam (the land of their possession, estate), whereof they had taken as a possession, according to the word of Hashem by the yad Moshe.
And when they came unto the Gelilot of the Yarden, that is in eretz Ken`aan, the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad and the half-tribe of Menasheh built there a mizbe'ach (altar) with the Yarden, a mizbe'ach gadol in appearance.
And the Bnei Yisroel heard, Hinei,
the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad and the half-tribe of Menasheh have built a mizbe‘ach at the edge of Eretz Kena‘an, in the region of the Yarden, on the side belonging to the Bnei Yisroel.

[12] And when the Bnei Yisroel heard of it, the kol Adat Yisroel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them.

[13] And the Bnei Yisroel sent unto the Bnei Reuven, and to the Bnei Gad, and to the half-tribe of Menasheh, into Eretz Gil‘ad, Pinchas ben Elazar the Kohen,

[14] And with him ten nasi‘im, one each of the bais av for all the tribes of Yisroel; and each one was a Rosh Bais Avotam among the Alephei Yisroel.

[15] And they came unto the Bnei Reuven, and to the Bnei Gad, and to the half-tribe of Menasheh, unto Eretz Gil‘ad, and they spoke with them, saying,

[16] Thus saith the Kol Adat Hashem, What ma‘al (trespass, disobedience, breach of faith, treachery, breaking faith) is this that ye have committed against the Elohei Yisroel, to turn away this day from following Hashem, in that ye have built you a mizbe‘ach, that ye might rebel this day against Hashem?

[17] Is the avon Peor too little for us, from which we are not tahor until this day, even though there was the negef (plague) in the Adat Hashem,

[18] But that ye must turn away this day from following Hashem? And it will be, seeing ye rebel hayom (today) against Hashem, that machar (tomorrow) He will be angry with the kol Adat Yisroel.

[19] Notwithstanding, if the etzetzachatechem be tamei (unclean), then pass ye over unto the etzetzach at Hashem, wherein Hashem’s Mishkan dwelleth, and take possession among us; but rebel not against Hashem, nor rebel against us, in building you a mizbe‘ach other than the mizbe‘ach Hashem Eloheinu.

[20] Did not Achan ben Zerach break faith in the cherem, and ketzef (wrath) fell on kol Adat Yisroel? And that ish perisheth not alone in his avon (iniquity).

[21] Then the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad and the half-tribe of Menasheh answered, and said unto the Rashei Alephei Yisroel,

[22] El Elokim, Hashem El Elohim, He knoweth, and Yisroel shall have da‘as; if it be in mered (rebellion), or if in ma‘al against Hashem, (al tosheiini hayom hazeh [save us not this day]),

[23] That we have built us a mizbe‘ach to turn away from following Hashem, or if to offer thereon olah or minchah, or if to offer zivkhei shelamim thereon, let Hashem Himself call it to account;

[24] No, rather have we not done it for fear, for this reason, saying, In time to come your banim might speak unto our banim, saying, What have ye to do with Hashem Eloheinu?

[25] For Hashem hath made the Yarden a boundary between us and you, ye Bnei Reuven and Bnei Gad; ye have no chelek in Hashem; so might your banim make our banim cease from fearing Hashem.

[26] Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us the mizbe‘ach, not for olah nor for zevach,

[27] But that it may be an ed (witness) between us, and you, and doroteinu (our generations) after us, that we might do the avodas Hashem before Him with oloteinu, and with shelameinu; that your banim may not say to our banim in time to come, Ye have no chelek in Hashem.

[28] Therefore we said, that it shall be, when they should say to us or to doroteinu in time to come, that we may say again, See the tavnit (pattern, replica) of the mizbe‘ach Hashem, which Avoteinu built, not for olah, nor for zevach; but it is an ed (witness) between us and you.

[29] Chalilah lanu (far be it from us) that we should rebel against Hashem, and turn today from following Hashem, to build a mizbe‘ach for olah, for minchah, or for zevach, other than the Mizbe‘ach Hashem Eloheinu that is before His Mishkan.

[30] And when Pinchas HaKohen, and the nasi‘im of the Edah and Rashei Alephei Yisroel which were with him, heard the words that the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad and the Bnei Menasheh spoke, it pleased them.

[31] And Pinchas ben Elazar HaKohen said unto the Bnei Reuven, and to the Bnei Gad, and to the Bnei Menasheh, Today we have da‘as that Hashem is among us, because ye have not broken faith with Hashem; now ye have saved the Bnei Yisroel out of the yad Hashem.

[32] And Pinchas ben Elazar HaKohen, and the nasi‘im, returned from the Bnei Reuven, and from the Bnei Gad, out of Eretz Gil‘ad, unto Eretz Kena‘an, to the Bnei Yisroel, and reported the matter unto them.

[33] And the thing pleased the Bnei Yisroel; and the Bnei Yisroel made brocha unto Elohim, and spoke
no more about going up against them in battle, to destroy HaAretz wherein the Bnei Reuven and Gad dwelt.

[34] And the Bnei Reuven and the Bnei Gad called the mizbe'ach Ed (Witness), for it is between us that Hashem is HaElohim.

And it came to pass yamim rabbim after Hashem had given manoach unto Yisroel from all their surrounding enemies, that Yehoshua was zaken and advanced in days.

[2] And Yehoshua called for Kol Yisroel, and for their zekenim, and for their Rashim, and for their Shofetim, and for their Shoterim, and said unto them, I am zaken and advanced in days;

[3] And ye have seen all that Hashem Eloheichem hath done unto all these Goyim for your sakes; for Hashem Eloheichem is He that hath fought for you.

[4] Remember I have allotted unto you these Goyim that remain, to be a nachalah for your shvatim, from the Yarden, even kol HaGoyim that I have cut off, even unto the Yam HaGadol [Mediterranean Sea] toward the setting of the shemesh.

[5] And Hashem Eloheichem, He shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, just as Hashem Eloheichem hath promised unto you.

[6] Therefore chazak! Be very courageous to be shomer and to do all that is written in the Sefer Torah Moshe, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right or to the left;

[7] That ye come not among these Goyim, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the shem of eloheihem, nor have to swear by them, nor bow down unto them;

[8] But have deveykus unto Hashem Eloheichem, just as ye have done unto this day.

[9] For Hashem hath driven out from before you Goyim Gedolim and atzumim (powerful ones); but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day.

[10] Ish echad of you shall chase eleph; for Hashem Eloheichem, He it is that fighteth for you, just as He hath promised you.


[12] Else if ye do in anywise turn back, and have deveykus unto the remnant of these Goyim, even these that remain among you, and shall inter-marry with them, associate with them, and they with you;

[13] Have da'as for a certainty that Hashem Eloheichem will no more drive out any of these Goyim from before you; but they shall be pach (snares) and mokesh (traps) unto you, and shot (scourges) on your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this adamah which Hashem Eloheichem hath given you.

[14] And, hinei, now I am going the derech kol ha'aretz; and ye know in all your hearts and in all your nefashot, that not one thing hath failed of all the devarim hatovim which Hashem Eloheichem hath promised you.

[15] Therefore it shall come to pass, that just as kol hadavar hatov are come upon you, which Hashem Eloheichem promised you; so shall Hashem bring upon you kol hadavar harah, until He hath destroyed you from off this adamah hatovah which Hashem Eloheichem hath given you.

[16] When ye have transgressed the Brit Hashem Eloheichem, which He commanded you, and have gone and served elohim acharim, and bowed down yourselves to them; then shall the Af Hashem be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off HaAretz Hatovah which He hath given unto you.

And Yehoshua gathered Kol Shivtei Yisroel to Shechem, and called for the Ziknei Yisroel, and for their Rashim, and for their Shofetim, and for their Shoterim; and they presented themselves before HaElohim.

[2] And Yehoshua said unto Kol HaAm, Thus saith Hashem Eloheihem, Avoteichem dwelt on the other side of the [Euphrates] River long ago, even Terach, Avi Avraham, and Avi Nachor: and they presented themselves before HaElohim.

[2] And Yehoshua said unto Kol HaAm, Thus saith Hashem Eloheihem, Avoteichem dwelt on the other side of the [Euphrates] River long ago, even Terach, Avi Avraham, and Avi Nachor: and they presented themselves before HaElohim.

[5] I sent Moshe also and Aharon, and I plagued Mitzrayim, according to that which I did among them; and afterward I brought you out.
[6] And I brought Avoteichem out of Mitzrayim; and ye came unto the Yam [Suf]; the Mitzrayim pursued after Avoteichem with chariots and parashim unto the Yam Suf.
[7] And when they cried unto Hashem, He put darkness between you and the Mitzrayim, and brought the yam upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Mitzrayim; and ye dwell in the midbar yamim rubbim.
[8] And I brought you into the Eretz HaEmori, the ones dwelling on the other side of the Yarden; they fought against you; I gave them into your yad, that ye might possess their land; Idestroyed them from before you. 
[9] Then Balak ben Tzippor Melech Moav arose and warred against Yisroel, and sent and summoned Balaam ben Beor to curse you; 
[10] But I would not hear unto Balaam; therefore he made a brocha over you; so I saved you out of his yad.
[11] And you went over the Yarden, and came unto Yericho; and the Ba’alei Yericho fought against you, and HaEmori, and the Perizzi, and the Ken’Aani, and the Chitti, and the Girgashi, the Chivi, and the Yevusi; and I gave them into your yad.
[12] And I sent the tzirah (hornt) before you, which drove them out ahead of you, even the two melachim of the Emori; but not with thy cherev, nor with thy keshet. 
[13] So I have given you an Eretz for which ye did not toil, and towns which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; kramim and zetim (olive groves) which ye eat but did not plant.
[14] Now therefore fear Hashem, serve Him batamim (completely) and in emes; put away the elohei which Avoteichem served on the other side of the [Euphrates] River, and in Mitzrayim; and serve ye Hashem. 
[15] And if it seem rah unto you to serve Hashem, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the elohei which Avoteichem served that were on the other side of the River, or the elohei HaEmori, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my bais, we will serve Hashem. 
[16] And the people answered and said, Chalilah lanu (far be it from us) that we should forsake Hashem, to serve elohei acharim; 
[17] For Hashem Eloheinu, He it is that brought us up and Avoteichem out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from the bais avadim, and which did those haotot hagedolot in our sight, and was shomer over us in kol HaDerech in which we went, and among Kol HaAmim through whom we passed; 
[18] And Hashem drove out from before us Kol HaAmim, even HaEmori which dwelt in Haaretz; therefore will we also serve Hashem; for He is Eloheinu.
[19] And Yehoshua said unto HaAm, Ye are not able to serve Hashem; for He is an Elohim Kedoshim; He is an El Elohim; He is an Elohei Yisroel.
[20] If ye forsake Hashem, and serve elohei nekhar (foreign g-ds), then He will turn and bring you rah, and consume you, after that He hath done you tov. 
[21] And HaAm said unto Yehoshua, No; but we will serve Hashem.
buried at Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Yaakov bought of the Bnei Chamor Av Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver: and it became the nachalah of the Bnei Yosef. [33] And Elazar ben Aharon died; and they buried him on a hill that belonged to Pinchas his son, which was given him in har Ephrayim.

SHOFETIM

Now after the mot Yehoshua it came to pass, that the Bnei Yisroel asked Hashem, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Kena'ani first, to fight against him [them]? [2] And Hashem said, Yehudah shall go up; hinei, I have delivered HaAretz into his yad. [3] And Yehudah said unto Shim'on his brother, Come up with me into my goral (lot), and we will fight against the Kena'ani; and I likewise will go with thee into thy goral. So Shim'on went with him. [4] And Yehudah went up; and Hashem delivered the Kena'ani and the Perizzi into their yad; and they struck down Sheshai, and Achiman, and Talmai. [5] And from thence Yehudah went against the Kena'ani that dwelt in Chezek; (now the shem of Chezek formerly was Kiryat-Arba); and they struck down Sheshai, and Achiman, and Talmai. [6] And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask of her av the sadeh; and she dismounted her donkey; and Kalev said unto her, What wilt thou? [7] And she said unto him, Give me bracha; since thou hast given me eretz hanegev; give me also gullot mayim. And Kalev gave her the upper gullot and the lower gullot. [8] But Adoni-Bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. [9] And Adoni-Bezek said, Three-score and ten melachim, having their thumbs and their big toes cut off, picked up their scraps under my shulchan; as I have done, so Elohim hath required me. And they brought him to Yerushalayim, and there he died. [10] And Yehudah went against the Kena'ani that dwelt in Chevron; (now the shem of Chevron formerly was Kiryat-Arba); and they struck down Sheshai, and Achiman, and Talmai. [11] And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask of her av the sadeh; and she dismounted her donkey; and Kalev said unto her, What wilt thou? [12] And she said unto him, Give me bracha; since thou hast given me eretz hanegev; give me also gullot mayim. And Kalev gave her the upper gullot and the lower gullot. [13] And Adoni-Bezek said, Three-score and ten melachim, having their thumbs and their big toes cut off, picked up their scraps under my shulchan; as I have done, so Elohim hath required me. And they brought him to Yerushalayim, and there he died. [14] And Yehudah went against the Kena'ani that dwelt in Chevron; (now the shem of Chevron formerly was Kiryat-Arba); and they struck down Sheshai, and Achiman, and Talmai. [15] And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she urged him to ask of her av the sadeh; and she dismounted her donkey; and Kalev said unto her, What wilt thou? [16] And she said unto him, Give me bracha; since thou hast given me eretz hanegev; give me also gullot mayim. And Kalev gave her the upper gullot and the lower gullot. [17] And Yehudah went with Shim'on his brother, and they struck down the Kena'ani that inhabited Tzephat, and utterly destroyed it. And the shem of the Ir was called Chormah. [18] And Hashem was with Yehudah; and he possessed the inhabitants of the hill country; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the [broad] valley [areas], because they had chariots of barzel (iron). [19] And they gave Chevron unto Kalev, just as Moshe promised; and he expelled from there the three Bnei Anak. [20] And the Bnei Binyamin did not drive out the Yevusi that inhabited Yerushalayim; and the Yevusi dwell with the Bnei Binyamin in Yerushalayim unto this day. [21] And Bais Yosef, they also went up against Beit-El; and Hashem was with them. [22] And the shem of the Ir formerly was Luz. [23] And the shomrim saw an ish come forth out of the Ir, and they said unto him, Show us, now, the way to enter into the Ir, and we will show thee chesed. [24] And when he showed them the way to enter into the Ir, they struck down the ish with the edge of the cherev; but they spared the ish and all his mishpakhah. [25] And when he showed them the way to enter into the Ir, they struck down the Ir with the edge of the cherev; but they spared the ish and all his mishpakhah. [26] And the ish went into the eretz HaChittim, and built an Ir, and called the shem thereof Luz; which is the shem thereof unto this day. [27] Neither did Menashe drive out the
Beit-Sh‘an and her villages, nor Ta‘nach and her villages, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her villages, nor the inhabitants of Yivleam and her villages, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her villages; so the Kena‘ani were determined to dwell in that land.

[28] And it came to pass, when Yisroel was chazak, that they put the Kena‘ani to forced labor, and did not utterly drive them out.

[29] Neither did Ephrayim drive out the Kena‘ani that dwelt in Gezer; but the Kena‘ani dwelt in Gezer among them.

[30] Neither did Zevulun drive out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Kena‘ani dwelt among them, and became subject to forced labor.

[31] Neither did Asher drive out the inhabitants of Akko, nor the inhabitants of Tzidon, nor of Achlaw, nor of Achziv, nor of Chelbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rechof;

[32] But the Asheri dwelt among the Kena‘ani, the inhabitants of HaAretz: for they did not drive them out.

[33] Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beit-Shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beit-Anat; but he dwelt among the Kena‘ani, the inhabitants of HaAretz: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beit-Shemesh and of Beit-Anat were unto them subject to forced labor.

[34] And the Emori forced the Bnei Dan into the hill country; for they would not allow them to come down into the broad valley area.

[35] But the Emori would dwell in Mt Cheres in Ayalon, and in Shaalvim; yet the yad Bais Yosef prevailed, so that they became subject to forced labor.

[36] And the territory of the Emori was from the Akrabhim Ascent and the Rock, upward.

2 And Malach Hashem went up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Mitzrayim, and have brought you unto HaAretz which I swore unto your avot; and I said, I will never (l’olam) break My brit (covenant) with you.

[2] And ye shall make no brit with the inhabitants of HaAretz HaZot; ye shall throw down their mizbechot. But ye have not obeyed My voice; why have ye done this?

[3] Therefore I said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall flank you in, and their elohim shall be a mokesh unto you.

[4] And it came to pass, when the Malach Hashem spoke these words unto kol Bnei Yisroel, that HaAm lifted up their voice, and wept.

[5] And they called the shem of that place Bochim; and they sacrificed there unto Hashem.

[6] And when Yehoshua had let HaAm go, the Bnei Yisroel went every ish unto his nachalah to possess HaAretz.

[7] And HaAm served Hashem all the days of Yehoshua, and all the days of the zekenim that outlived Yehoshua, who had seen kol ma‘aseh Hashem hagadol, that He did for Yisroel.

[8] And Yehoshua ben Nun, the Eved Hashem, died, being a hundred and ten years old.


[10] And also all that dor were gathered unto their avot; and there arose another dor after them, which had no da‘as of Hashem, nor yet the ma‘aseh which He had done for Yisroel.

[11] And the Bnei Yisroel did harah in the sight of Hashem, and served Baalim;

[12] And they forsook Hashem Elohei Avotam, which brought them out of Eretz Mitzrayim, and followed acharei elohim, of the elohei ha’amim that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked Hashem to anger.


[14] And the Af Hashem was hot against Yisroel, and He delivered them into the hands of plunderers that plundered them, and He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, that they were not any longer able to stand before their enemies.

[15] Whenever they went out, the yad Hashem was against them for ra‘ah, just as Hashem had said, and just as Hashem had sworn unto them; and they were greatly distressed.

[16] Nevertheless Hashem raised up Shofetim, which saved them out of the yad of those that plundered them.

[17] And yet they would not pay heed unto their Shofetim, but they went a-whoring after acharei elohim, and bowed themselves unto them; they turned quickly from HaDerech which their Avot walked in, the Way of obedience to the mitzvot Hashem; but they did not so.

[18] And when Hashem raised them up Shofetim, then Hashem was with the Shofetim, and saved them out of the yad of their enemies all the days of the Shofet; for it relented Hashem because
of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and afflicted them.

|19| And it came to pass, when the Shofet was dead, that they turned again, and corrupted themselves more than their avot, in following acharei elohim to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their derech hakashah (stubborn way).

|20| And the Af Hashem was hot against Yisroel; and He said, Because this people hath violated My brit (covenant) which I commanded their Avot, and have not paid heed unto My voice;

|21| I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the Goyim which Yehoshua left when he died; nor delivered He them into the yad Yehoshua.

|22| That through them I may test Yisroel, whether they will be shomer Derech Hashem to walk therein, just as their Avot were shomer, or no.

|23| Therefore Hashem let those Goyim remain, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered He them into the yad Yehoshua.

Now these are the Goyim which Hashem let remain, to test Yisroel by them, even as many of Yisroel who had not known all the milchamot Kena’an;

|2| Only so that the dorot of the Bnei Yisroel might have da’as, to teach them milchamah, such as before knew nothing thereof;

|3| Namely, five rulers of the Pelishtim (Philistines), and all the Kenaani, and the Tzidoni, and the Chivi that dwelt in Har HaLevanon, from Har Baal-Chermon unto the entrance of Chamat.

|4| And they were to test Yisroel by them, to know whether they would pay heed unto the Mitzvot Hashem, which He commanded their Avot by the yad Moshe.

|5| And the Bnei Yisroel dwelt among the Kena’ani, Chitti, and Emori, and Perizzi, and Chivi, and Yevusi;

|6| And they took their banot to be their nashim, and gave their banot to their banim, and served their elohim.

|7| And the Bnei Yisroel did evil in the sight of Hashem, and forgot Hashem Eloheihem, and served Baalim and the Asherot.

|8| Therefore the Af Hashem was hot against Yisroel, and He sold them into the yad Chushan Rishataim Melech Aram Naharayim i.e., Upper Mesopotamia; and the Bnei Yisroel served Chushan Rishataim eight years.

|9| And when the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem, Hashem raised up a Moshia (Deliverer, Savior) to the Bnei Yisroel, who saved them, even Otniel ben Kenaz, Kalev’s younger brother.

|10| And the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem came upon him, and he judged Yisroel, and went out to milchamah; and Hashem delivered Chusyan Rishataim Melech Aram into his yad; and his yad prevailed against Chusyan Rishataim.

|11| And the land had rest arba'im shanah. And Otniel ben Kenaz died.

|12| And the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem, Hashem raised up a Moshia (Deliverer, Savior) to the Bnei Yisroel, who saved them, even Otniel ben Kenaz, Kalev’s younger brother.

|13| And he gathered unto him the Bnei Ammon and Amalek, and went and attacked Yisroel, and possessed the Ir HaTemarim.

|14| So the Bnei Yisroel served Eglon Melech Moav eighteen years.

|15| But when the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem, Hashem raised them up a Moshi’a, Ehud ben Gera, from the tribe of Binyamin, a man left-handed; and by him the Bnei Yisroel sent a minchah unto Eglon Melech Moav.

|16| But Ehud made him a cherev which had two edges of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh.

|17| And he brought the minchah unto Eglon Melech Moav; and Eglon was an ish bari me’od (very fat man).

|18| And when he had made an end to offer the minchah, he sent away the people that carried the minchah (tribute).

|19| But he himself turned back at the pesilim near Gilgal, and said, I have a devar seter (secret message) for thee O melekh; he said, Keep silence! And all that stood by attending him went out from him.

|20| And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in an aliyyat hamekerah (upper room for cooling), which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a devar Elohim unto thee. And he arose out of his seat.

|21| And Ehud put forth his semol (left hand), and drew the cherev from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly;

|22| And even the hilt went in after the blade; and the chelev closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the cherev out of his belly; it came out the back.

|23| Then Ehud went forth through the front hall, and shut the daletot of the aliyyah behind him, and locked them.

|24| When he was gone out, his avadim came; and when they saw that,
hinei, the daletot of the aliyyah were locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet [i.e. relieves himself] in the chedar hamekerah (inner cool room).

[25] And they tarried till bosh (embarrassed); and, hinei, he opened not the daletot of the aliyyah; therefore they took a mafta’each (key), and unlocked them; and, hinei, their adon was fallen on the floor dead.

[26] And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the pesilim, and escaped unto Seirah.

[27] And it came to pass, when he arrived, that he blew a shofar in the har Ephrayim, and the Bnei Yisroel went down with him from the har, and he before them.

[28] And he said unto them, Follow after me; for Hashem hath delivered your enemies Moav into your yad. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Yarden toward Moav, and allowed not an ish to pass over.

[29] And they struck down Moav at that time about ten thousand ish, all strong ish chayil; and there escaped not an ish.

[30] So Moav was subdued that day under the yad Yisroel. And HaAretz had rest fourscore shanah.

[31] And after him was Shamgar ben Anat, which struck down of the Pelishtim (Philistines) six hundred ish with an ox goad; and he also saved Yisroel.

4 And the Bnei Yisroel again did rah in the sight of Hashem, when Ehud was dead.

[2] And Hashem sold them into the yad Yavin Melech Kena’an, that reigned in Chatzor; the sar whose tzeva (army) was Sisra, which dwelt in Charoshet HaGoyim.

[3] And the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem; for he had nine hundred chariots of barzel (iron); and twenty shanah he oppressed chazakah the Bnei Yisroel.

[4] And isha Devorah, a neviah, the eshet Lapidot, judged Yisroel at that time.

[5] And she held court under the Tomer Devorah between Ramah and Beit-El in har Ephrayim; Bnei Yisroel came up to her for mishpat.

[6] And she sent and called Barak ben Avinoam out of Kedesh Naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not Hashem Elohei Yisroel commanded, saying, Go and take position at Har Tavor, and take with thee ten thousand ish of the Bnei Naphtali and of the Bnei Zevulun?

[7] And I will lure unto thee to the river Kishon the sar Tzeva Yavin, Sisra, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine yad.

[8] And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

[9] And she said, I will surely go with thee; notwithstanding the derech of thee shall not take thee to thy feferet (honor); for Hashem shall sell Sisra into the yad of an isha. And Devorah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

[10] And Barak summoned Zevulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand ish at his feet; and Devorah went up with him.

[11] Now Chever the Keni, which was of the Bnei Chovav which was of the Bnei Chovav the khoten Moshe, had separated from the Kayin [other Keni], and encamped his ohel unto the oak at Tzanaannim, which is near Kedesh.

[12] And they told Sisra that Barak ben Avinoam was gone up to Har Tavor.

[13] And Sisra gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of barzel (iron), and kol haAm that were with him, from Charoshet HaGoyim unto the river Kishon.

[14] And Devorah said unto Barak, Go! For this is the day in which Hashem hath delivered Sisra into thine yad. Is not Hashem gone out before thee? So Barak went down from Har Tavor, and ten thousand ish after him.

[15] And Hashem routed Sisra, and all his chariots, and kol hamachaneh, with the edge of the cherez before Barak; so that Sisra got down from his merkavah (chariot), and fled away on foot.

[16] But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the machaneh, as far as Charoshet HaGoyim; and kol machaneh Sisra fell by the edge of the cherez; and there was not a man left.

[17] Howbeit Sisra fled away on foot to the ohel Yael the isha of Chever the Keni; for there was shalom between Yavin Melech Chatzor and the Bais Chever Keni.

[18] And Yael went out to meet Sisra, and said unto him, Turn in, adoni, stay with me; fear not. And when he had entered with her into the ohel, she covered him with a covering.

[19] And he said unto her, Give me, now, a little mayim to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of cholov, to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a skin of cholov, to drink; for I am thirsty.

[20] Again he said unto her, Stand at the petach haohel, and it shall be, when any ish doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any ish here? –thou shalt say, No.

[21] Then Yael eshet Chever took a yetad haohel (tent peg), and
took a makevet (hammer) in her yad, and went softly unto him, and drove the yetad into his temple, and stuck it into the ground; for he was fast asleep exhausted. So he died. And, hinei, as Barak pursued Sisra, Yael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the ish whom thou seest. And when he came into her ochel, hinei, Sisra lay dead, and the yetad was in his temple.

| 22 | And Elohim subdued on that day Yavin Melech Kena'an before the Bnei Yisroel. |
| 23 | Yavin Melech Kena'an until they had destroyed Yavin Melech Kena'an. |

Then sang Devorah and Barak ben Avinoam on that day, saying,

| 2 | Barachu Hashem that the strong in Yisroel put forth strength, that the people willingly offered themselves. |
| 3 | Hear, O ye melachim; give ear, O ye rozenim (princes); I, even I, will sing unto Hashem; I will make music to Hashem Elohei Yisroel. |
| 4 | Hashem, when Thou wentest out from Seir, when Thou marchedst out of the sadeh Edom, Eretz trembled, HaShomayim poured, clouds also poured down mayim. |
| 5 | The harim quaked at the presence of Hashem, this Sinai before Hashem Elohei Yisroel. |
| 6 | In the days of Shamgar ben Anat, in the days of Yael, the roads were abandoned, and the travellers walked the byways. |
| 7 | The warrior ceased, they ceased in Yisroel, until I, Devorah, arose, I Em B'Yisroel arose. |
| 8 | They chose elohim chadashim when war was at the she'arim (gates); was there a mogen or spear to be seen among forty thousand in Yisroel? |
| 9 | My lev is toward the ones ruling in Yisroel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Barachu Hashem. |
| 10 | Reflect, ye that ride on white donkeys, ye that sit on saddle blankets, and walk on the derech. |
| 11 | The voice of the singers in the place of drawing mayim, there shall they rehearse the Tzidkot Hashem, even the Tzidkot of His warriors in Yisroel; then shall HaAm Hashem go down to the she'arim. |

| 12 | Awake, awake, Devorah; awake, awake, break out in song; arise, Barak, and lead captive thy captives, thou ben Avinoam. |
| 13 | Then came down a sarid (remnant) to the nobles; the people of Hashem came down as gibborim. |
| 14 | Out of Ephrayim was their shoresh against Amalek; after thee, Binyamin, among thy people; out of Machir came down mekhokekim (law givers), and out of Zevulun they that hold the shevet of the sofer (scribe). |
| 15 | And the sarim of Yissakhar were with Devorah; Yissakhar was with Barak; he rushed at his feet into the emek. Among the divisions of Reuven there were gedolim chikkei lev (great searchings, indecisions of heart). |
| 16 | Why abodest thou among the mishpetayim (sheepfolds), to hear the bleatings of the flocks? Among the divisions of Reuven there were great indecisions of heart. |
| 17 | Gil' ad abode beyond Yarden; and why did Dan linger by oniyot? Asher remained on the seacoast, and dwelt by his landings. |

| 18 | Zevulun and Naphtali were a people that risked their nefesh unto the death in the high places of the sadeh. |
| 19 | The melachim came and fought, then fought the melachim of Kena'an at Taanach by the waters of Megiddo; they took no plunder of kesef. |
| 20 | They fought from Shomayim; the kokhavim in their courses fought Sisra. |
| 21 | The Kishon River swept them away, that nachal kedumim, the Kishon River. O my nefesh, march on with oz. |
| 22 | Then were the ikvei sus (horse hooves) galloping, the prancings of hooves, the prancings of their mighty steeds. |
| 23 | Curse Meroz, said the Malach Hashem, curse bitterly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the ezrat Hashem, to the help of Hashem, against the gibborim. |
| 24 | Blessed above nashim shall Yael eshet Chever the Keni be, blessed shall she be above nashim in the ohel. |
| 25 | He asked mayim, and she gave him cholov; she brought forth curds in a noble’s dish. |
| 26 | She put her yad to the yetad, and her right hand to the workman’s hammer; and with the hammer she struck Sisra, she crushed his rosh, when she had shattered and pierced his temple. |
| 27 | At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down; at her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, sham (there) he fell down dead. |
| 28 | The Em Sisra looked out through the chalon (window), and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarry the wheels of his marekevot (chariots)? |
And the Bnei Yisroel did evil in the sight of Hashem; Hashem delivered them into the yad Midyan [See Gn.25:2] sheva shanim.

[2] And the yad Midyan prevailed against Yisroel; and because of Midyan the Bnei Yisroel made them dens in the mountains, and caves, and strongholds.

[3] And so it was, when Yisroel had sown, that Midyan came up, and Amalek, and the Bnei Kedem, even they came up against them;

[4] And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of ha'aretz, till thou come unto Azah (Gaza), and left no sustenance for Yisroel, neither seh, nor ox, nor donkey.

[5] For they came up with their cattle and their ohalim, and they came as a swarm of arbeh for multitude; for both they and their camels were without number; and they entered into ha'aretz to destroy it.

[6] And Yisroel was greatly impoverished because of Midyan; and the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem.

[7] And it came to pass, when the Bnei Yisroel cried unto Hashem because of Midyan,

[8] That Hashem sent an ish navi unto the Bnei Yisroel, which said unto them, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, I brought you up from Mitzrayim, and brought you forth out of the bais avadim (house of bondage);

[9] And I delivered you out of the yad Mitzrayim, and out of the yad of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land;

[10] And I said unto you, I am Hashem Eloheichem; fear not the elohei HaEmori (g-ds of the Amorites), in whose land ye dwell; but ye have not obeyed My voice.

[11] And there came Malach Hashem, and sat under a terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, that belonged unto Yoash the Aviezri; and bno Gid'on threshed chittim (wheat) in the winepress, to hide it from Midyan.

[12] And the Malach Hashem appeared unto him, and said unto him, Hashem is with thee, thou Gibbor HeChayil.

[13] And Gid'on said unto him, Oh Adoni, if Hashem be with us, why then is all this befallen us? And where be all His nifla'ot (miracles) which Avoteinu told us of, saying, Did not Hashem bring us up from Mitzrayim? But now Hashem hath forsaken us, and delivered us unto the hands of Midyan.

[14] And Hashem turned to him, and said, Go in this thy ko'ach, and thou shalt save Yisroel from the yad Midyan; have not I sent thee?

[15] And he said unto Him, O Adoni, wherewith shall I save Yisroel? Hinei, my eleph is poor in Menasheh, and I am the least in the Bais Avi.

[16] And Hashem said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt strike down Midyan as ish echad.

[17] And he said unto Him, If now I have found chen in Thy sight, then show me an ot that Thou speakest with me.

[18] Depart not from here, now, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my minchah, and set it before Thee. And He said, I will tarry until thou come again.

[19] And Gid'on went in, and made ready a kid, and matzot of an ephah of flour; the basar he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto Him under the terebinth tree, and presented it.

[20] And the Malach Hashem put forth the tip of the staff that was in his yad, and touched the basar and the matzot, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so.

[21] Then the Malach Hashem departed out of his sight.

[22] When Gid'on perceived that he was the Malach Hashem, Gid'on built a Mizbe'ach there unto Hashem, and called it Hashem Shalom; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Aviezri.

[23] And Hashem said unto him, Shalom l'chah; fear not; thou shalt not die.

[24] Then Gid'on built a Mizbe'ach there unto Hashem, and called it Hashem Shalom; unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Aviezri.

[25] And it came to pass the same night, that Hashem said unto him, Take thy father's young bull, even the second bull of sheva shanim, and tear down the Mizbe'ach of Ba'al that thy av hath, and cut
down the Asherah that is beside it;
[26] And build a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem Eloheicha upon the top of this rock, in the proper arrangement; take the second bull, offer an olah with the wood of the Asherah pole which thou shalt cut down.
[27] Then Gid'on took ten men from his avadim, and did just as Hashem had said unto him; and so it was, because he feared his Bais Avi, and the men of the Ir, that he could not do it yomam (by day), that he did it by lailah.
[28] And when the men of the Ir arose early in the boker, hinei, the mizbe'ach of Baal was cast down, and the Asherah was cut down that was beside it, and the second bull was offered upon the Mizbe'ach that was built.
[29] And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gid'on ben Yoash hath done this thing.
[30] Then the men of the Ir said unto Yoash, Bring out thy hands, lest Yisroel vaunt themselves against Me, saying, Mine own yad hath saved me.
[31] And Hashem said unto Gid'on, The people that are with thee are too rav (many); bring them down unto the mayim; and Hashem said unto Gid'on, Every one that lapsed the mayim in the goren (threshing floor); and if the tal (dew) be dry upon all ha'aretz, then shall I know that Thou wilt save Yisroel by my yad, as Thou hast said.
[32] And Gid'on took ten men of the Ir, and they set them over the people, and delivered the people from under the hand of Midyan, and they dwelt in the valley of Yizre'el.
[33] And Hashem said unto Gid'on, The people that are with thee are too rav (many) for Me to give Midyan into their hands, lest Yisroel vaunt themselves against Me, saying, Mine own yad hath saved me.
[34] But the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem came upon Gid'on; he blew a shofar; and Aviezir was summoned to follow after him.
[35] And he sent malachim throughout all Menasheh; who also was gathered after him; and he sent malachim unto Asher, and unto Zevulun, and unto Naphthali; and they went up to meet them.
[36] And Gid'on said unto HaElohim, If Thou wilt save Yisroel by my yad, as Thou hast said,
[37] Hinei, I will put a fleece of wool in the goren (threshing floor); and if the tal (dew) be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all ha'aretz, then shall I know that Thou wilt save Yisroel by my yad, as Thou hast said.
[38] And it was so; for he rose up early on the next day, and squeezed the fleece together, and wrung the tal out of the fleece, a bowl full of mayim.
[39] And Gid'on said unto HaElohim, Let not Thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once; let me test, now, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be tal.
[40] And Elohim did so that night; for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was tal on all the ground.

Then Yerubaal, who is Gid'on, and kol haAm that were with him, rose up early and encamped by Ein Charod; so that the Machaneh Midyan was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.
[2] And Hashem said unto Gid'on, The people that are with thee are too rav (many) for Me to give Midyan into their hands, lest Yisroel vaunt themselves against Me, saying, Mine own yad hath saved me.
[3] Now therefore go to, proclaim in the oznei haAm, saying, Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from Har HaGil`ad; and there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.
[4] And Hashem said unto Gid'on, HaAm are yet too many; bring them down unto the mayim, and I will sift them for thee there; and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.
[5] So he brought down haAm unto the mayim; and Hashem said unto Gid'on, Every one that laps the mayim with his leshon, as a kelev laps, him shalt thou separate by himself; likewise every one that kneels down upon his knees to drink.
[6] And the number of the ones lapping, putting their yad to their mouth, were three hundred; but all the rest of the people twenty and two thousand; who returned unto Har HaGil`ad. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand. And Gidön, the son of Yoash, the son of Yerubaal, said unto the people, Thus saith Hashem Eloheicha, ‘I will surely deliver Midyan into your hand, and the Machaneh Midyan shall be as a dunam (a small area) of dung before you, when you come upon them.
[7] And Hashem said unto Gidön, ‘By the three hundred haIsh that lapped will I save you, and deliver Midyan into thine yad; and let all the other people go every ish unto his makom (place, home).
[8] So the [retained] people took provision in their yad, and their shofarot; and he sent kol ish Yisroel every ish unto his shel, but retained those three hundred halsh; and the Machaneh Midyan was below him in the valley. And it came to pass that the same lailah, that Hashem said unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the Machaneh; for I
have delivered it into thine yad.

10 But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Phurah thy eved down to the machaneh;

11 And thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shalt thine hands be strengthened to go down unto the machaneh. Then he went down with Phurah his eved unto the outposts of the armed men that were in the machaneh.

12 And Midyan and Amalek and kol Bnei Kedem lay along in the valley like arbeh for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the chol (sand) on the seashore for multitude.

13 And when Gid’on arrived, hinei, there was an ish that told a chalom unto his re’a, and said, Hinei, I dreamed a chalom, and, hinei, a round loaf of lechem se’orim tumbled into the Machaneh Midyan, and came unto an ohel, and struck it that it fell, and overturned it, that the ohel collapsed.

14 And his re’a answered and said, This is nothing else but the cherev Gid’on ben Yoash, an ish Yisroel; for into his yad hath HaElohim delivered Midyan, and kol hamachaneh.

15 And it was so, when Gid’on heard the telling of the chalom, and the shever (breaking [of a dream, i.e., its interpretation]) thereof, that he worshiped, and returned into the machaneh Yisroel, and said, Arise; for Hashem hath delivered into your yad the Machaneh Midyan.

16 And he divided the three hundred halsh into three companies, and he put a shofar in every man’s yad, with empty jars, and torches within the jars.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise; and, hinei, when I come to the edge of the machaneh, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow the shofar, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the sho’farot also on every side of all the machaneh, and say, ‘For Hashem, and for Gid’on.’

19 So Gid’on, and the hundred ish that were with him, came unto the outside of the machaneh in the beginning of the ashmoret hatikhonah (middle watch); and they had just set the shomrim; and they blew the sho’far, and broke the jars that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the sho’far, and broke the jars, and held the torches in their left hands, and the sho’farot in their right hands to blow withal; and they cried, A Cherev for Hashem and for Gid’on.

21 And they held every ish his position round about the machaneh; and kol hamachaneh ran, and cried out, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the sho’farot, and Hashem caused every mans cherev to be against his re’a, even throughout all the machaneh; and the machaneh fled to Beit-Sheetah in Tzererah, and to the border of Avel Mecholah, by Tabat.

23 And the Ish Yisroel gathered themselves together over of Naphtali, out of Asher, and out of all Menasheh, and pursued after Midyan.

24 And Gid’on sent malachim throughout all Har Ephrayim, saying, Come down against Midyan, and seize ahead of them the mayim as far as Beit Barah and Yarden. Then kol ish Ephrayim gathered themselves together, and took the mayim unto Beit Barah and Yarden.

25 And they took two sarim (princes) of Midyan, Orer and Ze’ev; and they killed Orev upon the Tzur Orev, and Ze’ev they killed at the Yekev (winepress) of Ze’ev, and pursued Midyan, and brought the heads of Orev and Ze’ev to Gid’on beyond the Yarden.

8 And the Ish Ephrayim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with Midyan? And they did criticize him sharply.

2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephrayim tov (better) than the vintage of Aviezer?

3 Elohim hath delivered into your hands the sarim of Midyan, Orev and Ze’ev; and what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 And Gid’on came to the Yarden, and passed over, he, and the three hundred halsh that were with him, exhausted yet pursuing them.

5 And he said unto the Anshei Sukkot, Give, now, loaves of lechem unto the people that follow me; for they be exhausted, and I am pursuing after Zevach and Tzalmunna, melachim of Midyan.

6 And the sarei Sukkot said, Are the hands of Zevach and Tzalmunna now in thine yad, that we should give lechem unto thine tz’va (army)?

7 And Gid’on said, Therefore when Hashem hath delivered Zevach and Tzalmunna into mine yad, then will I tear your basar with the koz (thorns) of the midbar and with briers.
And he went up from there to Penuel [Peniel], and spoke unto them likewise; and the Anshei Penuel [Peniel] answered him as the men of Sukkot had answered him.

And he spoke also unto the Anshei Penuel, saying, When I come again in shalom, I will break down this migdal.

Now Zevach and Tzalmunna were in Karkor, and their machaneh with them, about 15,000, all that were left of all the machaneh of the Bnei Kedem; for there fell a 120,000 Ish that drew the cherev.

And Gid'on went up by the derech of them that dwelt in ohalim on the east of Novach and Yogbehah, and struck down the machaneh; for the machaneh was unsuspecting, thinking themselves secure.

And when Zevach and Tzalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two melachim of Midyan, Zevach and Tzalmunna, and did rout all the machaneh.

And Gid'on ben Yoash returned from milchamah by the Cheres Pass,

And caught a na'ar of the Anshei Sukkot, and inquired of him; and he wrote down for him the sarim of Sukkot, and the zekenim thereof, even sixties and seventeen ish.

And he came unto the Anshei Sukkot, and said, Hinei, Zevach and Tzalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us; for as the ish is, so is his gevurah. And Gid'on arose, and put to death Zevach and Tzalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels' necks.

Then Zevach and Tzalmunna said, Rise thou, and put to death every ish the nezem of his boot for they had nizmei zahav (gold earrings), because they were Yishmaelim [descendants of Ishmael].

And Gid'on said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall beni rule over you; Hashem shall rule over you.

And Gid'on said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every ish the nezem (earring) of his boot— for they had nizmei zahav; beside ornaments, and pendants, and purple raiment that was on the melachim of Midyan, and apart from the chains that were about their camels' necks.

And Gid'on made an ephod thereof, and put it in his Ir, even in Ophrah; and kol Yisroel went there a-whoring after it; which thing became a mokesh (snare) unto Gid'on, and to his Bais.

Thus was Midyan subdued before the Bnei Yisroel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And HaAretz was in quietness arba'im shanah in the days of Gid'on.

And Yerubaal ben Yoash went and dwelt in his own bais.

And Gid'on had threescore and ten banim of his own; for he had many nashim.

And his pilegesh (concubine) that was in Shechem, she also bore him a ben, whose shem he called Avimelech.

And Gid'on ben Yoash died in a good old age, and was buried in the kever of Yoash his Ir in Ophrah of the Aviezri.

And it came to pass, as soon as Gid'on was dead, that the Bnei Yisroel turned again, and went a-whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-brit their elohim.

And the Bnei Yisroel remembered not Hashem Eloheihem, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side;

Neither showed they chesed to the Bais Yerubaal, namely, Gid'on, according to all the tovah which he had showed unto Yisroel.

And Avimelech ben Yerubaal went to Shechem unto achi immo, and
spoke with them, and with all the mishpakhath bais avim, immo, saying,
[2] Speak, now, in the ears of all the ba’alei Shechem, Which is better for you, either that all the Bnei Yerubaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one man reign over you?
Remember also that I am your etzem (bone) and your basar (flesh).

[3] And the achei immo spoke of him in the ears of all the ba’alei Shechem all these words; and their lev inclined to follow Avimelech; for they said, He is acheim.
[4] And they gave him 70 pieces of kesef out of the bais Baal-brit, wherewith Avimelech hired morally empty and reckless persons, which followed him.

[5] And he went unto his bais avi at Ophrah, and slaughtered his brethren the Bnei Yerubaal, being 70 persons, upon one even (stone); notwithstanding yet Yotam the youngest ben Yerubaal escaped; for he hid himself.
[6] And all the ba’alei Shechem gathered together, and all the Bais Millo, and went, and crowned Avimelech melech, by the great tree near the pillar that was in Shechem.

[7] And when they told it to Yotam, he went and stood on top of Mt Gerizim, lifted up his voice, cried out, and said unto them, Pay heed unto me, ye ba’alei Shechem, that Elohim may pay heed unto you.

[8] The etzim (trees) went forth one day to anoint a melech over them; and they said unto the zayit (olive tree), Reign thou over us.

[9] But the zayit said unto them, Should I leave my oil, wherewith by me they honor Elohim and anashim, and go to be promoted over the etzim?

[10] And the etzim (trees) said to the te’ena’ah (fig tree), Come thou, and reign over us.
[11] But the te’ena’ah said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the etzim (trees)?

[12] Then said the etzim (trees) unto the gefen, Come thou, and reign over us.
[13] And the gefen said unto them, Should I leave my tirosh, which cheereeth Elohim and anashim, and go to be promoted over the etzim?

[14] Then said all the etzim (trees) unto the thornbush, Come thou, and reign over us.
[15] And the thornbush said unto the etzim (trees), If b’emes ye anoint me melech over you, then come and take refuge in my tzel (shade); and if not, let eish come out of the thornbush, and devour the cedars of the Levanon.

[16] Now therefore, if ye have done b’emes and in good faith, in that ye have made Avimelech melech, and if ye have dealt tovah with Yerubaal [Gid’on] and his bais, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands–

[17] For avi [Gid’on] fought for you, and risked his nefesh, and delivered you out of the yad Midyan;
[18] And ye are risen up against bais avi this day, and have slain his banim, threescore and ten persons, upon one even (stone), and have made Avimelech, ben amah (son of his slave girl), melech over the ba’alei Shechem, because he is your brother–

[19] If ye then have dealt b’emes and in good faith with Yerubaal and with his bais this day, then rejoice ye in Avimelech, and let him also rejoice in you;
[20] But if not, let eish come out from Avimelech, and devour the ba’alei Shechem, and the Bais Millo; and let eish come out from the ba’alei Shechem, and from the Bais Millo, and devour Avimelech.
[21] And Yotam ran away, and escaped, and went to Be’er, and dwelt there, for fear of Avimelech his brother.

[22] When Avimelech had reigned shalosh shanim over Yisroel,
[23] Then Elohim sent a ruach ra’ah between Avimelech and the ba’alei Shechem; and the ba’alei Shechem dealt treacherously with Avimelech.
[24] That the chamas done to the 70 Bnei Yerubaal might come, and their dhm be laid upon Avimelech their brother, which slaughtered them; and upon the bais Yerubaal, which aided him in the slaughter of his brethren.

[25] And the ba’alei Shechem set ambushers in wait for him on top of the hills, and they robbed all that passed along that derech by them; and it was told Avimelech.
[26] And Gaal ben Eved came with his achim, went over to Shechem; the ba’alei Shechem put their confidence in him.

[27] And they went out into the sadeh, and gathered their kramim, and trode the grapes, and made merry, and went into the bais eloheihem, and did eat and drink, and cursed Avimelech.
[28] And Gaal ben Eved said, Who is Avimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is not he ben Yerubaal? And Zevul his pakid? Serve the anshei Chamor avi Shechem. For why should we serve him?

[29] O that this people were under my yad! Then
would I remove Avimelech. And he said to Avimelech, Gather thine tze’va (army), and come out!

[30] And when Zevul the sar of the Ir heard the words of Gaal ben Eved, his anger was kindled.

[31] And he sent malachim unto Avimelech covertly, saying, Hinei, Gaal ben Eved and his brethren have come to Shechem; and, hinei, they incite the Ir against thee.

[32] Now therefore go up by lailah, thou and the people with thee, and lie in wait in the sadeh:

[33] And it shall be, that in the boker, as soon as the shemesh is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the Ir; and, hinei, when he and the people with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them just as thy hand finds to do.

[34] And Avimelech rose up, and kol haAm that were with him, by lailah, and they laid wait in ambush against Shechem in four companies.

[35] And Gaal ben Eved went out, and stood in the petach sha’ar haIr; and Avimelech and the people that were with him rose up from lying in wait for ambush.

[36] And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zevul, Hinei, there come people down from the top of the mountains. And Zevul said unto him, Thou seest the tzel of the mountains as if seeing anashim.

[37] And Gaal spoke again, and said, Hinei, there come people down the middle of the land, and another company come along by the Elon Me’onenim.

[38] Then said Zevul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is Avimelech that we should serve him? Is not this the people that thou hast despised? Go out, now, and fight against him.

[39] And Gaal went out before the ba’alei Shechem, and fought with Avimelech.

[40] And Avimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrowed and chalalim (wounded), even unto the petach hash’aar.

[41] And Avimelech dwelt at Arumah; and Zevul thrust out Gaal and his achim, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

[42] And it came to pass on the next day, that the people went out into the sadeh; and they told Avimelech.

[43] And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait concealed in the sadeh, and looked, and hinei, the people were come forth out of the Ir; and he rose up against them, and attacked them.

[44] And Avimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the petach shia’ar of the Ir; and the two other companies rushed upon all who were in the sadeh, and slaughtered them.

[45] And Avimelech fought against the Ir all that day; and he took the Ir, and slaughtered the people that was therein, and destroyed the Ir, and sowed it with melach (salt).

[46] And when all the ba’alei migdal Shechem heard that, they entered into the stronghold of the bais el brit.

[47] And it was told Avimelech, that all the ba’alei migdal Shechem were gathered together.

[48] And Avimelech got him up to Mt Tzalmon, and he and all the people that were with him; and Avimelech took axes in his yad, and cut down a branch from the etzim (trees), and lifted it, and laid it on his shoulder, and said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

[49] And kol haAm likewise cut down every man his branch, and followed Avimelech, and piled them against the stronghold, and set the stronghold on eish over them; so that all the anshei migdal Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

[50] Then went Avimelech to Tevetz, and encamped against Tevetz, and captured it.

[51] But there was a migdal oz within the Ir, and there fled all the anashim and nashim, and all ba’alei haIr, and locked it after them, and got them up to the top of the migdal.

[52] And Avimelech came unto the migdal, and fought against it, and drew near unto the petach of the migdal to burn it with eish.

[53] And a certain woman dropped an upper millstone upon Avimelech’s head, and cracked his gulgolet (skull).

[54] Then he called hastily unto the na’ar his armor-bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy cherev, and slay me, that men say not of me, An isha slaughtered him. And his na’ar thrust him through, and he died.

[55] And when the Ish Yisroel saw that Avimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

[56] Thus Elohim repaid the wickedness of Avimelech, which he did unto his av, in slaying his seventy brethren;

[57] And all the evil of the anshei Shechem did Elohim render upon their heads; and upon them came the Kelalat Yotam ben Yerubaal.
And after Aimelech there arose to save Yisroel  
Tolah ben Puah ben Dodo, an ish Yissakhar;  
and he dwelt in Shamir in har Ephrayim.

| 2 | And he judged Yisroel twenty and three shanah, and died, and was buried in Shamir. |
| 3 | And after him arose Yair, a Gileadi, and judged Yisroel twenty and two shanah. |
| 4 | And he had shloshim banim that rode on shloshim donkeys, and they had shloshim towns, which are called Chavvot Yair unto this day, which are in Eretz Gil`ad. |
| 5 | And Yair died, and was buried in Kamon. |
| 6 | And the Bnei Yisroel did evil again in the sight of Hashem, and served Baalim, and Ashtarot, and the elohei Aram, and the elohei Tzidon, and the elohei Moav, and the elohei Bnei Ammon, and the elohei Pelishtim, and forsook Hashem, and served Him not. |
| 7 | And the Af Hashem was hot against Yisroel, and He sold them into the yad Pelishtim (Philistines), and into the yad Bnei Ammon. |
| 8 | And that year they oppressed and persecuted the Bnei Yisroel, and sold them into the yad Pelishtim (Philistines), and into the yad Bnei Ammon. |
| 9 | Now Yiftach the Gileadi was a gibbor chayil, and he was the ben of an isha zonah; and Gil’ad fathered Yiftach. |

10 And Hashem said unto the Bnei Yisroel, Did not I deliver you from Mitzrayim, and from Emori, from the Bnei Ammon, and from the Pelishtim (Philistines)?

| 11 | And Hashem said unto the Bnei Yisroel, Did not I deliver you from Mitzrayim, and from Emori, from the Bnei Ammon, and from the Pelishtim (Philistines)? |
| 12 | The Tzidonim also, and the Amalek, and the Maon, did oppress you; and ye cried out to Me, and I saved you out of their yad. |
| 13 | Yet ye have forsaken Me, and served elohim acherim; so I will not continue to save you. |
| 14 | Go and cry unto the elohim which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. |
| 15 | And the Bnei Yisroel said unto Hashem, Chatanu (we have sinned); do Thou unto us whatsoever seemeth hatov unto Thee; only save us, now, this day. |
| 16 | And they put away the elohei hanekhar (strange, foreign g-ds) from among them, and served Hashem; and His nefesh was troubled with the amal Yisroel (misery of Yisroel). |
| 17 | Then the Bnei Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gil`ad. And the Bnei Yisroel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mitzpah. |
| 18 | And HaAm and the Sarei Gil`ad said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the Bnei Ammon? He shall be Rosh over all the inhabitants of Gil’ad. |

11 And Hashem said unto Yiftach, Come, and be our katzin (leader), that we may fight with the Bnei Ammon.  

| 1 | And it was so, that when the Bnei Ammon made war against Yisroel, the ziknei Gil`ad went to fetch Yiftach out of Eretz Tov; |
| 2 | And they said unto Yiftach, Come, and be our rosh over all the inhabitants of Gil`ad. |

12 And Yiftach sent malachim unto the melech Bnei Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come unto me now when ye are in distress?  

| 3 | And the ziknei Gil`ad said unto Yiftach, Nevertheless, we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the Bnei Ammon, and be our rosh over all the inhabitants of Gil`ad. |

| 4 | And Yiftach said unto the ziknei Gil`ad, If ye bring me home again to fight against the Bnei Ammon, and Hashem deliver them before me, shall I be your rosh? |

13 And Yiftach said unto the ziknei Gil`ad, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my bais avi? And why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress?  

| 5 | And the ziknei Gil`ad said unto Yiftach, Nevertheless, we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the Bnei Ammon, and be our rosh over all the inhabitants of Gil`ad. |

| 6 | And Yiftach sent malachim unto the melech Bnei Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? |
And the melech Bnei Ammon answered unto the malachim of Yiftach, Because Yisroel took away my land, when they came up out of Mitzrayim, from Arnon even unto Yabbok, and unto Yarden; now therefore give back those lands again b’shalom (peaceably).

And Yiftach sent malachim again unto the melech Bnei Ammon;

And said unto him, Thus saith Yiftach, Yisroel took not away Eretz Moav, nor the Eretz Bnei Ammon;

But when Yisroel came up from Mitzrayim, and walked through the midbar until Yam Suf, and came to Kadesh;

Then Yisroel sent malachim unto the melech Edom, saying, Let me, now, pass through thy land; but the melech Edom would not pay heed thereto. In like manner they sent unto the melech Moav; but he would not consent; Yisroel abode in Kadesh.

Then they went along through the midbar, skirted the Eretz Edom, and Eretz Moav, and came by the east side of Eretz Moav, encamped on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the territory of Moav; for the Arnon was the boundary of Moav.

And Yisroel sent malachim unto Sichon melech HaEmori, the melech Cheshbon; and Yisroel said unto him, Let us pass, now, through thy land; but Sichon trusted not Yisroel to pass through his territory; but Sichon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Yahatz, and fought against Yisroel.

And Hashem Elohei Yisroel delivered Sichon and all his people into the yad Yisroel, and they struck them down; so Yisroel possessed all the Eretz HaEmori, the inhabitants of that country.

And they possessed all the territory HaEmori, from Arnon even unto Yabbok, and from the midbar even unto Yarden.

So now Hashem Elohei Yisroel hath dispossessed HaEmori from before His people Yisroel, and shouldest thou possess it?

Wilt not thou possess that which Kemosh eloheicha giveth thee to possess? So whatever Hashem Eloheicha shall take possession of before us, that will we possess.

And now art thou anything better than Balak ben Tzippor, melech Moav? Did he ever strive against Yisroel, or did he ever fight against them,

While Yisroel dwelt in Cheshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her settlements, and in all the towns that be along by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred shanah? Why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

Wherefore I have not sinned against thee, but thou dost me wrong to war against me; Hashem HaShofet be judge this day between the Bnei Yisroel and the Bnei Ammon.

Howbeit the melech Bnei Ammon paid heed not unto the words of Yiftach which he sent him.

Then the Ruach Hashem came upon Yiftach, and he passed over Gil’ad, and Menasheh, passed over Mizpeh of Gil’ad, and from Mizpeh of Gil’ad he passed over unto the Bnei Ammon.

And Yiftach vowed a neder unto Hashem, and said, If thou shalt without fail deliver the Bnei Ammon into mine hands,

Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the delet of my bais to meet me, when I return b’shalom from the Bnei Ammon, shall surely be Hashem’s, and I will offer it up for an olah.

So Yiftach passed over unto the Bnei Ammon to fight against them; and Hashem delivered them into his hands.

And he struck them down from Aroer, even till thou came to Minnit, even 20 towns, unto Avel-Kramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the Bnei Ammon were subdued before the Bnei Yisroel.

And Yiftach came to Mitzpah unto his bais, hinei, his bat came out to meet him with tambourines and with dances; she was his yechidah (only one); beside her he had neither ben nor bat.

And it came to pass, when he saw her, that he tore his clothes, and said, Alas, my bat! Thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me; for I have opened my mouth unto Hashem, and I cannot go back.

And she said unto him, Avi, if thou hast opened thy mouth unto Hashem, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as Hashem hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, even of the Bnei Ammon.

She said unto her av, Let this thing be done for me; let me alone two chodashim, that I may go up and down upon the hills, and bewail betulai (my virginity), I and my friends.

And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two chodashim; and she went with her companions, and bewailed her betulim (virginity) upon the hills.

And it came to pass at the end of two chodashim, that she returned unto her av,
And the ish Ephrayim gathered themselves together, and went into Tzafon, and said unto Yiftach, Wherefore passedst thou over to fight against the Bnei Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? We will burn thy bais upon thee with eish.

And Yiftach said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the Bnei Ammon; and when I called you, ye saved me not out of their hands.

And when I saw that ye were not my moshi'a, I put my nefesh in my hands, and passed over against the Bnei Ammon, and Hashem delivered them into my yad; why then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me?

Then Yiftach gathered together all the Anshei Gil`ad, and fought with Ephrayim; and the anshei Gil`ad struck down Ephrayim, because they said, Ye Gilead are fugitives of Ephrayim among the Ephrayim, and among the Menasheh.

And the Bnei Yisroel did harah again in the sight of Hashem; and Hashem delivered them into the yad Pelishtim arba'im shanah.

And there was a certain ish from Tzorah, of the mishpakhat HaDanai, whose shem was Manoach; and his isha was barren and bore not.

And the Malach Hashem appeared unto the isha, and said unto her, Hinei, I give thee barah, and thou shalt begotten; and she shall be a nazir from the day of her birth.

And Manoach prayed entreating Hashem, and said, O Adonoi, let the Ish HaElohim which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we must do unto the na'ar that shall be born.

And HaElohim paid heed to the kol Manoach; and the Malach Hashem came again unto the isha as she sat in the sadeh; but Manoach her ish was not with her.

And the isha made haste, and ran, and told her ish, and said unto him, Hinei, the ish that didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we must do unto the na'ar that shall be born.

And HaElohim paid heed to the kol Manoach; and the Malach HaElohim came again unto the isha as she sat in the sadeh; but Manoach her ish was not with her.

And and there fell at that time of the Ephrayim forty and two thousand.

Now therefore be shomer and drink not yayin nor shechar (strong drink), and eat not kol tumah;

For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear ben; and no morah (razor) shall come on his rosh; for the na'ar shall be a Nazir Elohim from the beten (womb); and he shall begin to save Yisroel from the yad Pelishtim.

Then the isha came and told her ish, saying, An Ish HaElohim came unto me, and his appearance was like the appearance of a Malach HaElohim, norah me'od; but I asked him not where he came from, neither told he me shmo;

But he said unto me, See thou shalt conceive, and bear ben; and now drink no yayin nor shechar, neither eat any tumah; for the na'ar shall be Nazir Elohim from the beten to the yom moto (day of his death).

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And the isha made haste, and ran, and told her ish, and said unto him, Hinei, the ish that didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we must do unto the na'ar that shall be born.

And Manoach arose, and went after his isha, and came to the ish, and said unto him, Art thou the ish that didst speak unto the isha? And he said, I am.
And Manoach said, Now let thy devar come to pass. How shall be the mishpat hana’ar (proper treatment of the child), and his ma’aseh (work, life’s work)? And the Malach Hashem said unto Manoach, Of all that I said unto the isha let her be shomer (beware, guard, keep watch over).

She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the gefen, neither let her drink yayin or shechar, nor eat any tamar; all that I commanded her let her be shomer to do.

And Manoach said unto the Malach Hashem, Now, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a young goat for thee.

And the Malach Hashem said unto Manoach, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy lechem; and if thou wilt offer an olah (burnt offering), thou must offer it unto Hashem. For Manoach knew not that he was Malach Hashem.

And the Malach Hashem said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my shem, seeing it is FELI (supremely wonderful)? That when thy devar come to pass we may do thee honor?

And the Malach Hashem said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my shem? For Manoach knew not that this was from Hashem.

And the isha bore ben, and called shmo Shimshon; and the na’ar grew, and Hashem blessed him.

And the Ruach Hashem began to impel him at times in Machaneh Dan between Tzorah and Eshtaol.

And Shimshon went down to Timnah, and saw an isha in Timnah of the banot Pelishtim (Philistines). And he said unto them, Put forth thy shloshim begadim; And they set forth shloshim linen garments and shloshim sets of begadim; and gave them, and they gave them, and they did eat; but he told not them that he had taken the devash (sweetness) out of the oz (strong) came forth matok (sweetness). And they could not in

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|17| And Manoach said unto Malach Hashem, Mi shmechah? That when thy devar come to pass we may do thee honor?

|18| And the Malach Hashem said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my shem, seeing it is FELI (supremely wonderful)? That when thy devar come to pass we may do thee honor?

|19| So Manoach took a young goat with a minchah, and offered it upon the tzur unto Hashem; and wonderously did He act; and Manoach and his wife looked on.

|20| For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward Shomayim from off the Mizbe’ach, that the Malach Hashem ascended in the flame of the Mizbe’ach. And Manoach and his wife looked on, and fell on their faces to the ground [cf Ac 1:9].

|21| But the Malach Hashem did no more appear to Manoach and to his isha. Then Manoach knew that He was the Malach Hashem.

|22| And Manoach said unto his isha, We shall surely die, because we have seen Elohim. But his isha said unto him, If Hashem were pleased to kill us, He would not have received an olah (burnt offering) and a minchah from yadenu (our hands), neither would He have showed us all these things, nor at this time would have told us such things as these.

|24| And the isha bore ben, and called shmo Shimshon; and the na’ar grew, and Hashem blessed him.

|25| And the Ruach Hashem began to impel him at times in Machaneh Dan between Tzorah and Eshtaol.

|26| And Shimshon went down to Timnah, and saw an isha in Timnah of the banot Pelishtim (Philistines).

|27| And he came up, and told his av and his em, and said, I have seen an isha in Timnah of the banot Pelishtim; now therefore get her for me as isha.

|28| Then his av and his em said unto him, Is there not among the banot thy achim (brothers) an isha? And he went to take an isha of the people (Philistines) an isha, that thou goest to take an isha of the Pelishtim haArelim? And Shimshon said unto his av, Get her for me; for she is yashrah (right) in my eyes.

|29| But his av and his em knew not that this was from Hashem, for He sought an occasion against the Pelishtim; for at that time the Pelishtim had dominion over Yisroel.

|30| Then went Shimshon down, and his av and his em, to Timnah, and came to the kramim (vineyards) of Timnah; and, hinei, a young lion roared against him.

|31| And the Ruach Hashem came mightily upon him, and he tore him as he would have torn a young goat, and he had nothing in his yad; but he told not his av or his em what he had done.

|32| And he went down, and talked with the isha; and she was right in the eyes of Shimshon [cf Prov 16:25].

|33| And after a time he returned to take her [in marriage], and he turned aside to look at the carcass of the lion; and, hinei, there was a swarm of bees and devash in the geviyah of the lion.

|34| And he took thereof in his yad, and came to his av and em, and gave them, and they did eat; but he told not them that he had taken the devash out of the geviyah of the lion.

|35| So his av went down unto the isha; and Shimshon made there a mishiteh; for so used the bocherim to do.

|36| And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought shloshim companions to be with him.

|37| And Shimshon said unto them, I will now put forth a khidah (riddle) unto you; if ye can certainly declare it to me within the shivat yemei hamishteh, and find it out, then I will give you shloshim linen garments and shloshim sets of begadim;

|38| But if ye cannot declare it to me, then shall ye give me shloshim linen garments and shloshim begadim. And they said unto him, Put forth thy khidah, that we may hear it.

|39| But his av and his em knew not that this was from Hashem, for He sought an occasion against the Pelishtim; for at that time the Pelishtim had dominion over Yisroel.

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shloshet yamim expound the khidah.

|15| And it came to pass on the yom hashevi'i, that they said unto the isha of Shimshon, Entice thy ish, that he may declare unto us the khidah, lest we burn thee and thy bais avi with eish; Have ye invited us to make us poor? Is it not so?

|16| And the isha of Shimshon wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not; thou hast put forth a khidah unto the bnei ami, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Hinei, I have not told it avi nor immi, and shall I tell it thee?

|17| And she wept before him the shivat hayamim, while their mishteh lasted; and it came to pass on the yom hashevi'i, that he told her, because of the pressing of her nagging; and she told the khidah to the bnei of her Am (People).

|18| And the anshei haIr said unto him on the yom hashevi'i before the sun went down, What is sweeter than devash? And what is stronger than an ari? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not hit upon my khidah.

|19| And Shimshon said concerning them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Pelishtim, though I do them ra'ah.

|20| And Shimshon went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned them tail to tail, and put a torch in the midst between two tails. And when he lit eish to the torches, he let them go into the standing grain of the Pelishtim, and burned up both the harvested grain and also the standing grain, and also olive orchards. Then the Pelishtim said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Shimshon, the choson of the Timni, because he had taken his isha, and given her to his companion. And the Pelishtim came up, and burned her and her av with eish.

|21| And Shimshon said unto them, Since ye have done this, yet will I be avenged of you and after that I will cease. And he struck them hip and thigh with a makkah gedolah; and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam. Then the Pelishtim went up and encamped in Yehudah, and spread themselves out in Lechi.

|22| And the ish Yehudah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Shimshon are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. Then three thousand men of Yehudah went to the top of the rock Etam and said to Shimshon, Knowest thou not that the Pelishtim are rulers over us? What is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them.

|23| And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the yad Pelishtim. And Shimshon said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. And they spoke unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their yad; but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two avotim chadashim (new ropes), and brought him up from the rock. And when he came unto Lechi, the Pelishtim shouted against him; and the Ruach of Hashem came mightily upon him, and the avotim that were upon his arms became as flax that was burned with eish, and his binding loosed from off his hands. And he found a new jawbone of a chamor, and put forth his yad and took it and slaughtered a thousand men therewith.

|24| And he was very thirsty, and called on Hashem, and he answered, To bind Shimshon are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. And Shimshon said, With the lechi (jawbone) of a chamor heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of a chamor have I slain a thousand men. And it came to pass when he had made an end of speaking that he cast away the jawbone out of his yad, and called that place Ramat Lechi (Jawbone Hill). And he said, Thou
hast given this teshu'ah hagedolah (great victory, rescue, salvation) into the yad of thy eved; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the yad of the arelim?

[19] But Elohim split open the hollow place that is at Lechi, and there came mayim thereout; and when he had drunk, his ruach came again, and he revived; wherefore he called the shem thereof En HaKorei (Spring of the Caller), which is in Lechi unto this day.

[20] And he judged Yisroel in the days of the Pelishtim esrim shanah.

Then went Shimshon to Azah (Gaza), and saw there a zonah, and went in unto her.

[2] And it was told the Azah people, saying, Shimshon is come here. And they surrounded him, and laid wait for him kol halailah in the sha'ar HaIr, and were quiet kol halailah, saying, In the ohr haboker, we shall kill him.

[3] And Shimshon lay till khatzot halailah, and arose at khatzot halailah, and took the daletot sha'ar HaIr, and the two mezuzot, and went away with them, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before Chevron.

[4] And it came to pass afterward, that he fell in love with an isha in the Sorek Valley, whose shem was Delilah.

[5] And rulers of the Pelishtim came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, see wherein his ko'ach gadol lieth, by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of kesef.

[6] And Delilah said unto Shimshon, Tell me, now, wherein thy koach gadol lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to subdue thee.

[7] And Shimshon said unto her, If they bind me with shivah fresh bowstrings that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as any adam.

[8] Then the rulers of the Pelishtim brought up to her shivah fresh bowstrings which had not been dried, and she bound him with them.

[9] Now there were men lying in wait, abiding with her in the cheder. And she said unto him, The Pelishtim be upon thee, Shimshon. And he broke the bowstrings, as a piece of thread is broken when it toucheth the eish. So his ko'ach was not known.

[10] And Delilah said unto Shimshon, Hinei, thou hast mocked me, and told me kezavim (lies); tell me, now, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

[11] And he said unto her, If thou weavest the sheva braids of my head with the web [fabric on the loom], and fasten it with the pin... Again she called to him, The Pelishtim be upon thee, Shimshon. And he awakened out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the loom, and with the web.

[15] And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine lev is not with me? Thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy ko'ach gadol lieth.

[16] And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, so that his nefesh was vexed unto death; that he told her all his lev, and said unto her, There hath not come a morah (razor) upon mine head; for I have been a Nazir Elohim from my mother's beten; if I be shaven, then my ko'ach will go from me, and I shall become weak, and be like any other adam.

[18] And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his lev, she sent and called for the rulers of the Pelishtim, saying, Come up this once, for he hath showed me all his lev. Then the rulers of the Pelishtim came up unto her, and brought kesef in their yad.

[19] And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for an ish, and she caused him to shave off the sheva braids of his head; and she began to torment him, and his ko'ach went from him.

[20] And she said, The Pelishtim be upon thee, Shimshon. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before and shake myself. And he knew not that Hashem was departed from him.

[21] But the Pelishtim took him, and gouged out his eyes, and brought him down to Azah (Gaza), and bound him with fetters of nechoshet; and he did
And there was an ish from har Ephrayim, whose shem was Mikhay'hu.
[2] And he said unto his em, The eleven hundred pieces of kesef that were taken from thee, about which thou did utter a curse, and spoke of also in mine ears, Hinei, the kesef is with me; I took it. And his em said, Baruch beni LaHashem.
[3] And when he had restored the eleven hundred pieces of kesef to his em, his em said, I had wholly set apart as kodesh the kesef unto Hashem from my hand for beni (my son), to make a pesel (carved image, idol [See Ex 20:4]) and a masekhah (an image cast from a mold [See Ex 32:4]); now therefore I will return it unto thee.
[4] So he restored the kesef unto his em; and his em took two hundred pieces of kesef and gave them to the tzoref (goldsmith), who made thereof a pesel and a masekhah; and they were in the bais Mikhay'hu.
[5] And the ish Mikhay'hu had a bais elohim, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and ordained one of his banim, who became his kohen.
[6] In those yamim there was no melech in Yisroel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.
[7] Meanwhile there was a na'ar from Beit-Lechem Yehudah of the mishpakhat Yehudah, who was a Levi, and he sojourned there.
[8] And the ish departed out of the Ir from Beit-Lechem Yehudah to sojourn where he could find a place; and he came to har Ephrayim to the bais Mikhay'hu, as he made his derech.
[9] And Mikhay'hu said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levi of Beit-Lechem Yehudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place.
[10] And Mikhay'hu said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me an av and a kohen, and I will give thee ten pieces of kesef a year, and a set of begadim, and mikhyah (maintenance, livelihood). So the Levi went in.
[11] And the Levi agreed to dwell with the ish; and the na'ar was unto him as one of his banim.
[12] And Mikhay'hu ordained (literally, filled the hands of, consecrated, appointed as his own priest) the Levi; and the na'ar became his kohen, and I will give thee ten pieces of kesef a year, and a set of begadim, and mikhyah (maintenance, livelihood). So the Levi went in.
[13] Then said Mikhay'hu, Now I have da'as that Hashem will do me good, seeing I have a Levi as my kohen.

In those days there was no melech in Yisroel; and in those days the shevet (tribe) of the Dani sought them a nachalah to dwell in; for unto that day none had fallen for him [Dan] among the Shivtei Yisroel.
And the Bnei Dan sent of their mishpakhat five anashim out of their whole number, anashim, Bnei Chayil, from Tzorah, and from Eshta’ol, to spy out the land, and to explore it; and they said unto them, Go, explore the land; and when they came to har Ephrayim, to the bais Mikhayhu, they lodged there.

When they were at the bais Mikhah, they recognized the voice of the na’ar the Levi; so they turned in there, and said unto him, Who brought thee here? And what doth thou in this place? And what is thy business here?

And he said unto them, Thus and thus dealteth Mikhah with me, and hath hired me, and I am his kohen.

And they said unto him, Ask counsel of Elohim, that we may have da’as of whether our derech shall succeed.

And the kohen said unto them, Go, in shalom; your derech shall succeed.

And the 600 men armed with keli milchamah.

And the Bnei Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry people that were peaceful and unsuspecting; and there was no one in authority in the land, that might put them to shame for anything; but they were far from the Tzidonim, and had no ties with adam.

And they returned unto their achim to Tzorah and Eshta’ol; and their achim said unto them, Mah atem (What do you [report]?)

And they said, Arise, that we may go up against them; for we have seen ha’aretz, and, hinei, it is tovah me’od; and will ye do nothing? Be not slothful to go, but enter in to possess ha’aretz.

When ye go, ye shall come unto an Am bote’ach (unsuspecting people), and to ha’aretz rachavat; for Elohim hath given it into your hands; a place where there is no lack of anything that is in ha’aretz.

And they went from thence of the mishpakhat HaDani, out of Tzorah and out of Eshta’ol, 600 men armed with keli milchamah.

And they went up, and encamped in Kiryat-Yearim, in Yehudah; wherefore they called that place Machaneh Dan unto this day; hinei, it is behind Kiryat-Yearim.

And they passed thence unto har Ephrayim, and came unto the bais Mikhah.

Then answered the five anashim that went to spy out ha’aretz Layish, and said unto their achim, Do ye know that there is in these batim ephod, teraphim, pesel, and maskhah? Now therefore consider what ye have to do.

And they turned thitherward, and came to the bais hana’ar haLevi, even unto the bais Mikhah, and gave him a shalom greeting.

And the 600 men armed with their keli milchamah, which were of the Bnei Dan, stood by the petach hasha’ar.

And the five anashim that went to spy out ha’aretz Layish, went up, and came in thither, and took the pesel, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the maskhah; and the kohen stood in the petach hasha’ar with the 600 men that were armed with keli milchamah.

And these went into bais Mikhah, and fetched the pesel, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the masakah. Then said the kohen unto them, What are ye doing?

And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine yad upon thy mouth, and come with us, and be to us an av and a kohen; is it better for thee to be a kohen unto the bais ish echad, or that thou be a kohen unto a shevet and a mishpakhat in Yisroel?

And the lev hakohen was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the pesel, and went in the midst of the people.

So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the mikneh and the belongings in front of them.

And when they were a good way from the bais Mikhah, the men that were in the batim (houses) near to bais Mikhah were gathered together, and overtook the Bnei Dan.

And they cried unto the Bnei Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Mikhah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company?

And he said, Ye have taken away my g-ds which I made, and the kohen, and ye are gone away; and what have I more? And what is this that ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

And the Bnei Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry anashim run upon thee, and thou lose thy nefesh, with the nefesh of thy household.

And the Bnei Dan went their way; and when Mikhah saw that they were chazakim, too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his bais

T.N. By now we are seeing the point of the story, which is how Dan became infected with apostate religion; see their omission Rev chp 7.

And they took the things which Mikhah had made, and the kohen which he had, and came unto Layish unto a people that were peaceful and unsuspecting and they struck them with the
edge of the cherev, and burnt the ir with eish.

|28| And there was no matzil (deliverer, rescuer), because it was far from Tzidon, and they had no tie with adam (any man); and it was in the valley that lieth near Beit-Rechov. And they built an ir, and dwelt therein.

|29| And they called the shem of the Ir Dan, after the shem of Dan their av, who was born unto Yisroel; howbeit the shem of the Ir was Layish previously.

|30| And the Bnei Dan set up the pesel; and Y'honatan ben Gershom ben Menasheh, he and his banim were kohanim to the shevet haDani until the yom Golus HaAretz [722 B.C.E].

|31| During all the time that the Bais HaElohim was in Shiloh they set up for them pesel Mikhah, which he made.

And it came to pass in those days, when there was no melech in Yisroel, that there was a certain Levi sojourning in the remote har Ephrayim country, who took to him a pilegesh out of Beit-Lechem Yehudah.

|2| And his pilegesh played the zonah against him, and went away from him unto her bais av to Beit-Lechem Yehudah, and was there four whole months.

|3| And her ish arose, and went after her, to speak unto her lev, and to bring her back, having his na'ar (servant) with him, and a couple of donkeys; and she brought him into her bais av; and when the avi hana'arah saw him, he had simcha to welcome him.

|4| And his khoten (father-in-law), the avi hana'arah, held him fast; and he abode with him shloshet yamim; so they did eat and drink, and lodged there.

|5| And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the boker, that he rose up to depart; the avi hana'arah said unto his choson (son-in-law), Refresh thine lev with a morsel of lechem, and afterward go your way.

|6| And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together; for the avi hana'arah had said unto the ish, Be pleased, and tarry all night, and let thine lev be content.

|7| And when the ish rose up to depart, his khoten (father-in-law) urged him; therefore he lodged there again.

|8| And he arose early in the boker on the yom hachamishi to depart; and the avi hana'arah said, Refresh now thine lev. Tarry till the yom turns [past midday], and they did eat both of them.

|9| And when the ish rose up to depart, he, and his pilegesh, and his na'ar, his khoten (father-in-law), the avi hana'arah, said unto him, Hinei, now the yom draweth toward erev, tarry the night now; hinei, the yom groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine lev may be content; and makhar (tomorrow) get you early on your derech, that thou mayest go to your ohel.

|10| But the ish would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came to nokhach (straight before, in the direction of) Yevus, which is Yerushalayim; and there were with him two donkeys saddled, his pilegesh also was with him.

|11| And when they were near Yevus, the yom was far spent; and the avi hana'arah said unto his adon, Come, now, and let us turn in into ir haYevusi, and lodge in it.

|12| And his adon said unto him, We will not turn aside hither into the ir nochri, that is not of the Bnei Yisroel; we will pass over to Giv'ah.

|13| And he said unto his na'ar, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Giv'ah, or in Ramah.

|14| And they passed on and went their way; and the shemesh went down upon them when they were near Giv'ah, which belongeth to Binyamin.

|15| And they turned aside thither, to go in and to lodge the night in Giv'ah; and when he went in, he sat him down in the rechov of the ir; for there was no ish that took them into his bais to lodge the night [T.N. See Iyov 31:32 regarding the sin here, made more shameful in that it was committed against a Levi].

|16| And, hinei, there came an ish zaken from his work out of the sadeh at erev, and the ish was also from har Ephrayim; and he sojourned in Giv'ah; but the anashim of the place were Bnei Yemini (Benjamites).

|17| And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw haish haoreach (the wayfaring man, traveling man) in the rechov haIr; and the ish hazaken said, Whither goest thou? And whence comest thou? And whence comest thou?

|18| And he said unto him, We are passing from Beit-Lechem Yehudah toward the remote har Ephrayim country; from thence am I; and I went to Beit-Lechem Yehudah, but I am now going to the Bais Hashem [see 18:31]; but there is no ish that receiveth me into the bais.

|19| Yet there is both straw and fodder for our donkeys; and there is...
lechem and yayin also for me, and for thy amah (maidservant), and for the na'ar which is with thy avadim; there is no machsor (want, need) of any thing. [20] And the ish hazaken said, Shalom lach; howsoever ye want, need of any thing, let all thy wants lie upon me; I will not pay heed to him; so the ish rose up, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer. Then the ish took [the corpse] upon a donkey, and the ish rose up, and set out for his makom (place, home). [21] So he brought him into his bais, and mixed fodder for the donkeys; and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink. [22] Now as they were making their hearts content, hinei, the isha, his pilegesh, was fallen at the petach bais haish! And her hands were upon the sahf (threshold). [23] And the ish hazaken went out unto them, saying, Bring out the isha that came into thine bais, the Ba'al HaBayit, the Bnei Yisroel, saying, Bring out the isha that came into thine bais, that we may know him. [24] Hinei, here is my bat a betulah, and his pilegesh; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth hatov unto your eyes; but unto this ish do not so devar hanevalah (vile, wicked, disgrace) in Yisroel. [25] But the anashim would not pay heed to him; so the ish took his pilegesh, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her kol halalah until the boker; and when the shachar (dawn) came, they let her go. [26] Then came the isha at the break of haboker, and fell down at the petach bais haish where her adon was, ad haohr (until daylight, sunrise). [27] And her adon rose up in the boker, and opened the dalot habais, and stepped out to go on his derech; and, hinei, the isha, his pilegesh, was fallen at the petach habais! And her hands were upon the sahf (threshold). [28] And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer. Then the ish took [the corpse] upon a donkey, and the ish rose up, and set out for his makom (place, home). [29] And when he was come into his bais, he took a ma'akhelet (knife), and laid hold on his pilegesh, and divided her, together with her atzmot, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the territory of Yisroel. [30] And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the yom that the Bnei Yisroel came up out of Eretz Mitzrayim unto this day; give ye heed unto it, make up your minds [about the punishment], and speak. Then all the Bnei Yisroel came out, and HaEdah was gathered together as ish echad, from Dan even to Beer-Sheva, including Eretz Golan and HaAm, even of kol Shivtei Yisroel, even of kol Shivtei Yisroel, and a thousand out of ten thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to supply provisions for the troops, that they may do, when they come to Giv'ah. [31] So kol ish Yisroel were gathered against the Ir, k'ish echad chaverim (comrades as one man, united as one). [32] And kol haAm arose as ish echad, saying, We will not any of us go to his ohel, neither will we any of us return into his bais. [33] And the Shivtei Yisroel sent anashim through all the shevitei Binyamin, saying, What ra'ah is this that is done among you? [34] Now therefore deliver us the anashim, the Bnei Binyamin, which are in Giv'ah, that we may put them to death, and purge ra'ah from amongst us. [35] And the ba'alei haGiv'ah rose against me, and surrounded the bais upon me by lailah, and intended to have murdered me; and my pilegesh have they raped, that she is dead. [36] And I took my pilegesh, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout kol sedeh nachalat Yisroel; for they have committed zimmah (lewdness) and nevalah (wickedness, outrage, disgrace) in Yisroel. [37] Hinei, ye are all Bnei Yisroel; give here your advice and ezah (counsel, verdict). [38] And kol haAm arose as ish echad, saying, We will not any of us go to his ohel, neither will we any of us return into his bais. [39] But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Giv'ah; we will go up bigoral (by lot) against it; [40] And we will take ten anashim of a hundred throughout kol Shivtei Yisroel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to supply provisions for the troops, that they may do, when they come to Giv'ah of Binyamin, according to all the nevalah that they have wrought in Yisroel. [41] So kol ish Yisroel were gathered against the Ir, k'ish echad, from Dan even to Beer-Sheva, including Eretz Golan and HaAm, even of kol Shivtei Yisroel, gathered themselves in the Kahal Am HaElohim, four hundred thousand foot soldiers armed with cherev. [42] And the Shivtei Yisroel sent anashim through all the shevitei Binyamin, saying, What ra'ah is this that is done among you? [43] Now therefore deliver us the anashim, the Bnei Binyamin, which are in Giv'ah, that we may put them to death, and purge ra'ah from amongst us. But the Bnei Binyamin would not pay heed to the voice of their achim the Bnei Yisroel.
| 14 | But the Bnei Binyamin gathered themselves together out of the towns unto Giv‘ah, to go out for milchamah against the Bnei Yisroel. |
| 15 | And the Bnei Binyamin mustered at that time out of the cities twenty and six thousand men armed with cherev, beside the inhabitants of Giv‘ah, which mustered seven hundred ish bachur (chosen men). |
| 16 | Among all this people there were seven hundred ish bachur every one could sling stones at the se‘ar (the hair), and not miss. |
| 17 | And the ish Yisroel, apart from Binyamin, mustered 400,000 men armed with cherev; all these were ish milchamah. |
| 18 | And the Bnei Yisroel arose, and went up to Beit-El, and asked counsel of Elohim, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the milchamah against the Bnei Binyamin? And Hashem said, Yehudah shall go up first. |
| 19 | And the Bnei Yisroel rose up in the boker, and encamped against Giv‘ah. |
| 20 | And the Ish Yisroel went out to battle against Binyamin; and the Ish Yisroel put themselves in array to fight against them at Giv‘ah. |
| 21 | And the Bnei Binyamin went forth against HaAm, and were drawn away from the Ir; and they began to inflict casualties on HaAm, as at other times, in the sadeh and on the roads, of which one road goeth up to Beit-El, and the other road to Giv‘ah, killing about sheloshim ish b‘Yisroel. |
| 22 | And the HaAm Ish Yisroel took courage, and formed their battle line again in the place where they put themselves in array the first day. |
| 23 | And the Bnei Yisroel went up and wept before Hashem until erev, and asked counsel of Hashem, saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the Bnei Binyamin achi? And Hashem said, Go up against him. |
| 24 | And the Bnei Yisroel came near against the Bnei Binyamin the second day. |
| 25 | And Binyamin went forth against them from Giv‘ah the second day, and cut down to the ground of the Bnei Yisroel another eighteen thousand men; all these were armed with the cherev. |
| 26 | Then kol Bnei Yisroel, and kol haAm, went up, and came unto Beit-El, and wept, and sat there before Hashem, and did a tzom that day until erev, and offered olot and shelamim before Hashem. |
| 27 | And the Bnei Yisroel inquired of Hashem, (for the Aron Brit HaElohim was there in those days, and Pinchas ben Elazar ben Aharon stood ministering before it in those yamim,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the Bnei Binyamin achi, or shall I cease? And Hashem said, Go up; for makhar (tomorrow) I will deliver them into thine yad. |
| 28 | And the Bnei Yisroel set an ambush in wait round about Giv‘ah. |
| 29 | And the Bnei Yisroel went up against the Bnei Binyamin on the Yom HaShelishi, and put themselves in array against Giv‘ah, as before. |
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| 32 | And the Bnei Binyamin said, They are defeated before us, as at the first. But the Bnei Yisroel said, Let us retreat, and draw them from the Ir unto the roads. |
| 33 | And Kol Ish Yisroel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-Tamar; meanwhile the ones of Yisroel waiting in ambush came forth out of their places, at Ma‘areh Geva. |
| 34 | And there came a frontal assault against Giv‘ah by ten thousand ish bachur out of kol Yisroel, and the milchamah was fierce; but they [the Bnei Binyamin] had no dra‘as that for them ra‘ah (evil, disaster) was near. |
| 35 | And Hashem defeated Binyamin before Yisroel; and the Bnei Yisroel struck down from Binyamin that day twenty and five thousand and a hundred ish, all these armed with cherev. |
| 36 | So the Bnei Yisroel saw that they were defeated; for the Ish Yisroel gave place before Binyamin, because they relied on the ones ambushing which they had positioned against Giv‘ah. |
| 37 | And the ones ambushing hasted, and rushed upon Giv‘ah; and the ones ambushing drew themselves along, and struck kol HaIr with the edge of the cherev. |
| 38 | Now there was a mo‘ed (appointed agreement) between the Ish Yisroel and the ones ambushing, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the Ir. |
| 39 | And when the smoke cloud began to arise up out of the Ir with an ammud ashan (pillar of smoke), the ones ambushing rose up out of their places, and put themselves in array in the fields of Baal-Tamar, and the ones ambushing drew themselves along, and struck kol HaIr with the edge of the cherev. |
| 40 | And when the smoke cloud turned in the milchamah, Binyamin began to inflict casualties on the Ish Yisroel about sheloshim ish; for they said, Surely they are defeated before us, as in the milchamah harishonah. |
Now the Ish Yisroel had taken an oath in Mitzpah, saying, There shall not any of us give his bat unto Binyamin as isha. And HaAm went to Beit-El, and abode there till evel before HaElohim, and lifted up their voices, and wept gadoł;

And it came to pass on the next day, that HaAm rose early, and built there a Mizbe'ach, and offered olot and shelamim. The Bnei Yisroel said, Who is there among kol Shivtei Yisroel that came not up to Mitzpah to Hashem? For they had made the shevuah hagedolah concerning him that came not up before Hashem to Mitzpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

And they said, What one is there of the Shivtei Yisroel that came not up with the Kahal unto Hashem? For they had made the shevuah hagedolah concerning him that came not up before Hashem to Mitzpah, saying, He shall surely be put to death.

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And they said, What one is there of the Shivtei Yisroel that came not up to Mitzpah to Hashem? And, hinei, there came none to the machaneh from Yavesh-Gilead to the Kahal.

For HaAm were numbered, and, hinei, there were none of the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead there.

And HaEdah sent thither 12,000 ish of the Bnei HeChayil, and commanded them, saying, Go and strike the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead with the edge of the cherev, with the women, and the children.

And this is the thing that ye shall do, Ye shall utterly destroy every zachar, and every isha that hath da’as of lying with man. And they found among the inhabitants of Yavesh-Gilead four hundred na’arah betulah, that had known no man by lying with any zachar; and they brought them unto the machaneh at Shiloh, which is in Eretz Kena’an.

And the kol HaEdah sent some to speak to the Bnei Binyamin that were at the Rock of Rimmon, and to proclaim shalom unto them. And Binyamin came again at that time; and they gave them nashim which they had saved alive of the women of Yavesh-Gilead; but they sufficed not for them. And HaAm had compassion for Binyamin, because Hashem had made a breach in the Shivtei Yisroel.

Then the Ziknei HaEdah (Elders of the Congregation) said, How shall we do for nashim for them that remain, seeing the isha are destroyed out of Binyamin? Then they said, Hinei, there is chag Hashem (feast of Hashem) in Shiloh yearly in a place which is on the north side of Beit El, on the east side of the road that goeth up from Beit El to...
Shechem, and on the south of Levonah.
[20] Therefore they commanded the Bnei Binyamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the kramim (vineyards);
[21] And watch, and, hinei, if the Banot Shiloh come out to join in dances, then come ye out of the kramim (vineyards), and catch you every ish his isha of the Banot Shiloh, and go to Eretz Binyamin.
[22] And it shall be, when their avot or their achim come unto us for riv (to complain), we [the Ziknei HaEdah] will say unto them, Give them to us, for we did not receive every ish his isha through the war; for ye have not given them unto them at this time; now would ye be guilty.
[23] And the Bnei Binyamin did so and took them nashim, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they caught; and they went and returned unto their nachalah, and repaired the towns, and dwelt in them.
[24] And the Bnei Yisroel departed from there at that time, every ish to his shevet and to his mishpakhah, and they went out from thence every ish to his nachalah.
[25] In those days there was no melech in Yisroel; every man did that which was yashar (right) in his own eyes.

SHMUEL ALEF

Now there was a certain man of Ramatayim Tzophim, of the hill country of Ephrayim, and his name was Elkanah ben Yerocham ben Elihu ben Tochu ben Tzuph, from Ephrat;
[2] And he had two wives; the name of the one was Channah, and the
name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had children, but Channah had no children.
[3] And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto Hashem Tzva'os in Shiloh. And the two banim of Eli, Chophni and Pinchas, the kohanim of Hashem, were there.
[4] And when the time was that Elkanah offered sacrifice, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her banim and her banot, portions;
[5] But unto Channah he gave a double portion; for he loved Channah; but Hashem had shut up her womb.
[6] And her tzarah (adversary) also provoked her greatly, for to make her fret, because Hashem had shut up her womb.
[7] And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the Bais Hashem, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat.
[8] Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Channah, why weepest thou? And why eatest thou not? And why is thy lev bitter? Am not I better to thee than asarah banim?
[9] So Channah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli HaKohen sat upon a chair by mezzuat Heikhal Hashem.
[10] And she said Elkanah her husband to her, Channah, who art thou that thou wast so bitter of countenance? is it for wine or for strong drink? And she answered, and not for wine or for strong drink was it, but I pray the Lorp, the God of Israel, that I have not eaten wine nor strong drink, bid not I, and show not I a beshert (oppressed spirit).
[11] And she vowed a neder, and said, O Hashem Tzva'os, if thou wilt indeed look on the misery of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid zera (seed), then I will give him unto Hashem kol yamei of his chayyah, and there shall no razor come upon his head.
[12] And it came to pass, as she continued davening before Hashem, that Eli observed her mouth.
[13] Now Channah, she davened in her lev; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought her to be shikkorah.
[15] And Channah answered and said, No, adoni, I am an isha of a keshat ruach (oppressed spirit); I have drunk neither yayin nor strong drink, but have poured out my nefesh before Hashem.
[16] Take not thine amah (handmaid, servant) for a bat Beliyaal; for out of the abundance of my anguish and ka'as (grief) have I davened hitherto.
[17] Then Eli answered and said, Go in shalom; and Elohei Yisroel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of Him.
[18] And she said, Let thine handmaid find chen (grace, favor) in thy sight. So the isha went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.
[19] And they rose up in the boker early, and worshiped before Hashem and returned, and came to their bais in Ramah; and Elkanah knew Channah his wife; and Hashem remembered her.
[20] And it came to pass in due time, after Channah had conceived, that she bore a ben, and called his name Shmuel (Heard of G-d) saying, Because from Hashem I have asked for him.
[21] And the man Elkanah, and all his bais, went up to offer unto Hashem the zevach hayamim (sacrifice of the days), and his neder (vow).
But Channah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before Hashem, and there abide forever.

And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only Hashem make good His devar. So the isha stayed, and nursed her ben until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, and one ephah of flour, and a skin of yayin, and brought him unto the Bais Hashem in Shiloh; and the child was young.

And they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli.

And she said, Oh adoni, as thy nefesh liveth, adoni, I am the isha that stood by thee here, davening unto Hashem.

For this child I davened; and Hashem hath given me my petition which I asked of Him; therefore also I make him one lent to Hashem; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to Hashem. And he worshiped Hashem there. And Channah davened, and said, My lev rejoiceth in Hashem, mine keren is exalted in Hashem; my mouth is opened wide over mine oyevim; because I rejoice with simchah in Thy Yeshuah (Salvation).

There is none kadosh like Hashem; for there is none besides Thee; neither is there any Tzur like Eloheinu.

Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not atak (insolence) come out of your mouth; for Hashem is El De'ot (a G-d who intensively knows), and by Him alilot (actions) are weighed.

Keshet gibborim are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with chayil (strength).

They that were full have hired out themselves for lechem; and they that were hungry are such no more; so that the barren hath born shivah; and she that hath rabbat banim withers in grief.

Hashem bringeth mot, and maketh chayyim; He bringeth down to Sheol, and raiseth up.

Hashem maketh poor, and bringeth oisher; He bringeth low, and lifteth up.

Hashem raiseth up the dal (poor) out of the aphar (dust), and lifteth up the evyon (needy) from the dunghill, to seat them among nedivim (nobles), and to make them inherit the kisse kavod; for the pillars of the earth belong to Hashem, and He hath set the tevel (world) upon them.

He is shomer over the feet of His chasidim, and the reshavim shall be silenced in choshech; for by ko'ach shall no ish prevail.

Those striving against Hashem shall be shattered; out of Shomayim shall He thunder upon him [the contentious]; Hashem shall judge the afsei eretz (ends of the earth); and He shall give oz (strength) unto His Melech, and exalt the keren (horn, power) of His Moshiach.

And Elkanah went to Ramah to his bais. And the na'ar was mesharet (minister) unto Hashem under Eli HaKohen.

Now the Bnei Eli were Bnei Beliyaal; they knew not Hashem. And the mishpat hakananim (kohen's custom) with the people was, that, when any ish offered zevach, the na'ar hakohen came, while the basar was cooking, with a mazleg (fork) of shlosh hashineayim (three prongs, lit. teeth) in his yad;

And he would plunge it into the kiyor (basin) or dud (kettle) or kalakhat (caldron) or parur (pot); all that the mazleg brought up the kohen took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto kol Yisroel that came there.

Also before they burned the chelev, the na'ar hakohen came, and said to the ish hazove'ach (man making the sacrifice), Give basar to roast for the kohen; for he will not accept cooked basar of thee, only raw.

And if any ish said unto him, Let them first not fail to burn the chelev, and then take as much as thy nefesh desireth; then he would answer him, Nay; but thou shalt hand it over to me now; and if not, I will take it by chazakah (force).

Wherefore the chattat hane'arim was gedolah me'od before Hashem; for the anashim treated with contempt the minchat Hashem.

But Shmuel was mesharet (minister) before Hashem, being a na'ar, girded with an ephod bad (linen robe).

Moreover immo made him a me'il katon (a little robe), and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her ish to offer the zevach hayamim (yearly or annual sacrifice, Ex. 28:31f).

And Eli put on Elkanah and his isha a brocha, and said, Hashem give thee zera of this isha in place of the she'elah (asked for [one] of) Hashem that was lent. And they went unto his makom (place, home).
[21] And Hashem visited Channah, so that she conceived, and bore three banim and two banot. And the na’ar Shmuel grew before Hashem.

[22] Now Eli was zaken me’od, and heard all that his banim did unto kol Yisroel; and how they lay with the nashim hatzove’ot (women in ministry service) at the petach Ohel Mo’ed.

[23] And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? For I hear of your evil deeds from kol HaAm (all the People).

[24] Nay, my banim; for it is no good report that I hear; ye make Am Hashem to transgress.

[25] If one ish sin against another ish, Elohim shall intervene as arbiter for him; but if an ish sin against Hashem, who shall entreat for him? Notwithstanding they paid heed not unto the kol HaAm (all the People). But now Hashem saith, Be it far from Me; for them that honor Me I will honor, and that they despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

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[27] And there came an Ish Elohim unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith Hashem, I said, Hineni; for thou didst call me. And he got up and went to Eli, and called the na’ar.

[28] And he ran unto Eli, and said, Hineni; for thou calledst me. And he answered, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

[29] Now Shmuel did not yet know Hashem; the Devar Elohim was yakev (precious, dear, rare) in those days; there was no chazon nifratz ([prophetic] vision open, spread out, common, i.e., prophetic vision was uncommon).

[30] Therefore Hashem Elohei Yisroel saith, I said indeed that thy Bais, and the Bais Avicha, should walk before Me ad olam (forever); but now Hashem saith, Be it far from Me; for them that honor Me I will honor, and that they despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

[31] And thou shalt see Tzar Ma’on (see 1Sm 4:11 and Jer 7:12-14) in spite of all that He had begun to grow dim, that I will cut off thine zero’a, and the zero’a of the Bais Avicha, that there shall not be a zaken in thine Bais.

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[33] And the ish of thine, whom I shall not cut off from Mine Mizbe’ach, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine nefesh; and all the increase of thine Bais shall die anashim i.e., not zekenim.

[34] And this shall be HaOt, that shall come upon thy two banim, on Chophni and on Pinchas: in one day they shall die both of them.

[35] And I will raise up for Me a Kohen Ne’eman, that shall do according to that which is in Mine lev and in My nefesh; and I will build for Mine Moshia’ah kol hayamim.

[36] And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine Bais shall come and bow before him [i.e., the Kohen Ne’eman] to get an agorat kesef (a silver coin) and a kikar lechem (loaf of bread), and shall say, Put me please into one of the Kehunot (Divisions of the Kehunah), that I may get a piece of lechem to eat.

[37] And the na’ar Shmuel ministered unto Hashem before Eli. And the Devar Hashem was yakev (precious, dear, rare) in those days; there was no chazon nifratz ([prophetic] vision open, spread out, common, i.e., prophetic vision was uncommon).

[38] And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was lying down in his makom (his eyes had begun to grow dim, that he could not see);

[39] And the Ner Elohim had not yet gone out in the Heikhal Hashem, where the Aron Elohim was, and Shmuel was lying down;

[40] That Hashem called Shmuel; and he answered, Hineni.

[41] And he ran unto Eli, and said, Hineni; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down.

[42] And Hashem called yet again, Shmuel. And Shmuel got up and went to Eli, and said, Hineni; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, beni; lie down again.

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[50] That Hashem called Shmuel; and he answered, Hineni.
And Hashem came, and stood, and called as at other times, Shmuel, Shmuel. Then Shmuel answered, Speak; for Thy eved shomei'a.

And Hashem said to Shmuel, Hinei, I am doing a thing in Yisroel, at which both the oznayim of every one that heareth it shall tingle.

In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his Bais; from beginning even to the end.

For I have told him that I will judge his Bais ad olam for the avon (iniquity) which he knoweth; because his banim brought klalot (curses) upon themselves, and he restrained them not.

And therefore I have sworn unto the Bais Eli, that there shall be no kapporah for the avon Bais Eli by zevach nor minchah ad olam.

And Shmuel lay until boker, and opened the dlatot Beis Hashem. And Shmuel feared to show Eli the mareh (vision).

Then Eli called Shmuel, and said, Shmuel, beni. And he answered, Hineni.

And he said, What is the davar that Hashem hath said unto thee? Now hide it not from me; Elohim do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide anything from me of all the things that He said unto thee.

And Shmuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is Hashem; let Him do what seemeth Him tov.

And Shmuel grew, and Hashem was with him, and did let none of his [Shmuel's] words fall to the ground.

And kol Yisroel from Dan even to Beer Sheva knew that Shmuel was established to be a navi of Hashem.

And Hashem appeared again in Shiloh; for Hashem revealed Himself to Shmuel in Shiloh by the Devar Hashem.

And the davar Shmuel came to kol Yisroel. Now Yisroel went out to meet in milchamah the Pelishtim (Philistines), and encamped at Even-Ezer; and the Pelishtim (Philistines) encamped at Aphek.

And the Pelishtim (Philistines) put themselves in array to meet Yisroel in battle; and when the milchamah spread, Yisroel was defeated before the Pelishtim; and they slaughtered on the ma'arakah (battleground) in the sadeh about arba'at alafim (four thousand men).

And when HaAm were come into the machaneh, the Ziknei Yisroel said, Why hath Hashem defeated us today before the Pelishtim? Let us bring the Aron Brit Hashem out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the palm of oyeveinu (our enemies).

So HaAm sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the Aron Brit Hashem Tzva'os, Who dwelleth between the keruvim; and the two Bnei Eli, Chophni and Pinchas, were there with the Aron Brit HaElohim.

And when the Aron Brit Hashem came into the machaneh, kol Yisroel shouted with a teru'ah gedolah, so that ha'aretz shook.

And the Pelishtim (Philistines) were afraid, for they said, elohim is come into the machaneh. And they said, Oy lanu! For there hath not been such a thing as this heretofore.

Oy lanu! Who shall save us out of the yad of these elohim ha'adirim (mighty g-ds)? These are the g-ds that struck the Mitzrayim with kol makkah (all the plagues) in the midbar.

Be strong and conduct yourselves like anashim, O ye Pelishtim (Philistines), that ye be not avadim unto the Ivrem (Hebrews), as they have been subject to you; conduct yourselves like anashim, and fight.

And the Pelishtim fought, and Yisroel was defeated, and they fled every ish into his ohel; and there was makkah gedolah me'od (a very great slaughter); for there fell of Yisroel shloshim elef foot soldiers.

And the Aron Elohim was captured; and the two Bnei Eli, Chophni and Pinchas, died.

And there ran an ish of Binyamin out of the ma'arakah (battleground), and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes torn, and with adamah upon his rosh.

And when he arrived, hinei, Eli sat upon a kisse by the side of the derech, watching; for his lev anxiously trembled for the Aron Elohim.

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And when Eli heard the sound of the outcry, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the ish came in hastily, and told Eli.

Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were kamah (set, stiff, fixed
And the ish said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the ma’arakhah (battle-ground), and I fled today from the ma’arakhah. And he said, What happened there, beni?

And the mevaser (herald, bringer of news, bearer of tidings, evangelist) answered and said, Yisroel is fled before the Pelishtim, and there hath been also a magefah gedolah among HaAm, and thy two banim also, Chophni and Pinchas, are dead, and the Aron HaElohim is captured.

And it came to pass, when he made mention of the Aron HaElohim, that he fell from off the kisse backward by the side of the sha’ar, and his neck was broken, and he died; for the ish was zaken (old) and kaved (heavy). And he had judged Yisroel arba'im shanah.

And his kallah (daughter-in-law), eshet Pinchas, was with child, near to be delivered; and when she heard the tidings that the Aron HaElohim was captured, and that her kham (woman’s father-in-law) and her ish were dead, she fell upon her knees in labor and gave birth; for her labor pains came upon her.

And about the time of her mot (death) the attending women said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born ben. But she answered not, neither did her lev pay attention.

And when they of Ashdod arose early the next day, hinei, Dagon was fallen upon his face on the ground before the Aron Hashem. And they took Dagon, and returned him to his makom.

And when they arose baboker on the next day, hinei, Dagon was fallen upon his face on the ground before the Aron Hashem; and the rosh Dagon and both the kapot (palms) of his hands were cut off upon the miftan (threshold); only the trunk of Dagon was left to him.

Therefore neither the kohanim of Dagon, nor any that enter Bais Dagon, tread on the miftan (threshold) of Dagon in Ashdod to this day.

But the Yad Hashem was heavy upon the Ashdodim, and He brought desolation, and struck them with techorim (tumors), even Ashdod and the vicinity thereof.

And when the anshei Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The Aron Elohei Yisroel shall not abide with us; for His Yad is hard upon us, and upon Dagon eloheinu.

So they sent and gathered together all the rulers of the Pelishtim (Philistines), and said, Send away the Aron Elohei Yisroel, and let it return to its own makom, [see 2Chr 6:41], that it slay us not, and our people; for there was a mehumah (tumult, public panic) of mavet (death) throughout kol HaIr; the Yad HaElohim was very heavy there.

And the anashim that died not were struck with the techorim (tumors); and the outcry of the Ir went up to Shomayim.

And the Aron Hashem was in the territory of the Pelishtim (Philistines) shivah chodashim.

And the Pelishtim (Philistines) called for the [Dagon] kohanim and the kosemim (sorcerers), saying, What shall we do with the Aron Hashem? Tell us wherewith we shall send it to its makom (place).

And they said, If ye send away the Aron Elohei Yisroel, send it not away empty; but ye brought the Aron Elohei Yisroel about to there.
shall surely return to Him an asham (trespass offering); then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His Yad is not removed from you.

|4| Then they said, What shall be the asham (trespass offering) which we shall return to Him? They answered, Five tchorim of zahav, and five akhbarim (rats) of zahav, according to the number of rulers of the Pelishtim: for one magefah (plague) was on you all, and on your rulers.

|5| So ye shall make tzalmei tchorim (likenesses of tumors) of yours, and tzalmei akhbarim (likenesses of rats) of yours, of that which mar the land; and ye shall give kavod unto Eloheichem (your g-ds), and from off your land. He will lighten His Yad on you all, and on your rulers.

|6| Now then why do ye harden levavchem, as the Mitrayim and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not turn not aside to the yamin or to the semol; and the rulers of the Pelishtim went after them as far as the border of Beit Shemesh.

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|8| And the cows took the straight derech to the derech Beit Shemesh, and went along the path, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the yamim or to the semol; and the rulers of the Pelishtim went after them as far as the border of Beit Shemesh.

|9| And they of Beit Shemesh were koterim (harvesting) their ketzir (wheat harvest) in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the Aron, and they rejoiced to see it.

|10| And they laid the Aron Hashem upon the agalah, and the box with the akhbarim of zahav and the tzalmei tchorim (likenesses of tumors) of theirs.

|11| And they took the Agalah chadashah (new cart, wagon), and take two milch cows, and hitched them to the agalah, and penned up their calves babayit;

|12| And the cows took the straight derech to the derech Beit Shemesh, and went along the path, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the yamin or to the semol; and the rulers of the Pelishtim went after them as far as the border of Beit Shemesh.

|13| And they of Beit Shemesh were koterim (harvesting) their ketzir chittim (wheat harvest) in the valley; and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the Aron, and they rejoiced to see it.

|14| And the agalah came into the sadeh of Yehoshua, a man of Beit Shemesh, and they chopped up the wood of the agalah, and take their calves home, away from them;

|15| And the Levim took down the Aron Hashem, and the box that was with it, wherein were the kelei hazahav, and put them on the even hagedolah (large rock); and the anashim of Beit Shemesh offered olot (burnt offerings) and sacrificed zevakhim (sacrifices) on that day unto Hashem.

|16| And when the five rulers of the Pelishtim saw it, they returned to Ekron on that same day.

[7] And these are the tchorim (tumors) of zahav which the Pelishtim (Philistines) returned for an asham (trespass offering) unto Hashem; for Ashdod one, for Azah (Gaza) one, for Askelon one, for Gat one, for Ekron one;

[18] And the akhbarim (rats) of zahav, according to the mispar of all the towns of the Pelishtim (Philistines) belonging to the five rulers, both of fortified cities and of country villages, even unto Avel HaGedolah, wherein they set down the Aron Hashem; it (the even hagedolah [See verse 15]) remaineth unto this day in the sadeh of Yehoshua, the man of Beit Shemesh.

[19] And He struck down the anashim of Beit Shemesh, because they had looked into the Aron Hashem [Num 4:20]; even He struck down of HaAm shivim ish [and chamishim elef ish]; and HaAm mourned, because Hashem had struck down many of HaAm with a makkah gedolah (a great stroke, blow).

[20] And the anashim of Beit Shemesh said, Who is able to stand before Hashem HaElohim HaKadosh Hazeh (HaAm this holy G-d)? And to whom shall He [Hashem dwelling with the Aron Hashem] go up from us?

[21] And they sent malachim to the inhabitants of Kiryat Ye’arim saying, The Pelishtim (Philistines) have returned the Aron Hashem; come ye down, and take it up to you.

[27] And the anshei Kiryat-Ye’arim came, and took up the Aron Hashem, and brought it into the bais Avinadav on the givah (hill), and set apart as kodesh Elazar bno to El’azar bno to
And it came to pass, while the Aron abode in Kiryat-Yearim, that the time was long; for it was esrim shanah; and kol Bais Yisroel mourned after Hashem.

And it thundered with a kol gadol on against Yisroel; but Hashem Pelishtim drew near to battle of the yad Pelishtim.

And Shmuel was old, and said unto him, If ye do return unto Hashem with all your hearts, put away the elohei hanekhar and Ashtarot from among you, commit your hearts unto Hashem, serve Him only; and He will deliver you out of the yad Pelishtim.

Then the Bnei Yisroel did put away Baalim and Ashtarot, and served Hashem only.

And Shmuel said, Gather kol Yisroel to Mitzpah, and I will make intercessory prayer and daven for you unto Hashem.

And they gathered together at Mitzpah, and drew mayim, and poured it out before Hashem, and did a tzom on that day, and said there, We have sinned against Hashem. And Shmuel judged the Bnei Yisroel at Mitzpah.

And when the Pelishtim heard that the Bnei Yisroel were gathered together at Mitzpah, the rulers of the Pelishtim went up against Yisroel. And when the Bnei Yisroel heard it, they were afraid of the Pelishtim.

And the Bnei Yisroel said to Shmuel, Cease not to cry out unto Hashem Eloheinu for us, that He will save us out of the yad Pelishtim.

And Shmuel took a suckling lamb, and offered him for an olah unto Hashem; and Shmuel cried out unto Hashem on behalf of Yisroel; and Hashem answered him.

And as Shmuel was offering up the olah, the Pelishtim drew near to battle against Yisroel; but Hashem thundered with a kol gadol on that day upon the Pelishtim, and threw them into confusion and panic; and they were struck down before Yisroel.

And the Anshei Yisroel went from Mitzpah, and pursued the Pelishtim, and struck them down, until they came to below Beit-Kar.

Then Shmuel took one even (stone), and set it up between Mitzpah and Shen, and called the shem of it Even-Ezer, saying, Hitherto hath Hashem helped us.

So the Pelishtim were subdued, and they came no more into the territory of Yisroel; and the yad Hashem was against the Pelishtim all the days of Shmuel.

And the towns which the Pelishtim had captured from Yisroel were restored to Yisroel, from Ekron even unto Gat; and the territory thereof did Yisroel deliver out of the yad Pelishtim. And there was shalom between Yisroel and HaEmori (the Amorites).

And Shmuel judged Yisroel all the days of his life.

And he went from shanah b'shanah in circuit to Yisroel; and there was his bais; and there was his teshuvah (return) was to Ramah; for there was his bais; and there he judged Yisroel; and there he built a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem.

And it came to pass, when Shmuel was old, that he made his banim shofetim over Yisroel.

Now the shem of his ben habechor was Yoel; and the shem of his mishneh (second), Aviyah; they were shofetim at Be'er Sheva.

And his teshuvah (return) was to Ramah; for there was his bais; and there he judged Yisroel; and there he built a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem.

And he said, This will be the mishpat hamelech (customary ways of the king, kingly perogative) that shall reign over them. And Shmuel told all the Divrei Hashem unto the people that asked of him a Melech.
and his chariot equipment.

And he will take your banot to be perfumers, and to be tabakh (cooks) and ofe’ot (bakers).

And he will take your fields, and your kramim (vines), and your olive groves, even the best of them, and give them to his avadim.

And he will take the tenth of your zera, and of your kramim (vines), and give to his officers, and to his avadim.

And he will take your avadim, and your shifchot, and your finest bochurim, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

And he will take the tenth of your tzon; and ye shall be his avadim.

And ye shall cry out in that day because of your melech which ye shall have chosen for you; and Hashem will not hear you in that day.

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Shmuel; and they said, No; but we will have a Melech over us; that we also may be like kol HaGoyim; and that our Melech may judge us, and go out before us, and fight milchamoteinu (our battles).

And Shmuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of Hashem.

And Shmuel said unto him, Hinei now, there is in this town an Ish Elohim, an ish nikhbad (an honorable man); all that he saith cometh surely to pass; now let us go there; perhaps he can show us darkeinu (our way) that we should go.

And he said unto him, Hinei, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of kesef; that will I give to the Ish HaElohim, to tell us darkeinu (our way) that we should go.

And when they were come to Eretz Tzuph, Sha’ul said to his na’ar that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest Avi stop caring for the donkeys, and become concerned for us.

And the donkeys of Kish Avi Sha’ul were lost. And Kish said to Sha’ul bno, Take now one of the nearim with thee, and pass through har Ephrayim, and passed through Eretz Shalisha, but they found them not; then they passed through Eretz Sha’alim, and they were not there; and he passed through the territory of Binyamin, but they found them not.

And when they were come to Eretz Tzuph, Sha’ul said to his na’ar, Come, and let us go to the ro’eh (seer): for he that is now called a navi was beforetime called a ro’eh (seer).

And he had a ben, shmo Sha’ul, a handsome bochur; and there was not among the Bnei Yisroel one more handsome than he; he was head and shoulders taller than kol HaAm.

And the donkeys of Kish Avi Sha’ul were lost. And Kish said to Sha’ul bno, Take now one of the nearim with thee, and arise, go look for the donkeys.

And he passed through har Ephrayim, and passed through Eretz Shalisha, but they found them not; then they passed through Eretz Sha’alim, and they were not there; and he passed through the territory of Binyamin, but they found them not.

And when Sha’ul bno was come, Sha’ul said to his na’ar that was with him, Come, and let us return; lest Avi stop caring for the donkeys, and become concerned for us.

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And Sha’ul again, and said, Hinei, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of kesef; that will I give to the Ish HaElohim, to tell us darkeinu (our way).

AndSha’ul bno answered Shmuel, But, hinei, he is ahead of you; make haste now, for he came today to the town; for there is a zevach (sacrifice) for HaAm today in the bamah (high place).

As soon as ye be come into the town, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat; for HaAm will not eat until he come, because ha yevarech hazevach (he doth bless the sacrifice); and afterwards hakru’im (the ones being invited) eat. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

And they went up into the town; and when they were come into the town, hinei, Shmuel came out toward them as he was going up to the bamah (high place).

Now Hashem galah (had revealed, unveiled) in the ozen (ear) of Shmuel yom echad before Sha’ul came, saying, Makhar (tomorrow) about this time I will send thee an ish out of Eretz Binyamin, and umeshachto (thou shalt anoint him) to be Nagid over My people Yisroel, that he may save My people out of the yad Pelishtim; for I have looked upon My people, because their cry has come unto Me.

Now there was an ish of Binyamin, shmo Kish Ben Aviel Ben Tzeror Ben Bechorat Ben Aphiach, an ish of Binyamin, a gibbor chayil (man of valor).
Then Shmuel took a flask of shemen, and poured it upon his rosh, and kissed him [Ps 2:12], and said, Hath not Hashem mashachacha (anointed thee) to be Nagid (anointed one) over His nachalah? [5] After that thou shalt come to the Givot HaElohim, where is the outpost of the Pelishtim (Philistines); and it shall come to pass, when thou art come there to the Ir, that thou shalt meet a chevel (company, band) of nevivim coming down from the high place with a nevel (lyre), tof (tambourine), khalil (flute), and kinnor (harp) before them; and they shall prophesy; [6] And the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be changed into an ish acher (another man, a different man).

[7] And let it be, when these otot (signs) are come unto thee, that thou do what yadecha (thy hand) finds [i.e., what thou seem fit to do]; for HaElohim is with thee. [8] And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, hinei, I will come down unto thee, to offer olot (burnt offerings), and to sacrifice zivkhei shelamim (sacrifices of peace offerings); shivat yamim shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

[9] And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Shmuel, Elohim changed for him a lev acher (another heart, a different heart); and all those otot (signs) came to pass that day. [10] And when they came there to the Giveah (Hill), hinei, a chevel (company, band) of nevivim met him; and the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Elohim came upon him, and he prophesied among them. [11] And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, hinei, he prophesied with the nevivim, then HaAm said one to another, What is this that hath happened unto...
the Ben Kish? Is Sha’ul also among the nevi’im?

|12| And an ish from that place answered and said, And who is avihem (their father, cf Amos 7:14)? Therefore it became a mashal (proverb), Is Sha’ul also among the nevi’im?

|13| And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the banah (high place).

|14| And the dod Sha’ul said unto him and to his na’ar, Where went ye? And he said, To search for the donkeys; and when we saw that they were nowhere, we came to Shmuel.

|15| And the dod Sha’ul said, Tell me, now, what Shmuel said unto you.

|16| And Sha’ul said unto his dod, He told us plainly that the donkeys were found. But of the matter of the melukhah (kingship), whereof Shmuel spoke, he told him not.

|17| And Shmuel called HaAm together unto Hashem at Mizpah;

|18| And said unto the Bnei Yisroel, Thus saith Hashem Eloheihem, I brought up Yisroel out of Mitzrayim, and delivered you out of the yad Mitzrayim, and out of the yad kol HaMamlachot, and of them that oppressed you; And ye have ye have this day rejected Eloheichem, who Himself was Moshi’a for you out of all your adversities and your zoros; and ye have said unto Him, No, but set a Melech over us. Now therefore present yourselves before Hashem by your Shevatim (Tribes), and by your alefim (thousands, larger kinship units).

|20| And when Shmuel had caused all the Shivtei Yisroel to come near, the Shevet (Tribe) of Binyamin was lakhad (taken [by lot], singled out [by lot]).

|21| When he had caused the Shevet (Tribe) of Binyamin to come near by their mishpekhot, the mishpakhah Matri was lakhad (singled out [by lot]), and Sha’ul Ben Kish was lakhad; and when they searched for him, he could not be found.

|22| Therefore they inquired of Hashem further, Has the ish come here yet? And Hashem answered, Hinei he isheh HaAm; and kol HaAm answered, May HaMelech live!

|23| And they ran and brought him out from there; and when he stood among HaAm, he was taller than any of HaAm from his shekhamim (shoulders) upward.

|24| And Shmuel said to kol HaAm, See ye him whom Hashem hath chosen? That there is none like him among kol HaAm? And kol HaAm shouted, and said, May HaMelech live!

|25| Then Shmuel told HaAm the mishpat haMelukkah (right of the monarchy; see also Dt. 17:14-20), and wrote it in a sefer, and deposited it up before Hashem. And Shmuel sent kol HaAm away, every ish to his bais.

|26| And Sha’ul also went home to Giveah; and there went with him the valiant whose lev Elohim had touched.

|27| But the Bnei Beliyaal said, How shall this one yoshi’einu (save us)? And kol HaAm lifted up their kol (voices), and wept. And they answered them, On this condition will I cut a brit with you, that I may gouge out all your ayin yamin (right eyes), and so bring cherpah upon kol Yisroel.

|3| And the Zekenim of Yavesh said unto him, Give us shivat yamim that we may send malachim unto all the territory of Yisroel; and then, if there be no moshia to save us, we will come out and surrender to thee.

|4| Then came the malachim to Givat Sha’ul, and told the devarim in the ozayim of HaAm; and kol HaAm lifted up their kol (voices), and wept.

|5| And, hinei, Sha’ul came after the bakar out of the sadeh; and Sha’ul said, What aileth HaAm that they weep? And they told him the divrei anshei Yavesh.

|6| And the Ruach Elohim came upon Sha’ul when he heard those devarim, and his anger was kindled greatly.

|7| And he took a tzemed bakar, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the territory of Yisroel by the hands of malachim, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Sha’ul and after Shmuel, so shall it be done unto his bais.

|8| And when he mustered them at Bezek, the Bnei Yisroel were three hundred elef, and the Ish Yehudah thirty elef.

|9| And they said unto the Ish Yehudah, Tomorrow, by the time the shemes is hot, teshuah will come to you. So the malachim came and reported it to the anshei Yavesh; and they had simchah.

|10| Therefore the anshei Yavesh said, Tomorrow we will come out to surrender unto you, and ye shall do

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with us all that seemeth tov in your eyes.  
[11] And it was so on the next day, that Sha'ul set HaAm into shloshash rashim (three companies); and they came into the midst of the machaneh in the ashmoret haboker (morning watch), and slaughtered Ammon until the chom (heat) of the yom; and it came to pass, that they which survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.  
[12] HaAm said unto Shmuel, Who is he that said, Shall Sha'ul reign as melech over us? Bring the anashim, that we may put them to death.  
[13] And Sha'ul said, There shall not an ish be put to death this day; for today Hashem hath wrought Teshuah (Salvation) in Yisroel.  
[14] Then said Shmuel to HaAm, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the Melech (kingdom) there.  
[15] And kol HaAm went to Gilgal; and there they made Sha'ul Melech before Hashem in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed zevakhim of shelamim before Hashem; and there Sha'ul and kol Anshei Yisroel rejoiced with simchah me'od.

12 And Shmuel said unto kol Yisroel, Hinei, I have paid heed unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have set a Melech over you.  
[2] And now, hinei, the Melech walketh before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, hinei, my baniam are with you; and I have walked before you from my youth unto hayom hazeh.  
[3] Hineni (here I am); testify against me before Hashem, and before His Moshiahc, Whose shor (ox) have I taken? Or whose chamor (donkey) have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose yad have I accepted any kofer to blind mine eyes therewith? And I will restitution make to you.  
[4] And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken anything from any yad ish.  
[5] And he said unto them, Ed Hashem (Hashem is witness) against you, and His Moshiach is Ed (witness) this day, that ye have not found anything in my yad. And they answered, He is Ed (witness).  
[6] And Shmuel said unto HaAm, It is Hashem that made Moshe and Aharon, and that brought avoteichem up out of Eretz Mitzrayim.  
[7] Now therefore stand still, that I may enter into shofet judgment with you before Hashem of kol tzidkot (all the righteous acts) [of Hashem], which He made for you and avoteichem.  
[8] When Yaakov was come into Mitzrayim, and avoteichem cried unto Hashem, then Hashem sent Moshe and Aharon, which brought forth avoteichem out of Mitzrayim, and made them dwell in this makom (place).  
[9] And when they forgot Hashem Eloheihem, He sold them into the yad Sisra, Sar Tzeva Chatzor, and into the yad Pehelstim, and into the yad Melech Moav, and they fought against them.  
[10] And they cried unto Hashem, and said, Chatanu (we have sinned), because we have forsaken Hashem, and have served Baulim and Ashtarot; but now deliver us out of the yad oyveineu (power, hand of our enemies), and we will serve Thee.  
[11] And Hashem sent Yerubaal (Gideon), and Bedan, and Yiftach, and Shmuel, and delivered you out of the yad oyveineu on every side, and ye dwelled betach (in safety).  
[12] And when ye saw that Nachash Melech Bnei Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, No; but a Melech shall reign over us: when Hashem Eloheichem was your Melech.  
[13] Now therefore behold the Melech whom ye have chosen, and for whom ye have made request! And, hinei, Hashem hath set a Melech over you.  
[14] If ye will fear Hashem, and serve Him, and obey His voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Hashem, then shall both ye and also the Melech that reigneth over you continue following after Hashem Eloheichem;  
[15] But if ye will not obey the voice of Hashem, but rebel against the commandment of Hashem, then shall the yad Hashem be against you, as it was against avoteichem.  
[16] Now therefore stand and see this davar hagadol (great thing), which Hashem will make before your eyes.  
[17] Is it not ketzir chittim (wheat harvest) today? I will call unto Hashem, and He shall send kolot (thunder) and matar (rain); that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is rabbah (great), which ye have made in the eyes of Hashem, in requesting for you a Melech.  
[18] So Shmuel called unto Hashem; and Hashem sent kolot and matar that day; and kol HaAm greatly feared Hashem and Shmuel.  
[19] And kol HaAm said unto Shmuel, Pray for thy avadim unto Hashem Eloheicha, that we die not; for we have added unto kol chattoteichu (all our sins) this ra’ah (evil), to ask for us a Melech.
And Shmuel said unto HaAm, Fear not; ye have done kol hara'ah hazot (all this wickedness); yet turn not aside from following Hashem, but serve Hashem with kol levavchem;

And turn ye not aside; for then should ye go after hatohu (the vain, empty thing, idol), which cannot profit nor deliver; for they are tohu (vain, empty).

For Hashem will not forsake His people for the sake of Shmo Hagedol; because it hath pleased Hashem to make you His people.

Moreover, as for me, chalilah (far be it) from me that I should sin against Hashem in ceasing to pray for you; but horeiti (I will teach) you the derech hatovah v'hayesharah (the good and upright way);

Only fear Hashem, and serve Him in emes with kol levavchem; for consider what great things He hath done for you.

But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your Melech.

It was in the first year of Shaul’s reign, and when he had reigned [his first] two shanim over Yisroel,

Shaul chose him shloshet alafim of Yisroel; whereof two elef were with Shaul at Michmash and in har Beit-El, and an elef were with Yonatan in Giveat Binyamin; and the rest of HaAm he sent back every ish to his ohel.

And Yonatan struck the outpost of the Pelishtim (Philistines) that was in Geva, and the Pelishtim heard of it. Then Shaul blew the shofar throughout kol HaAretz, saying, Let the Ivrim (Hebrews) hear.
Gey HaTzevo'im toward the midbar.

[19] Now there was no charash (blacksmith) found throughout kol Eretz Yisroel; for the Pelishtim (Philistines) said, Lest the Ivrin (Hebrews) make them cherev (sword) or khanit (spear);

[20] But kol Yisroel went down to the Pelishtim, to sharpen every ish his plowshare, and his spade, and his axe, and his hoe.

[21] And a dullness of the edges occurred in the plowshares, hoes, three pronged pitchforks, axes, and for repointing the darvon (goad).

[22] So it came to pass in the yom milchemet (day of battle), that there was neither cherev nor khanit found in the yad Yisroel. And kol HaAm that were with him were about shesh me'ot ish (six hundred men); with him were about shesh people, the army) that were Migron; and HaAm (the multitude) that were with him was there found.

[23] And the detachment of the Pelishtim (Philistines) went out toward Ma'avar Botzetz, and the shem of the one was Botzetz, and the shem of the other Seneh.

[4] And between the passes, by which Yonatan sought to go over unto the outpost of the Pelishtim, there was a rocky cliff on the one side, and a rocky cliff on the other side; and the shem of the one was Botzetz, and the shem of the other Seneh.


[6] And Yonatan said to the na'ar (young man) that bore his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the outpost of these arelim (uncircumcised); it may be that Hashem will act for us; for nothing restrains Hashem (uncircumcised); it may be that Hashem will act for us; for nothing restrains Hashem (so it was a cheredat Elohim (a panic from Elohim).

[7] And his armor-bearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine lev; turn thee; hineni, I am with thee according to thy lev.

[8] Then said Yonatan, Hinei, I am with thee according to thy lev. Do all that is in thine lev; turn thee; hineni, I am with thee according to thy lev.

[9] If they say thus unto us, Stand still until we come to you; then we will stand still tachteinu (in our place), and will not go up unto them.

[10] But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up; for Hashem hath delivered them into yadenu (our hand, power): and this shall be haot (the sign) unto us.

[11] And both of them showed themselves unto the outpost of the Pelishtim (Philistines); and the Pelishtim said, Hinei, the Ivrin (Hebrews) come forth out of the chorim (holes) where they had hid themselves.

[12] And the anashim of the outpost answered Yonatan and his armor-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will teach you a thing. And Yonatan said unto his armor-bearer, Come up after me, for Hashem hath delivered them into the yad Yisroel.

[13] And Yonatan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armor-bearer after him; and they fell before Yonatan; and his armor-bearer slaughtered behind him.

[14] And that first attack, which Yonatan and his armor-bearer made, killed about esrim ish (twenty men), within an area of half a yoke [i.e., the area an oxen yoke could plow in one day, or rather, half of that].

[15] And there was fearful panic in the machaneh, in the sadeh, and among kol haAm; the outpost, and the raiders, they also trembled, and hāaretz quaked; so it was a cheredat Elohim (a panic from Elohim).

[16] And the tzofim (watchmen, lookouts, sentries) of Sha'ul in Giveat Binyamin looked; and, hinei, the multitude melted away, and they went in all directions.

[17] Then said Sha'ul unto HaAm that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, hinei, Yonatan and his armor-bearer were not there.

[18] And Sha'ul said unto Achiyah, Bring here the Aron HaElohim. For the Aron HaElohim was at that time with the Bnei Yisroel.

[19] And it came to pass, while Sha'ul talked to the kohen (i.e., Achiyah), that the tumult that was in the machaneh Pelishtim went on and increased; and Sha'ul said unto the kohen, Withdraw thine yad [i.e., let's go].

[20] And Sha'ul and kol HaAm that were with him assembled themselves, and they went to the
milchamah; and, hinei, every cherev ish was against his fellow, and there was mehumah gedolah me’od (a very great confusion).  
[21] Moreover the Ivrim (Hebrews) that were with the Pelishtim (Philistines) before that time, which went up with them into the machaneh from the country round about, even they also turned to be with them of Yisroel that were with Sha’ul and Yonatan.  
[22] Likewise all the Ish Yisroel which had hid themselves in Har Ephrayim, when they heard that the Pelishtim fled, even they also followed hard after them in the milchamah (battle).  
[23] So Hashem saved Yisroel that day; and the milchamah continued raging even unto Be’it Aven.  
[24] And the Ish Yisroel were distressed that day; for Sha’ul had bound under oath HaAm, saying, Arur (cursed) be the Ish Yisroel that eateth lechem before the oath; wherefore he put his yad to his mouth; for devash was oozing; but no one came into the wood, hinei, the devash on the surface of the sadeh.  
[25] And when HaAm were come into the wood, hinei, the devash was oozing; but no one put his yad to his mouth; for HaAm feared the shevuah (oath).  
[26] But Yonatan heard not when aviv bound HaAm with the oath; wherefore he put forth the end of the matteh (staff) that was in his yad, and dipped it in a honeycomb of the devash, and put his yad to his mouth; and his eyes brightened.

Then said the kohen [Achiyah]. Let us draw near here unto HaElohim to inquire of G-d.

[37] And Sha’ul asked counsel of Elohim, Shall I go down after the Pelishtim? Wilt Thou deliver them into the yad Yisroel? But He did not answer him on that day.

[38] And Sha’ul said, Draw ye near here, all the pinnot (corners, chiefs of) HaAm; and know and see wherein this chattat hath been this day.

[39] For, as Hashem the Moshia Yisroel liveth, though it be in Yonatan beni (my son), he shall surely die. But there was none among kol HaAm that answered him.

[40] Then said he unto kol Yisroel, Be ye on one side, and I and Yonatan beni will be on the other side. And HaAm said unto Sha’ul, Do what seemeth tov in thine eyes.

[41] Therefore Sha’ul said unto Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Give a tamim (perfect lot). And Sha’ul and Yonatan were taken by lot; but HaAm escaped [from being taken by lot].

[42] And Sha’ul said, Cast lots between me and Yonatan beni (my son). And Yonatan was taken by lot.

[43] Then Sha’ul said to Yonatan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Yonatan told him, and said, I did but taste a little devash. And Sha’ul answered, Elohim do so and more also if thou shalt not surely die, Yonatan.

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[45] And HaAm said unto Sha’ul, Shall Yonatan die, who hath wrought this Yeshuah HaGedolah (Great Salvation, Deliverance, Rescue) in Yisroel? Chalilah (far be it!); as Hashem liveth, there

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shall not one hair of his rosh fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with Elohim this day. So HaAm rescued Yonatan, that he died not.

[46] Then Sha’ul stopped following the Pelishtim; and the Pelishtim withdrew to their own makom.

[47] So Sha’ul took the melachach (kingdom, establishment of sovereignty) over Yisroel, and fought against all his oyevim on every side, against Moav, and against the Bnei Ammon, and against Edom, and against the melachim of Tzovah, and against the Pelishtim; and everywhere he turned himself, he terrorized them.

[48] And he gathered an army, and struck Amalek, and delivered Yisroel out of the hands of them that plundered them.

[49] Now the Bnei Sha’ul were Yonatan, and Yishvi, and Malki-Sha’u; and the shmot of his two banot were these; the shem of the bechirah (first born [daughter]), Merav, and the shem of the younger Michal;

[50] And the shem of eshet Sha’ul was Achino’am Bat Achima’atz; and the shem of the Sar of his Tzeva was Avner Ben Ner and Ner was dod Sha’ul (uncle of Sha’ul).

[51] And Kish was Avi Sha’ul; Ner Avner was ben Aviel.

[52] And there was milchamah chuzakah against the Pelishtim all the days of Sha’ul; and when Sha’ul saw any ish gibbor, or any valiant man, he recruited him.

15 Shmuel also said unto Sha’ul, Hashem sent me limeshashachacha (to anoint thee) to be Melech over His people, over Yisroel; now therefore shema (pay heed) thou unto the voice of the Divrei Hashem.

[2] Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os, I remember that which Amalek did to Yisroel, how he waylaid him on the derech, when he came up from Mizrayim.

[3] Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both ish and isha, olel, and yonek, shor, seh, gamal, and chamor.

[4] And Sha’ul gathered HaAm together, and numbered them at Tela’im, two hundred elef foot soldiers, and ten elef Ish Yehudah.

[5] And Sha’ul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.

[6] And Sha’ul said unto the Keni, Go, depart, get you away from among the Amaleki, lest I destroy you with them; for ye showed chesed to kol Bnei Yisroel, when they came up out of Mizrayim. So the Keni moved away from among Amalek.

[7] And Sha’ul attacked Amalek from Chavilah until where thou comest to Shur, that is alongside Mizrayim.

[8] And he took Agag Melech Amalek alive, and destroyed with utter cherem destruction kol haAm with the edge of the cherev.

[9] But Sha’ul and HaAm spared Agag, and the best of the tzon and of the bakar, and of the fat bulls, and the fat sheep, and all that was tov, and would not utterly destroy them; but everything that was despised and worthless, that they destroyed with utter cherem destruction.

[10] Then came the Devar Hashem unto Shmuel, saying,

[11] I greatly regret and relent and reconsider that I have set up Sha’ul to be Melech; for he is turned back from following Me, and hath not performed My Devar. And it grieved Shmuel; and he cried out unto Hashem kol halailah.

[12] And when Shmuel rose early to meet Sha’ul in the boker, it was told Shmuel, saying, Sha’ul came to Carmel, and, hinei, he set up a yad (hand, i.e. memorial, monument) for himself. And he turned and went down to Gilgal.

[13] And Shmuel came to Sha’ul; and Sha’ul said unto him, Baruch atah l’Hashem; I have carried out the Devar Hashem.

[14] And Shmuel said, What meaneeth then this bleating of the tzon (sheep) in mine ears, and the lowing of the bakar (cattle) which I hear?

[15] And Sha’ul said, They have brought them from Amalek; for HaAm spared the best of the tzon and of the bakar, in order to sacrifice unto Hashem Eloheicha; and the rest we have destroyed in utter cherem destruction.

[16] Then Shmuel said unto Sha’ul, Stop, and I will tell thee what Hashem hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

[17] And Shmuel said, When thou wast katon (little) in thine own eyes, wast thou not made the Rosh Shivtei Yisroel, and Hashem anointed thee Melech over Yisroel?

[18] And Hashem sent thee baderech (on a mission), and said, Go destroy with utter cherem destruction the chatta’im (sinners), Amalek, and make war against them until they be consumed.

[19] Why then didst thou not obey the voice of Hashem, but didst pounce upon the plunder, and didst harah (the evil) in the eyes of Hasham?

[20] And Sha’ul said unto Shmuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of Hashem, and have done baderech
(on the mission) which Hashem sent me, and have brought back Agag Melech Amalek, and have destroyed Amalek with utter cherem destruction.

[21] But HaAm took of the plunder the tzon and bakar, the reshit of the cherem to sacrifice unto Hashem Elohei Yisroel at Gilgal.

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[26] And Shmuel said unto Sha'ul, I will not go back with thee: for thou hast rejected the Devar Hashem, He hath also rejected thee from being Melech.

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[28] And Shmuel said unto him, Hashem hath torn the robe, mantle, and he tore (it).

[29] And also the Netzach Yisroel (Eternal One of Israel) will not lie nor relent: for He is not an adam, that He should change His mind.

[30] Then he said, Chatati (I have sinned): yet honor me now, before the Ziknei Ami, and before Yisroel, and turn back with me, that I may worship Hashem Elohei Ami.

[31] So Shmuel turned back after Sha'ul: and Sha'ul worshiped Hashem.

[32] Then said Shmuel, Bring ye to me Agag Melech Amalek.

[33] And Shmuel said, As thy cher ev hath made nashim childless, so shall immecha be childless among nashim. And Shmuel cut Agag in pieces before Hashem at Gilgal.

[34] Then Shmuel went to Ramah; and Sha'ul went up to his bais at Giveat Sha'ul.

[35] Until his [Sha'uls] yom mot Shmuel came not again to see him: nevertheless Shmuel mourned for Sha'ul: and Hashem relented that He had made Sha'ul Melech over Yisroel.

T.N. This two-part work begins with the pollution of the religious worship by Eli's apostate sons who were kohanim during the time when the great prophet Shmuel (born ca. 1105 B.C.E.) was a child. 1Sm-2Sm ends with a foreshadowing of the purified Beis Hamikdash worship which was the Messianic vision of King Dovid (died ca. 970 B.C.E.). A subtle indication of this is the linen ephod worn both by little Shmuel (1Sm 2:18) and many years later by King Dovid (2 Sm 6:14; Ps 110:4). The ephod of the Kohen Gadol was an apron-like garment with an ornamented vest containing the Urim and Thummim used to determine the will of G-d (sacred lots that were cast to determine whether to go to war, etc). The kehunah (priesthood) we see being purified as the story of I-II Shmuel unfolds looks forward to the perfect Moshiach-Kohen who is coming (Ps. 110:4). A man of G-d comes to Eli and prophesies to him about the kehunah (priesthood) of his ancestor Aaron (see 1Sm. 2:27f). Eli is told that he and his sons will be replaced by another Aaronic family, which turns out to be the family of Zadok. Eli's branch of the kehunah will be broken off and 'I will raise up for Myself a ne'eman (faithful) kohen' (2:35), says the L-rd. Zadok and his sons will replace Eli and his sons, just as Dovid the king after G-d's own heart will replace Saul the unfaithful monarch and will take his crown (1Sm 28:17; Rv 3:11). Although Zadok was the immediate fulfillment, Moshiach Yeoshua finally and completely fulfills 2:35 through Ps 110:4 and Zech 3:8; 6:11-12 and Isa 33:10. One of the reasons King Saul angered G-d is because he usurped the role of kohen (1Sm 13:8-13), thus showing his lack of respect for G-d's holy kehunah and for the king's covenant obligation to keep the Torah (see Dt. 17:11-20). When he attacked and caused the death of the kohanim at Nob, that was the last straw, though he had already been condemned for rebelliously disobeying G-d in regard to the Amalakites (see 1 Sm 15:1-35; Ex 17:8-16; Dt 25:17-19). The only kohen to survive the massacre at Nob was Ahimelech's son Abiathar.
who, because he later supported David's son Adoniyah instead of Solomon as David's heir to the throne, was finally banished, leaving the Aaronic kehunah to Zadok and his sons. Since Ahimelech and Abiathar are descendents of Eli, we read the story of II Shmuel knowing there is a curse on them and that their branch of the Aaronic family tree will eventually lose the kehunah. Eli should have feared G-d enough not to eat and drink judgment on himself, especially in view of his unholy sons who were kohanim (see Le. 10:1,2,16-20).

The backdrop of Eli's decadent kehunah is the ominous military threat of the Philistines, who are on the brink of subjugating the whole land and are already in some sense holding sway (13:19-22), in spite of Shmuel's best efforts (7:2-17). The sinful people discover that the ark will not work as a good-luck charm or a magical weapon. Without teshuvah (repentance) and obedient holiness, Israel will be defeated, as Samson discovered in his own experience with the Philistines. But the Philistine g-d Dagon cannot stand in the presence of the ark; rather, it falls in broken obeisance. This means that if the people of G-d through their sin lose the power of G-d, that does not mean that G-d's Word has lost its power. G-d is the true king of Israel, and the people need to beware of the tyrannical exploitation they may be asking for when they act like other nations. It turns out that King Saul, lacking covenant loyalty to the Word of G-d, falls short of the theocratic ideal, and his life becomes a foil against which to view the description of the Moshiach in 2Sm. 7:12-17. 'But I will not take my steadfast love from him (David's Son, the Moshiach), as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you (David).' In I Sm 17 we see the killing by the youth David of the Philistine champion Goliath (10 feet tall, weighing in with a 150 lb. coat, and a 19 lb. spear head). David's victory over Goliath begins to trigger Saul's jealousy and eventual unraveling (18:7-8). Later Saul tries to kill David, but G-d puts a wonderful brotherly love for David in the heart of Saul's son Jonathan, who rescues David from Saul's murderous wrath and seems to hold a serene and unselfish knowledge that David and not he will inherit the throne (20:13-15). Like Jonathan, David's wife Michal, Saul's young daughter, also helps David escape (19:11-17). In the Philistine city of Gath David has to use his wits to save himself, pretending to be mad. The Philistine king Achish later makes David his mercenary and gives him the village of Ziglag (though, as his mercenary, David outwits him, and, in a holy war, destroys non-Israelite villages rather than his own Jewish people). In any event, Achish is convinced enough by David's acting skill to let him do whatever he wants (see 21:10-15) except fight side by side with the Philistine (29:3-11), something David doesn't want to do anyway, especially against his own people. Up to this point David with his own private army seems to act like a sort of Jewish Robin Hood, even hiring himself out as a private police force. When a wealthy sheep owner Nabal (naval = 'fool') rejects David and messianic association with him, and thereby proves himself a true 'fool,' his death opens the door for his widow to become David's wife. This woman, Abigail, is carried off from Ziklag by Amalekites (30:2) along with 'the women and all who were in' Ziklag.

In a foreshadow of the coming rejected Moshiach, David is almost stoned by his own people, very much like Moses (Ex. 17:4; I Sm. 30:6), both David and Moshe being messianic types of the Servant of the L-rd (Dt. 34:5; I Sm. 25:39; Isa. 53:11). Chapter 8:8 shows that G-d is a rejected G-d; therefore, we should not be surprised that the Moshiach is a rejected Moshiach (Isaiah 53). But notice that when David the King is rejected by the Jewish people, he is accepted by the Gentiles, the Philistines (see Acts 28:28)! Then, after that, the Jewish people accept him and crown him king, as we shall see in II Shmuel. At the end of I Shmuel, signalling that the people of Israel once again have no king and need David their King to be their deliverer, a horrible picture comes into view: Saul and Jonathan and all Saul's sons are killed by the Philistines at Mt Gilboa. ISm 3:7; ISm 2:12-17 contain ominous warnings against those who are dabbling in religion and have not had the new creation experience of the new birth.

16 And Hashem said unto Shmuel, Ad mosai wilt thou mourn for Sha'ul, seeing I have rejected him as Melech al Yisroel? Fill thine keren with shemen, and go, I will send thee to Yishai of Beit-Lechem: for I have provided Me a melech among his banim. [2] And Shmuel said, How can I go? If Sha’ul hear...
And he said, There remaineth yet the katan (small, young), and hinei, roeh batzon (tending the flock) is he. And Shmuel said unto Yishai, Send and get him; for we will not sit down [to eat] till he come here.

And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was adomoni (ruddy, of healthy red complexion) and withal of a yafeh countenance, and good-looking. And Hashem said, Arise, meshachehu (anoint) unto Me him whom I say unto thee.

[3] Then Shmuel took the keren of shemen, v’yimshach (and anointed) him in the midst of his achim; and the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem came upon Dovid from that day forward. So Shmuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

[14] But the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem departed from Sha’ul, and a ruach ra’ah from Hashem terrified and overwhelmed him [Sha’ul].

[15] And the avdei Sha’ul said unto him, Hinei now, a ruach Elohim ra’ah terrifieth and overwhelmed thee. Let adoneinu now command thy avadim, which are before thee, to seek out an ish, who is a menagen (player) on the kinnor (harp); and it shall come to pass, when the ruach Elohim ra’ah is upon thee, that he shall play with his yad, and thou shalt be tov (better, well).

[17] And Sha’ul said unto his avadim, Look for me now an ish that can play well, and bring him to me.

And he said, Take an eglat bakar (heifer of the herd) with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to Hashem. And call Yishai to the zevach, and I will show thee what thou shalt do; umashachta (and thou shalt anoint) unto Me him whom I say unto thee.

[1] Wherefore Sha’ul sent malachim unto Yishai, and said, Send me Dovid binecha, which is with the tzon. [20] And Yishai took a chamor laden with lechem, and a skin of yayin, and a gedi (young goat), and sent them by Dovid bno unto Sha’ul. [21] And Dovid came to Sha’ul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly; and he became his no’se kelim (armor-bearer).

[19] Now the Pelishtim gathered together their machanot (camps, military forces), for milchamah and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongeth to Yehudah, and encamped between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim.

[2] And Sha’ul and the Ish Yisroel were gathered together, and encamped by the Emek (valley) of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Pelishtim (Philistines).

[3] And the Pelishtim stood on the har on the one side, and Yisroel stood on the har on the other side; and there was a gey between them.

[4] And there went out an Ish HaBenayim [i.e., a middle-man champion whose single combat saves the day and decides the victor] out of the machanot of the Pelishtim, shmo Golyat (Goliath), of Gat, whose height was shesh cubits and a span.
And he had a kova (helmet) of nechoshet upon his rosh, and he was wearing a coat of mail armor; and the weight of the coat of armor was five thousand shekels of nechoshet.

And he had mitzchah (greaves, i.e., leg plate armor) of nechoshet upon his legs, and a kidron (javelin) of nechoshet [slung] between his shoulders.

And the khetz (shaft) of his khanit (spear) was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's blade weighed six hundred barzel (iron) shekels; and the no'se tzinnah (great shield bearer) walked ahead of him.

And he stood and cried out unto the ma'arakhot Yisroel (ranks of Israel), and said unto them, Why are ye come out to line up for milchamah? Am not I a Philistine, and ye avadim of Sha'ul? Choose you an ish for you, and let him come down to me, if he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your avadim; but if I prevail over him, and kill him, then shall ye be to us for avadim, and serve us.

And the Philistine said, I defy the ma'arakhot Yisroel this day; give me ish, that we may make khofshi b'Yisroel (free, tax-exempt in Israel).

Then rose up Dovid, and all his achim were with ma'arakhah (battle line), and said unto Yeshayahu haNavi, Why camest thou down l'ma'an (in order that) thou mightest watch the evil of thine levav; for thou art presumptuous, and the midbar? I know thy zadon (presumptuousness), and the Ish Yisroel is he come up; and it shall be, that the ish who killeth this Philishti, and taketh away the cherpah (reproach) from Yisroel? For who is this Philishti hearel (uncircumcised Philistene) that he should defy the ma'arakhah Elohim Chayyim (arrayed battle forces of the living G-d)?

And HaAm answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the ish that killeth this Philishti, and there shall be to him tax-exempt in Israel.

And Eliav achiv hagadol heard when he spoke unto the Philishti, and taketh away the cherpah from the ish that killeth this Philishti, and then came and gave shalom to the ma'arakhot Elohim Chayyim. What shall be done for the ish that killeth this Philishti, and taketh away the cherpah from the ish that killeth this Philishti?
And the Pelishti said unto Dovid, Am I a kelev (dog), and thou comest to me with maklot (sticks)? And the Pelishti cursed Dovid by his g-ds. And the Pelishti said to Dovid, Come to me, and I will give thy basar unto the oph hashomayim, and to the behemat hasadeh.

Then said Dovid to the Pelishti, Thou comest against me with a cherev (sword), and with a khanit (spear), and with a kidon (javelin); but I come against thee b'Shem Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Ma'arkhot Yisroel, whom thou hast defied.

This day will Hashem hand thee over into mine yad; and I will strike thee down, and take thine rosh from thee; and I will give the peger rosh therewith. And when the Pelishti saw his gibbor was cut off, he was greatly afraid. And when the Pelishti saw that his rosh was taken off, he fell on his face to the ground. He will give you (plural) into yadenu (our hands).

And it came to pass, when the Pelishti arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet Dovid, that Dovid hastened, and ran toward the ma'arakhah (battle line) to meet the Pelishti. And Dovid put his yad in his keli (bag), and took from there an even (stone), and slung it, and struck the Pelishti in his metzach (forehead), that the even (stone) sunk into his metzach; and he fell upon his face to the ground. So Dovid prevailed chazak over the Pelishti with a sling and with an even (stone), and struck down the Pelishti, and killed him; but there was no cherev in the yad Dovid. Therefore Dovid ran, and stood over the Pelishti, and took hold of his cherev, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slaughtered him, vyikhrat (and cut off) [See Daniel 9:26, Moshiach yikaret (will be cut off) but in Daniel the phrase means "Moshiach will be violently killed"] his rosh therewith. And when the Pelishtim saw their gibbor was dead, they fled.

And the Bnei Yisroel and of Yehudah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Pelishtim, until thou come to the gey (valley), and to the Shaarei Ekron. And the challei Pelishtim fell by the derech to Shaarayim, even unto Gat, and unto Ekron. And the Bnei Yisroel returned from chasing after the Pelishtim, and they plundered their machanot.

And Dovid took the rosh of the Pelishti, and brought it to Yerushalayim; but he put his kelim (weapons) in his ohol. And Dovid went forth to meet the Pelishti, he said...
unto Avner, the sar hatzavah, Avner, whose ben is this na'ar? And Avner said, As thy nefesh liveth, O Melech, I cannot tell. 

56 And the Melech said, Inquire thou whose ben this elem (young man) is. 

57 And as Dovid returned from the slaughter of the Pelishti, Avner took him, and brought him before Sha'ul with the rosh of the Pelishti in his yad. 

58 And Sha'ul said to him, Whose ben art thou, na'ar? And Dovid answered, I am the ben avdecha Yishai of Beit-Lechem.

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Sha'ul, that the nefesh Yonatan was kashur (tied together) with the nefesh Dovid, and Yonatan loved him as his own nefesh. 

2 And Sha'ul drafted him that day, and would let him return no more to the bais aviv. 

3 Then Yonatan and Dovid made a brit (covenant), because he loved him as his own nefesh. 

4 And Yonatan stripped himself of the me'il (robe) that was upon him, and gave it to Dovid, and his middah [war garments], even to his cherev, and to his keshet, and to his khamor (belt). 

5 And Dovid went out whithersoever Sha'ul sent him, and prospered; and Sha'ul set him over the anshei hamilchamah, and he was accepted in the sight of kol HaAm, and also in the sight of the avdei Sha'ul. 

6 And it came to pass as they came, when Dovid was returned from the slaughter of the Pelishti, that the nashim came out of all towns of Yisroel, singing and dancing, to meet Sha'ul HaMelech, with tambourines, with simchah, and with cymbals. 

7 And the nashim answered one another as they played, and said, Sha'ul hath slain his alafim, and Dovid his revavot (myriads).

8 And Sha'ul was very angry, and the saying was displeasing in his eyes and he said, They have ascribed unto Dovid revavot, and to me they have ascribed but alafim; and what can he have more but the maluchah (kingship)? 

9 And there was jealous suspicion in the way Sha'ul eyed Dovid from that day forward. 

10 And it came to pass on the next day, that the ruach Elohim ra'ah came upon Sha'ul, and he prophesied inside the bais; and Dovid made [kinnor] music with his yad, as at other times; and there was a khanit in the yad Sha'ul. 

11 And Sha'ul hurled the khanit; for he said, I will pin Dovid even to the wall with it. And Dovid escaped his presence twice. 

12 And Sha'ul was afraid of Dovid, because Hashem was with him, and was departed from Sha'ul. 

13 Therefore Sha'ul removed him from him, and made him his sar elef; and he went out and came in before HaAm. 

14 And Dovid was maskil (successful) in kol drakhim of him; and Hashem was with him. 

15 Wherefore when Sha'ul saw that he was maskil me'od, he was afraid of him. 

16 But kol Yisroel and Yehudah loved Dovid, because he went out and came in before them. 

17 And Sha'ul said to Dovid, Hinei bitti hagedolah Merav, her will I give thee as isha; only be thou ben chayil (valiant) for me, and fight Hashem's milchamot. For Sha'ul said, Let not mine yad be upon him, but let the yad Pelishtim be upon him. 

18 And Dovid said unto Sha'ul, Who am I? And what is my life, or the mishpakhat avi in Yisroel, that I should be Choson to HaMelech? 

19 But it came to pass at the time when Merav Bat Sha'ul should have been given to Dovid, that she was given as isha unto Adriel the Mecholati. 

20 And Michal Bat Sha'ul loved Dovid; and they told Sha'ul, and the thing was yashar in [Sha'ul's] eyes. 

21 And Sha'ul said, I will give him her, that she may be a mokesh to him, and that the yad Pelishtim may be against him. Wherefore Sha'ul said to Dovid, Thou shalt this day become Choson to me by one of my two. 

22 And Sha'ul commanded his avadim, saying, Commune with Dovid privately, and say, Hinei, HaMelech hath chafetz (desire) for not any mohar (dowry, bride price) but a hundred arelot (foreskins) of the Pelishtim, to be avenged of the oyvei HaMelech. But Sha'ul schemed to make Dovid fall by the yad Pelishtim.
[26] And when his avadim told Dovid these devarim, it pleased Dovid well to be Choson of HaMelech; and the yamim [leading up to the due-date of the arelot] were not expired.

[27] Wherefore Dovid arose and went, he and his anashim, and slaughtered of the Pelishtim (Philistines) two hundred ish; and Dovid brought their arelot, and they gave them in full count to HaMelech, that he might be the Choson of HaMelech. And Sha'ul gave him Michal bitto as isha.

[28] And Sha'ul saw and knew that Hashem was with Dovid, and that Michal Bat Sha'ul loved him.

[29] And Sha'ul was yet the more afraid of Dovid; and Sha'ul became oyev to Dovid, and that Michal Bat Sha'ul warned him, that he might be slain. And Sha'ul loved him. Sha'ul gave him Michal bitto as isha. Sha'ul made him his son-in-law, and prospered in military success more than all the avadim of Sha'ul; so that shmo became esteemed as of good reputation.

[30] Then the sarim of the Pelishtim went forth [to fight]; and it came to pass, after they went forth, that Dovid went forth, and it came to pass, after they fought with the Pelishtim (Philistines), and slaughtered of the Pelishti (Philistine), and their terafim in the mittah, and covered it with beged (cloth, garment).

[31] And when Sha'ul sent malachim to capture Dovid, she said, He is choleh (ill).

[32] And Sha'ul sent the malachim back to see Dovid, saying [to them], Bring him up to me in the mittah (bed), to have him slain.

[33] And when the malachim were come in, hinei, there was the terafim in the mittah, with a piece of woven goats hair at its head.

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And Sha'ul spoke to Yonatan [Yehonatan] bno, and to all his avadim, that they should kill Dovid. But Yehonatan Ben Sha'ul liked Dovid me'od.

[2] Yehonatan reported [this] to Dovid, saying, Sha'ul aviv seeketh to kill thee; now therefore be shomer in the sadeh (secret place) and hide thyself; and I will go out and stand beside avi in the sadeh (secret place) and hide thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

[3] And I will go out and stand beside avi in the sadeh (secret place) and hide thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

[4] And Yehonatan spoke tov of Dovid unto Sha'ul aviv, and said unto him, Let not HaMelech commit chet against his eved, against Dovid; because he hath not committed chet against thee, and because his ma'asim have been toward thee tov me'od:

[5] For he did put his nefesh in his yad, and slaughtered the Pelishtim (Philistines), and Hashem wrought Teshuah Gedolah for kol Yisroel; thou sawest it, and didst rejoice with simcha. Why then wilt thou commit chet against dahm naki (innocent blood), to slay Dovid chinom (without cause)?

[6] And Sha'ul paid heed unto the voice of Yehonatan; and Sha'ul swore a shevuah, unto the voice of Yehonatan; and Sha'ul swore a shevuah, that he would not slay Dovid chinom (without cause).

[7] And Yehonatan called Dovid, and Yehonatan reported to him all these devarim. And Yehonatan brought Dovid to Sha'ul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

[8] And there was milchamah again; and Dovid went out, and fought with the Pelishtim (Philistines), and slaughtered them with a makkah gedolah (with a great blow); and they fled from him.

[9] And there was a ruach Hashem ra'ah upon Sha'ul, as Hashem wrought Teshuah Gedolah for kol Yisroel; thou sawest it, and didst rejoice with simcha. Why then wilt thou commit chet against dahm naki (innocent blood), to slay Dovid chinom (without cause)?

[10] And Sha'ul sought to pin Dovid to the wall with the khanit (spear) in his yad; while Dovid menaggen (was playing music) with his yad.

[11] Sha'ul also sent malachim unto Bais Dovid, to put him under surveillance, and to slay him in the boker; and Michal his isha warned Dovid, saying, If thou not escape with thy nefesh halilah (tonight), makhar (tomorrow) thou shalt be slain.

[12] So Michal let Dovid down through the chalon; and he went, and fled, and escaped.

[13] And Michal took the terafim, and laid it in the mittah, and put a piece of woven goats hair at its head, and covered it with beged (cloth, garment).

[14] And when Sha'ul sent malachim to capture Dovid, she said, He is choleh (ill).

[15] And Sha'ul sent the malachim back to see Dovid, saying [to them], Bring him up to me in the mittah (bed), to have him slain.

[16] And when the malachim were come in, hinei, there was the terafim in the mittah, with a piece of woven goats hair at its head.

[17] And Sha'ul said unto Michal, Why hast thou so deceived me, and sent away mine oyev, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Sha'ul, He said unto me, Let me get away; why should I kill thee?

[18] So Dovid fled, and escaped, and came to Shmuel at Ramah, and told him all that Sha'ul had done to him. And he and Shmuel went and dwelt in the dwellings of the nevi'im.

[19] And it was told Sha'ul, saying, Hinei, Dovid is at the dwellings of the nevi'im in Ramah.

[20] And Sha'ul sent malachim to capture Dovid; and when they saw the kat (sect, group) of the nevi'im prophesying, and Shmuel standing as nitzav (overseeing) them, the Ruach Elohim was upon the malachim of Sha'ul, and they also prophesied.

[21] And when it was told Sha'ul, he sent other malachim, and they prophesied likewise. And Sha'ul sent malachim again shelishim (third ones) and they prophesied also.
And Dovid fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Yonatan, What have I done? What is mine avon? And what is my chattat before avicha, that he seeketh my nefesh? And he said unto him, Chalilah (far be it) from thee; for if I had da’as certainly that ra’ah were determined by Avi when I have sounded out Avi, then would I not tell it thee? Then said Dovid to Yonatan, Who shall tell me? Or what if avicha answer thee roughly? And Yonatan said unto Dovid, Come, and let us go out into the sadeh. And they went out both of them into the sadeh. And they went not so.

If avicha at all miss me, thou shalt not die: hinei, avi Chalilah (far be it) from thee; but truly as Hashem liveth, I will even do it for thee. And if avicha at all miss me, thou shalt not die: hinei, avi Chalilah (far be it) from thee; but truly as Hashem liveth, I will even do it for thee.

If he say thus, It is tov; thy eved shall have shalom; but if he be very wrathful, then be sure that ra’ah is determined by him. Therefore thou shalt deal roughly? Or what if avicha answer thee roughly? And Yonatan said unto Dovid, Come, and let us go out into the sadeh. And they went out both of them into the sadeh.

And Yonatan made Brit Hashem with thee; and thou hast brought thy eved into Brit Hashem with thee; for he loved him with the love of his own nefesh, self. Therefore thou shalt deal roughly? Or what if avicha answer thee roughly? And Yonatan said unto Dovid, Come, and let us go out into the sadeh. And they went out both of them into the sadeh.

Dovid, Hashem Elohei Yisroel, let Hashem even require it at thee, and I should not fail to sit with HaMelech for tish; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the sadeh unto the erev hashlishit.

If avicha at all miss me, then say, Dovid earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beit-Lechem his town; for there is a zevach hayamim there for kol mishpakhat.

If he say thus, It is tov; thy eved shall have shalom; but if he be very wrathful, then be sure that ra’ah is determined by him. Therefore thou shalt deal roughly? Or what if avicha answer thee roughly? And Yonatan said unto Dovid, Come, and let us go out into the sadeh. And they went out both of them into the sadeh.

If he say thus, It is tov; thy eved shall have shalom; but if he be very wrathful, then be sure that ra’ah is determined by him. Therefore thou shalt deal roughly? Or what if avicha answer thee roughly? And Yonatan said unto Dovid, Come, and let us go out into the sadeh. And they went out both of them into the sadeh.

Let Hashem even require it at thee, and no davar mishpakhat.

If he say thus, It is tov; thy eved shall have shalom; but if he be very wrathful, then be sure that ra’ah is determined by him. Therefore thou shalt deal roughly? Or what if avicha answer thee roughly? And Yonatan said unto Dovid, Come, and let us go out into the sadeh. And they went out both of them into the sadeh.

Hashem be with thee, as He hath been with Avi. And he walked along prophesying, until he came to the dwellings of the nevi’m. And he stripped off his beged also, and prophesied before Shmuel in like manner, and lay down aron (naked) all that day and all that la’ilah. Thus they say, Is Sha’ul also among the nevi’m?

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Hashem be between thee and me ad olam.

[24] So Dovid hid himself in the sadeh; and when Rosh Chodesh was come, HaMelech sat him down to eat lechem.

[25] And HaMelech sat upon his moshav (seat), as at other times, even upon a moshav by the wall; and Yonatan arose, and Avner sat by Sha’ul’s side, and Dovid’s makom (place) was empty.

[26] Nevertheless Sha’ul spoke not anything that day; for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not tahor; surely he is not tahor.

[27] And it came to pass on the day after Rosh Chodesh, which was the second day of the month, that Dovid’s makom was empty; and Sha’ul said unto Yonatan bno, Wherefore cometh not Ben Yishai to halechem neither yesterday, nor today?

[28] And Yonatan answered Sha’ul, Dovid earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beit-Lechem;

[29] And he said, Let me go, now; for we have mishpakhat zevach in the Ir; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there; and now, if I have found chen in thine eyes, let me get away, now, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the Shulchan HaMelech.

[30] Then af Sha’ul (anger of Sha’ul) was kindled against Yonatan, and he said unto him, Thou ben of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I have da’as that thou hast chosen Ben Yishai to thine own shame, and unto the shame of ervat immecha (thy mother’s nakedness)?

[31] For as long as Ben Yishai liveth al ha’adamah (upon the earth) thou shalt not be established, nor malkhutecha (thy kingdom). Wherefore now send and bring him unto me, for he is ben mavet (son of death, he shall surely die).

[32] And Yonatan answered Sha’ul Aviv, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? What hath he done?

[33] And Sha’ul cast the khanit (spear) at him to strike him dead; whereby Yonatan knew that it was determined of Aviv to slay Dovid.

[34] So Yonatan arose from the shulchan in chari af (fierce anger), and did eat no lechem the second day of the month; for he was grieving for Dovid, because Aviv had shamefully humiliated him.

[35] And it came to pass in the boker, that Yonatan went out into the sadeh at the mo’ed (appointed time) with Dovid, and a na’ar katon with him.

[36] And he said unto his na’ar, Run, find out now the khitzim (arrows) which I shoot. And as the na’ar ran, he shot a khetz beyond him.

[37] And when the na’ar was come to the makom of the khetz which Yonatan had shot, Yonatan cried after the na’ar, and said, Is not the khetz beyond thee?

[38] And Yonatan cried after the na’ar, Make speed, haste, stay not. And na’ar Yonatan gathered up the khitzim (arrows), and came to his adon.

[39] But the na’ar had no da’as of anything; only Yonatan and Dovid knew the davar (matter).

[40] And Yonatan gave his weapons unto his na’ar, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the Ir.

[41] And as soon as the na’ar was gone, Dovid arose out of a place toward the negev (south), and fell on his face to the ground, and prostrated himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until Dovid wept exceedingly.

[42] And Yonatan said to Dovid, Go in shalom, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the Shem of Hashem, saying, Hashem be between me and thee, and between my zera and thy zera ad olam.

[21:1] And he arose and departed: and Yonatan went into the Ir.

Then came Dovid to Nov to Achimelech HaKohen; and Achimelech was afraid at the meeting of Dovid, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no ish with thee?

[2:3] And Dovid said unto Achimelech HaKohen, HaMelech hath commanded me a matter, and hath said unto me, Let no ish know anything of the davar whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee; and I have directed ne’arim to such and such a makom (place).

[3:4] Now therefore what is under thine yad? Give me five lechem in mine yad, or whatever there is found.

[4:5] And the Kohen answered Dovid, and said, There is no lechem chol (ordinary bread) under mine yad, but there is lechem kodesh; if the ne’arim have kept themselves at least from isha.

[5:6] And Dovid answered the Kohen, and said unto him, Indeed isha have been kept from us yesterday and the day before, since I set out, and the vessels of the ne’arim (young men) are kodesh, and if this is a derech chol (ordinary mission) indeed it will remain kodesh today in their vesels.

[6:7] So the Kohen gave him kodesh; for there was no lechem there but the Lechem HaPanim, that...
was taken from before Hashem, to be replaced with lechem cham on the day when it was taken away.

|7(8)| Now a certain ish of the avadim of Sha’ul was there that day, detained before Hashem; shmo Do’eg, the Edomi, the chief of the ro'im that belonged to Sha’ul.

|8(9)| And Dovid said unto Achimelech, And is there not here under thine yad khanit or cherev? For I have neither brought my cherev nor my weapons with me, because the devar HaMelech (matter of the King) required haste.

|9(10)| And the Kohen said, The cherev of Golyat (Goliath) the Pelishti, whom thou slewest in the Emek Elah, hinei, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod; if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other except that here. And Dovid said, There is none like that; give it me.

|10(11)| And Dovid arose and fled that day from before Sha’ul, and went to Achish Melech Gat.

|11(12)| And the avadim of Achish said unto him, Is not this Dovid Melech HaAretz? Did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Sha’ul hath slain his thousands, and Dovid his myriads?

|12(13)| And Dovid laid up these devarim in his levav, and was very much afraid of Achish Melech Gat.

|13(14)| And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself a madman in their hands, and scratched on the daletot hasha’ar, and let his spittle fall down upon his zakan (beard).

|14(15)| Then said Achish unto his avadim, Hinei, ye see the man is meshugga; wherefore then have ye brought him to me?

|15(16)| Have I need of meshuggagim, that ye have brought this one to play the meshugga in my presence? Shall this one come into my bais?

|16| Dovid therefore departed from there, and escaped to the me’arah (cave) of Adullam; and when his brethren and all the bais aviv heard it, they went down there to him.

|17| And every ish that was in distress, and every ish that was in debt, and every ish that was mar-nefesh (bitter in spirit, discontented) gathered themselves unto him; and he became Sar over them; and there were with him about arba meot ish (four hundred men).

|18| And Dovid went from there to Mitzpeh Moav; and he said unto the Melech Moav, Let avi and immi now come out, and be with you, until I know what Elohim will do for me.

|19| And he brought them before Melech Moav; and they dwelt with him all the days that Dovid was in the metzudah (stronghold, i.e. Mitzpeh Moav).

|20| And Gad HaNavi said unto Dovid, Abide not in the metzudah; depart, and get thee into Eretz Yehudah. Then Dovid departed, and came into the Forest of Cheret.

|21| When Sha’ul heard that Dovid was discovered, and the anashim that were with him, (now Sha’ul abode in Giveah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah), having his khanit in his yad, and all his avadim were standing about him; he stirred up avdi against me, to lie in wait, as he does today?

|22| Then answered Do’eg the Edomi, which was set over the avadim of Sha’ul, and said, I saw Ben Yishai coming to Nov, to Achimelech ben Achituv.

|23| And he inquired of Hashem for him, and gave him provision, and gave him the cherev Golyat HaPelishti. Then HaMelech sent to call Achimelech Ben Achituv HaKohen, and kol Bais Avi, the Kohanim that were in Nov; and they came all of them to HaMelech.

|24| And said, Hear now, thou Ben Achituv. And he answered, Hineni, adoni. And Sha’ul said unto him, Why have ye made a kesher against me, thou and Ben Yishai, in that thou hast given him lechem, and a cherev, and hast inquired of Elohim for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as he does this day?

|25| Then Achimelech answered HaMelech, and said, And who is so ne’eman (loyal) among all thy avadim as Dovid, which is the Choson HaMelech, obedient to thy bidding, and is honored in thine bais?

|26| Did I then begin to inquire of Elohim for him? Chalilah li! Let not HaMelech impute anything unto his eyed, nor to all the Bais Avi; for thy eyed knew nothing of all this, katon or gadol.
And HaMelech said, Thou shalt surely die, Achimelech, thou, and kol Bais Avicha.

And HaMelech said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the Kohanim of Hashem; because their yad also is with Dovid, and because they knew when he fled, and did not reveal it in my ear. But the avadim of HaMelech would not put forth their yad to strike the Kohanim of Hashem.

And HaMelech said to Do’eg, Turn thou, and strike the Kohanim. And Do’eg the Edomi turned, and he struck the Kohanim, and slaughtered on that day fourscore and five ish that did wear ephod bad (linen robe).

And Nov, the Ir of the Kohanim, he struck with the edge of the cherev, both ish and isha, olel and nursing infants, and shor, and chamor, and seh, with the edge of the cherev.

And ben echad of Achimelech Ben Achituv, shmo Evyatar (his name Evyatar [Abiathar]), escaped, and fled after Dovid.

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Then Anshei Dovid said unto him, Hinei, Anachnu (we) are afraid here in Yehudah; how much more then if we come to Ke’ilah against the maarkhot (military lines) of the Pelishtim?

And Dovid knew that Sha’ul was come out to seek his nefesh: and Dovid was in the midbar Ziph at Choresh.

And Yonatan Ben Sha’ul arose, and went to Dovid at Choresh, and strengthened his yad in Elohim [i.e., encouraged him in G-d].

And he said unto him, Fear not; for the yad Sha’ul Avi shall not find thee; and thou shalt be Melech over Yisroel, and I shall be mishneh (second) unto thee; and that also Sha’ul Avi knoweth.

And they two made a brit (covenant) before Hashem; and Dovid was in the midbar Ziph at Choresh.

And Dovid and his anashim, which were about shesh me’ot ish, arose and departed out of Ke’ilah, and went wherever they could go. And it was told Sha’ul that Dovid was escaped from Ke’ilah; and he refrained from going forth.

And Dovid stayed in the midbar in metzadot (strongholds, masadas) and remained on a har in the midbar Ziph. And Sha’ul searched for him every day, but Elohim delivered him not into his yad.

And Dovid saw that Sha’ul was come out to seek his nefesh: and Dovid was in the midbar Ziph at Choresh.

Then came up the Ziphim to Sha’ul to Giveah, saying, Doth not Dovid hide himself among us in metzadot (strongholds, masadas)?

Then they told Dovid, saying, Hinei, the Pelishtim fight against Ke’ilah, and they rob the granot (threshing floors).
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at Choresh, in the hill of Chachilah, which is on the south of Yeshimon?

|20| Now therefore, O Melech, come down according to all the desire of thy nefesh to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the yad HaMelech.

|21| And Sha’ul said, Berukhim atem l’Hashem (Blessed be ye of Hashem); for ye have compassion on me.

|22| Now go, prepare further, and know and see his makom where his hideouts are, and who hath seen him there; for it is told me that he dealeth very craftily.

|23| See therefore, and take knowledge of all the machavo'im (hideouts) where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you; it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Yehudah.

|24| And they arose, and went to Ziph ahead of Sha’ul; but Dovid and his anashim were in the midbar Ma’on, in the Aravah on the south of Yeshimon.

|25| Sha’ul also and his anashim went to seek him. When Dovid was told, he descended and came down to the Sela (Rock), and stayed in the midbar Ma’on. And when Sha’ul heard that, he pursued Dovid in the midbar Ma’on.

|26| And Sha’ul went on this side of the har, and Dovid and his anashim on that side of the har; and Dovid made haste to get away for fear of Sha’ul; for Sha’ul and his anashim encircled Dovid and his anashim round about to take them.

|27| But there came a malach unto Sha’ul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Pelsithim have invaded HaAretz.

24 And it came to pass, when Sha’ul was returned from pursuing Dovid, and went against the Pelsithim; therefore they called that makom Sela HaMachlekot (Rock of Escaping).

|29| And Dovid went up from there, and dwelt in metzadot at Ein-Gedi.

|28| Wherefore Sha’ul returned from pursuing after Dovid, and went against the Pelsithim; therefore they called that makom Sela HaMachlekot (Rock of Escaping).

|7(8)| So Dovid restrained his anashim with these devarim, and allowed them not to rise against Sha’ul. But Sha’ul rose up out of the me’arah (cave), and went on his derech.

|8(9)| Dovid also arose afterward, and went out of the me’arah, and called after Sha’ul, saying, Adoni HaMelech. And when Sha’ul looked behind him, Dovid bowed down with his face to the ground, and prostrated himself.

|9(10)| And Dovid said to Sha’ul, Wherefore hearest thou divrei adam, saying, Hinei, Dovid seeketh thy hurt? Hinei, this day thine eyes have seen how that Hashem had delivered thee today into mine yad in the me’arah; and some urged me kill thee; but mine [nefesh] spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine yad against adoni; for he is the moshiach of Hashem.

|10(11)| Moreover, avi, see, indeed, see the corner of thy me’il (robe) in my yad; for in that I cut off the corner of thy me’il, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither ra’ah nor peysha (rebellion) in mine yad, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntset my nefesh to take it.

|11(12)| Hashem judge between me and thee, and Hashem avenge me on thee; but mine yad shall not be upon thee.

|12(13)| As saith the mashal (proverb) of the ancients, Resha (wickedness) proceedeth from the resha’im; but mine yad shall not be upon thee.

|13(14)| After whom is the Melech Yisroel come out? After whom dost thou pursue? After a dead kelev (dog), after a parosh (flea).
And Shmuel Alef turned to their derech, and went back, and came and told him all those devarim.

And Dovid said unto his anashim, Gid ye on every ish his cherev; and Dovid also girded on his cherev; and there went up after Dovid about arba me’ot ish; and two hundred stayed by the kelim (supplies).

But one of the ne’arim told Avigal, eshet Naval, saying, Hinei, Dovid sent malachim out of the midbar to put a brocha on adoneinu; and he drove them off.

Then Avigal made haste, and took two hundred lechem, and two skins of yayin, and five tzon ready cooked, and five measures of roasted grain, and a hundred raisin cakes, and two hundred pressed figs, and laid them on chamorim (donkeys).

And she said unto her ne’arim, Go on ahead of me; hineni, I come after you. But she told not her ish Naval.

And as she rode on the chamor,
that she came down by the covert on the har, hinei, Dovid and his anashim came down toward her; and she met them. [21] Now Dovid had said, Surely for sheker have I been shomer over all that this one hath in the midbar, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him; and he hath required me ra'ah for tovah.

[22] So and more also do Elohim unto the oyvei Dovid, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the boker any that urinate against the wall.

[23] And when Avigal saw Dovid, she hasted, dismissed the chamor, and fell before Dovid on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

[24] And fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, adoni, upon me; and let now thine handmaid speak in thine audience, and hear the devarim of thine handmaid.

[25] Let now not adoni regard this ish of Beliyaal, whom thou sawest not the chinom, or that adoni hath committed shefach dahm (downfall of conscience) unto thee, nor michshol lev (fall from avenging myself) who hast kept me back from coming to shed blood, and hast hasted and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Naval by ohr haboker any that urinates against the wall. [26] Now therefore, adoni, as Hashem liveth, and ra'ah hath not been found in thee all thy yamim. [27] Yet adam is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy nefesh; but the nefesh of adoni shall be bound in the bundle of chayyim with Hashem Eloheicha; and the nefesh of thine oyevim, them shall He hurl away, as out of the hollow of a kela (slingshot).

[28] And fell at his feet, and bowed herself on her face to the ground, and said, Hinei, Dovid sent us unto thee.

[29] When the avadim of adoni were come to Avigal to take her to him as isha, and she went after the malachim that attended her; and Dovid were come to Avigal to Carmel, they spoke unto her, saying, Dovid sent us unto thee, to take thee to him as isha.

[30] And when Dovid heard Naval, that he died, Dovid also took Avigal, to take her to him as isha.

[31] And Dovid said to Avigal, Baruch Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Who sent thee today to meet me;

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[33] And avadim were also both of them his nashim (wives).

[34] Baruch Hashem, that hath upheld the cause of my cherpah (reproach) from the yad of Naval, and hath kept his eved from ra'ah; for Hashem hath returned the ra'ah (wickedness) of Naval upon his own rosh. And Dovid sent and communed with Avigal, to take her to him as isha.

[35] And when the avadim of Dovid were come to Avigal to Carmel, they spoke unto her, saying, Dovid sent us unto thee, to take thee to him as isha.

[36] Baruch Hashem, that hath kept me back from coming to shed blood, and from avenging myself with mine own yad.

[37] For in very deed, as Hashem Eloheicha; and the bundle of chayyim with his eved from ra'ah; for

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[41] And she arose, and bowed herself on her face to the ground, and said, Hinei, hinei, he held a mishteh (feast) in his bais, like the mishteh of a melech; and lev Naval was tow within him, for he was shikkor ad me'od; wherefore she told him nothing, katan or gadol, until the ohr haboker.

[42] And Avigal hasted, and arose and rode upon a chamor, with five na'arot of Dovid, and became his isha. [43] And Dovid also took Achinoam of Yizre'el; and they were also both of them his nashim (wives).

[44] But Sha'ul had given Michal bitto (his daughter), Dovid's isha, to Phalti Ben Layish, who was from Gallim.
And the Ziphim came unto Sha'ul at Giveah, saying, Doth not Dovid hide himself in the hill of Chachilah, which faces Yeshimon? Then Sha'ul arose, and went down to the midbar Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Yisroel with him, to search for Dovid in the midbar Ziph. And Sha'ul encamped in the hill of Chachilah, which faces Yeshimon, beside the derech (road). But Dovid stayed in the midbar, and he saw that Sha'ul came after him into the midbar. Dovid therefore sent out scouts, and understood that Sha'ul had indeed come. And Dovid arose, and came to the makom where Sha'ul had encamped; and Dovid beheld the makom where Sha'ul lay down, and Avner Ben Ner, the sar of his tzava (army); and Sha'ul was lying in the camp, and HaAm encamped round about him. Then answered Dovid and said to Achimelech the Chitti, and to Avishai Ben Tzeruyah, achi Yoav, saying, Who will go down with me to Sha'ul to the machaneh? And Avishai said, I will go down with thee. So Dovid and Avishai came to HaAm by lailah; and, hinei, Sha'ul lay sleeping within the camp, and his khanit (spear) stuck in the ground at his head; but Avner and HaAm lay round about him. Then then Sha'ul said to Dovid, Elohim hath delivered thine oyev into thine yad today; now therefore let me strike him, now, with the khanit, pinning him to the ground once; I will not strike him the second time. And Dovid said to Avishai, Destroy him not; for who can stretch forth his yad against Hashem's moshiach, and be guiltless? Dovid said furthermore, As Hashem liveth, Hashem shall strike him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into milchamah, and perish. Chalilah (far be it) from me by Hashem that I should stretch forth mine yad against Hashem's moshiach; but, take now thou the khanit (spear) that is at his head, and the flask of mayim, and let us go. Then Dovid went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the har afar off; a great space being between them; And Dovid called out to the people, and to Avner Ben Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Avner? Then Avner answered and said, Who art thou that calls out to HaMelech? And Dovid said to Avner, Art not thou an ish (man)? And who is like to thee in Yisroel? Wherefore then hast thou not been shomer over adonecha HaMelech? For there came one of HaAm in to destroy HaMelech adonecha. This thing is not tov that thou hast done. As Hashem liveth, ye are worthy for mavet, because ye have not been shomer over adonecha HaMelech? For there came one of HaAm in to destroy HaMelech adonecha. And who is like to thee in Yisroel? Wherefore then hast thou not been shomer over adonecha HaMelech? For there came one of HaAm in to destroy HaMelech adonecha. This thing is not tov that thou hast done. As Hashem liveth, ye are worthy for mavet, because ye have not been shomer over adonecha, Hashem's moshiach. And now see where the khanit of HaMelech is, and the flask of mayim that was near his head. And Sha'ul knew the voice of Dovid, and said, Is this thy voice, beni, Dovid? And Dovid answered and said, Hinei the khanit HaMelech! Let one of the ne'arim come over and bring it back. Hashem repay to every ish his tzdakah and his emunah; for Hashem delivered thee into my yad today, but I would not stretch forth mine yad against Hashem's moshiach. And, hinei, as thy nefesh was much valued this day in my eyes, so let my nefesh be much valued in the eyes of Hashem, and let Him deliver me out of all tzarah (trouble). Then Sha'ul said to Dovid, Baruch atah, beni Dovid; may thou both accomplish many things, and also still succeed. So Dovid went on his derech, and Sha'ul returned to his makom.
27 And Dovid said in his lev, I shall now perish yom echad by the yad Sha’ul; there is nothing tov for me than that I should speedily escape into the Eretz Pelishtim; and Sha’ul shall despair of searching for me any more in kol gevul Yisroel; so shall I escape out of his yad.

[2] And Dovid arose, and he passed over with the shesh me’ot ish that were with him unto Achish Ben Maoch Melech Gat.

[3] And Dovid dwelt with Achish at Gat, he and his anashim, every ish with his bais (household), even Dovid with his two nashim, Achinoam of Yizre’el, and Avigail eshet Naval of Carmel.

[4] And it was told Sha’ul that Dovid was fled to Gat; and he sought no more again for him.

[5] And Dovid said unto Achish, If I have now found chen in thine eyes, let them give me a makom (place) in some town in the sadeh (country), that I may dwell there; for why should thy eved dwell in the ir hamamlachah (royal city) with thee?

[6] Then Achish gave him Tziklag that day; therefore Tziklag belongs unto the Melachim of Yehudah unto this day.

[7] And the mispar hayamim that Dovid dwelt in the sadeh of the Pelishtim was four months and two days.

[8] And Dovid and his anashim went up, and raided the Geshuri, and the Girzi, and the Amaleki; for they were of old the inhabitants of HaAretz, as thou goest to Shur, even unto Eretz Mitrayim.

[9] And Dovid attacked the land, and left neither ish nor isha alive, and took away the tzon, and the bakar, and the chamorim, and the gemalim, and the begadim, and returned, and came to Achish.

[10] And Achish said, Where have ye raided today? And Dovid said, Against the Negev of Yehudah, or against the Negev of the Yarcheme’eli, or against the Negev of the Keni.

[11] And Dovid saved neither ish nor isha alive, to bring [news] to Gat, saying, Lest they should inform on us, saying, So did Dovid, and so has been his mishpat (practice) all the yamim (days) he dwelleth in the sadeh of the Pelishtim (Philistines).

[12] And Achish believed Dovid, saying, He hath made his people Yisroel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be eved to me olam (forever).

28 And it came to pass in those yamim, that the Pelishtim gathered their machanot together for tzava (warfare), to fight with Yisroel. And Achish said unto Dovid, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to machaneh, thou and thy anashim.

[2] And Dovid said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy eved will do. And Achish said to Dovid, Therefore will I make thee my shomer rosh (head bodyguard) kol hayamim.

[3] Now Shmuel was dead, and kol Yisroel had mourned him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own town. And Sha’ul had deported the ovot (mediums, those with familiar spirits), and the yidonim (spiritists) from HaAretz.

[4] And the Pelishtim gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem; and Sha’ul gathered kol Yisroel together, and they encamped in Gilboa.

[5] And when Sha’ul saw the machaneh of the Pelishtim, he was afraid, and his lev greatly trembled.

[6] And when Sha’ul inquired of Hashem, Hashem answered him not, neither by chalomot (dreams), nor by Urim, nor by nevi'im.

[7] Then said Sha’ul unto his avadim, Seek me an isha that is a ba’alat ov (medium, a person with a familiar spirit), that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his avadim said to him, Hinei, there is an eshet ba’alat ov at Ein-Dor.

[8] And Sha’ul disguised himself, and put on begadim acherim, and he went, and two anashim with him, and they came to the isha by lailah; and his avadim said to him, Hinei, there is an eshet ba’alat ov at Ein-Dor.

[8] And Sha’ul disguised himself, and put on begadim acherim, and he went, and two anashim with him, and they came to the isha by lailah; and he said, divine for me by the ov (familiar spirit), and bring him up for me, whom I shall name unto thee.

[9] And the isha said unto him, Hinei, thou knowest what Sha’ul hath done, how he hath cut off the ovot (mediums, those with familiar spirits), and the yidonim (spiritists) from HaAretz; why then layest thou a snare for my nefesh, to cause me to die?

[10] And Sha’ul vowed to her by Hashem, saying, As Hashem liveth, there shall no avon (punishment) happen to thee for this thing.

[11] Then said the isha, Whom shall I bring up for thee? And he said, Bring up Shmuel for me.

[12] And when the isha saw Shmuel, she cried with a kol gadol (loud voice); and the isha spoke to Sha’ul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? For thou art Sha’ul.

[13] And HaMelech said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the isha said unto Sha’ul, I see elohim
And he said unto her, Of what form is he? And she said, An ish zaken cometh up; and he is wearing a me’il (robe). And Sha’ul had da’as that it was Shmuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and prostrated himself.

And Shmuel said to Sha’ul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Sha’ul answered, I am greatly distressed; for the Pelishtim make war against me, and Elohim has turned away from me, and answereth me no more, neither by nevi’im, nor by chalomot (dreams): therefore I have called on thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I should do.

Then said Shmuel, Why then dost thou ask of me, seeing Hashem is turned away from thee, and is become thine adversary? And Hashem hath done for Himself just as He spoke by me; for Hashem hath torn the Mamlachah out of thine yad, and given it to thy re’a (neighbor), even to Dovid:

Because thou obeyedst not the kol (voice) of Hashem, but his avadim, together with the isha, urged him; and he paid heed unto their voice. So he arose from ha’aretz, and sat upon the mittah (bed).

And the isha had a fattened egel in the bais; and she hasted, and slaughtered it, and took kemakh (flour), and kneaded it, and did bake matzot thereof; and she brought it before Sha’ul, and before his avadim; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that lailah.

Now the Pelishtim gathered together all their machanot to Aphek; and Yisroel encamped by an ayin (spring) which is in Yizre’el.

And the rulers of the Pelishtim (Philistines) were passing by with me’ot, and with alafim; but Dovid and his anashim were passing at the rearguard with Achish.

Then said the sarim of the Pelishtim, What are these Ivrim doing here? And Achish said unto the sarim of the Pelishtim, Is not this Dovid, the eved of Sha’ul Melech Yisroel, which hath been with me these yamim, or these shanim, and unto this day I have found no fault in him since he defected?

And the sarim of the Pelishtim were angry with him; and the sarim of the Pelishtim said unto him, Send the ish back, that he may turn again to his makom (place, home) which thou hast assigned him, and let him not go down with us to milchamah, lest in the milchamah he be as satan (adversary, antagonist) to us; for wherewith should he make himself acceptable unto his adon? Is it not with the heads of these anashim?

Is not this Dovid, of whom they sang one to another in mecholot (dances), saying, Sha’ul slaughtered his alafim, and Dovid his revavot (myriads)?

Then Achish called Dovid, and said unto him, Surely, as Hashem liveth, thou hast been yashar (upright); but in the eyes of the rulers thou art not tov. Wherefore now shuv (turn, turn back), and go in shalom, that thou displease not the rulers of the Pelishtim.

And Dovid said unto Achish, But what have I done? And what hast thou found in thy eved from the day that I am before thee until this day; nevertheless, in the eyes of the rulers thou art not tov. Wherefore now shuv (turn, turn back), and go in shalom, that thou displease not the rulers of the Pelishtim.

And Dovid said unto Achish, But what have I done? And what hast thou found in thy eved from the day that I am before thee until this day, that I may not go fight against the oyvei adoni HaMelech?

And Achish answered and said to Dovid, I know that thou art tov in my sight, as a malach Elohim; notwithstanding, the sarim of the Pelishtim have said, He
shall not go up with us to the milchamah.

[10] Wherefore now rise up early in the boker with the avadim of thy adon that are come with thee; and as soon as ye get up early in the boker, and have ohr, depart.

[11] So Dovid and his anashim rose up early to depart in the boker, to return to Eretz Pelishtim. And the Pelishtim went up to Yizre’el.

And it came to pass, when Dovid and his anashim were come to Tziklag on the Yom HaShelishi, that the Amalek had made a raid on the Negev and Tziklag and attacked Tziklag, and burned it with eish;

[2] And had captured the nashim, that were therein; they killed not any, either gadol or katon, but carried them off, and went on their derech.

[3] So Dovid and his anashim came to the Ir, and, hinei, it was aflame with eish; and their nashim, and their banim, and their banot, had been taken captive.

[4] Then Dovid and HaAm that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more ko’ach to weep.

[5] And Dovid’s two nashim were taken captive, Achinoam the Yizre’eliti, and Avigail eshet Naval the Carmeli.

[6] And Dovid was greatly distressed; for HaAm spoke of stoning him, because the nefesh of kol HaAm was marah (bitter), every ish for his banim and for his banot; but Dovid made himself chazak in Hashem Elohim.

[7] And Dovid said to Evyatar HaKohen Ben Achimelech, Bring me now here the Ephod. And Evyatar brought the Ephod to Dovid.


[9] So Dovid went, and shesh me’ot ish that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed.

[10] But Dovid pursued, he and arba me’ot ish; for two hundred stayed behind, which were so exhausted that they could not go over the brook Besor.

[11] And they found an Egyptian in the sadeh, and brought him to Dovid, gave him lechem, and he did eat; they made him drink mayim; And they gave him a piece of pressed fig cake, and two raisin cakes; and when he had eaten, his ruach returned to him; for he had eaten no lechem, nor drunk any mayim, and Dovid saved his two nashim.

[12] And Dovid said unto him, To whom belongest thou? And he said, I am a na’ar Mitzri, and from where art thou? And he said, I am a na’ar Mitzri, and from where art thou? And he said, I am a na’ar Mitzri; and my adon left me, because yamim shloshah ago I fell sick.

[13] And Dovid said unto him, To whom belongest thou? And from where art thou? And he said, I am a na’ar Mitzri, and my adon left me, because yamim shloshah ago I fell sick.

[14] We made a raid upon the south of the Kereti, and upon the territory of Yehudah, and upon the south of the Kereti, and upon the south of the Kereti, and burned Tziklag with eish.

[15] And Dovid said to him, Canst thou bring me down to this gedood? And he said, Swear unto me by Elohim, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my adon, and I will lead thee down to this gedood.

[16] And when he had led him down, hinei, they were spread out over the surface of kol ha’aretz, eating and drinking, and revelling, because of all the great plunder that they had taken from Eretz Pelishtim, and from Eretz Yehudah.

[17] And Dovid struck them from the neshef (twilight, evening) even unto the erev of the next day; and there escaped not an ish of them, except four hundred na’ar, which rode off upon gemalim, and fled.

[18] And Dovid recovered all that Amalek had carried away; and Dovid saved his two nashim.

[19] And there was nothing of them missing, lacking neither katon nor gadol, neither banim nor banot, neither plunder, nor anything that they had taken for them; Dovid recovered all.

[20] And Dovid took all the tzon and the bakar, which they drove before those other mikneh, and said, This is shalal Dovid (the plunder of David).

[21] And Dovid came to the two hundred anashim, which were so exhausted that they could not follow Dovid, whom they had left behind also at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet Dovid, and to meet HaAm that were with him; and when Dovid came near to the people, he gave them a shalom greeting.

[22] Then answered all the ish rah and the Beliyaal among the anashim of those that went with Dovid, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them any of the shalal that we have recovered, except to every ish his isha and his banim, that they may take them and leave.

[23] Then said Dovid, Ye shall not do so, my achim, with that which Hashem hath given us, Who hath been shomer over us, and delivered the gedood that came against us into our yad.
[24] For who will pay heed unto you in this matter? But as his chelek is that goeth down to the milchamah (battle), so shall his chelek be that tarrieth by the kelim (supplies): their chelek they shall share alike.

[25] And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a chok (statute) and a mishpat for Yisroel unto this day.

[26] And when Dovid came to Tziklag, he sent of the shalal (plunder) unto the Ziknei Yehudah, even to his re'im (friends), saying, Hinei, a brocha for you of the shalal of the oyevim of Hashem; to them which were in Beit-El, and to them which were in Ramot of the South, and to them which were in Yatir,

[27] And to them which were in Aro'er, and to them which were in Siphmot, and to them which were in Eshtemoa,

[28] And to them which were in Rachal, and to them which were in the cities of the Yerachme'eli, and to them which were in the cities of the Keni,

[29] And to them which were in Chormah, and to them which were in Chor-Ashan, and to them which were in Atach,

[30] And to them which were in Chevron, and to all the mekomot (places) where Dovid himself and his anashim were accustomed to visit.

T.N. I Shmuel is an amazing character study of the tragedy of King Saul. A slow breakdown in his character is carefully presented to us as a warning. We too could become like him, jealous, cracking under pressure, not obeying G-d with fearful care and attention to detail, taking our eyes off G-d, off His Word, laying down carnal and arbitrary policies, getting out of step with the Ruach Hakodesh, no longer lifting up the glory of G-d but instead building a monument to ourselves [see 1Sm 15:12]. If we are become spoiled, and focus on our own prerogatives rather than G-d’s, He may lose patience with us and replace us, if we abuse our privileges.

G-d doesn’t want to be obeyed our way; He wants to be obeyed His way. See 1Sm 15 and what happens if we rebel against this teaching. Saul’s personal Meribah-Massah experience took place at Gilgal where his rebellion cost him his ministry [review I Sm. 13:8-14; Ex. 17:1-7; Num. 20:1-13; Ps. 106:32; 95:8; Deut. 33:8; MJ. 3:8] Here we see Saul repeating in his kingly person the experience of the children of Israel in the wilderness. Every generation has a Kadesh-barnea opportunity to obey the L-rd and to follow Him and to gain new ground for the Kingdom of G-d, or else to hesitate; and, as the story of the wilderness illustrates, he who shrinks back, he who hesitates, is lost. Every generation is put to a test and a trial—either to march ahead in faith and take some ground for G-d, or to rebel and “grumble in your tents” and die with a faithless hardened heart in the wilderness. If even Moses, great though he was, fell short of the L-rd’s holy expectations and was punitively replaced, how much more should we be careful not to rebel against G-d’s Word. We see that Saul repeated the sins Israel committed when she entered the Promised Land: Saul committed the sin of Achan (compare Josh.chp 7 and 1 Sm. 15:13-23) and Saul almost caused the death of Jonathan (compare Jephthah’s daughter—Judg.11:39 and Ism. 14:28-30). A minister should stay small in his own eyes (1Sm 15:17), unless he wants to be replaced. There is always a young David waiting in the wings to replace an old proud Saul. We see in Saul a man demonized and depressed and very much in need of, among other things, deliverance through music ministry. We see the importance of spiritual song in 1Sm 16:14-23. David’s musical skill has left us a rich treasure to worship G-d, but it is also important to remember the demonic oppression of Saul and how it was abated by David’s harp. Notice the importance of the ministry of music in 1Sm 18:10-12. 1Sm 16:17 indicates that the L-rd’s musician must be an artist who can play well. The man of G-d is necessarily a refugee in a wicked and G-d-hating world, but in 1Sm G-d gives David favor and guides his steps to safety. See chapter 19. In chapter 22 we see the wickedness of Saul, who has no respect for G-d’s ministers. This is called anti-clericalism. Increasingly the world is filling up with Sauls and preparing for the Great Tribulation when the Brit Chadasha kehillah will be under a final massive anti-Moshiach assault of anticlericalism. See 1Sm 23:14. Notice that when Dovid seemingly lost everything at Ziklag, he ‘strengthened himself in the L-rd his G-d’ (1Sm 30:6). However, by contrast, on the verge of losing everything,
Saul turned to the occult. In this we also see the destructive results of involvement with psychics and fortune-tellers or any occult practice. A concordance search of the word “Moshiach” in 1Sm reveals it as a concept lying just under the surface in the Bible’s discussion of the first king of Israel. There are also Messianic allusions in 1Sm that are cross-referenced by other parts of the Tanakh. Notice 1Sm 9:17 where you see the words HINEI HAISH (BEHOLD THE MAN). This phrase becomes a Messianic Prophecy in Zech 6:12, which says HINEI ISH and then adds the post-Exilic code word for Moshiach, TZEMACH (“BRANCH” [of David]) SHMO (his Name). The named person is the post-Exilic Kohan Gadol whose Messianic Personal Name is Yehoshua in Hebrew, Yeshua in Aramaic, and in Greek Yoh-tah, ee-tah, seegh-mah, ak-me-krone, ee-pee-long, fa-tal seegh-mah. The successor to Moses, also named Yehoshua, is a Symbol of King Moshiach. Yehoshua (Joshua, Yeshua, Neh 8:17) is called ‘the servant of the Lrd’ in the book of Joshua (Josh 24:29). Like Caleb, Joshua is also a sign-man, an ominous mofet of the King Messiah, for Joshua is an agent of chesed (undeserved, unmerited mercy e.g. in the case of the prostitute Rahab) and of wrath and judgment or condemnation, in the holy war of G-d against the seven wicked nations in the Promised Land. The prophet Daniel, who also speaks of both the chesed of chayei olam (eternal life) as well as judgment and condemnation (Dan 12:2), gives us a glorious apocalyptic picture of this coming King, this Moshiach of the Clouds of Himel (Daniel 7:13-14). Furthermore, Dt 18:15-19 foretells the prophet like Moses that G-d will raise up in the Promised Land, the Prophet-Moshiach. Yeshayah infers that the Moshiach will be a new Moses (Isa 42:15-16; 49:9-10) and a new Joshua (Isa 49:8). The immediate (not final) fulfillment of the Dt 18:15-19 prophecy is Yehoshua (Joshua/Yeshua). The Sages (Avot 1:1) tell us that Moses accepted the Torah from Sinai and transmitted it to Joshua/Yeshua. Not only that, Joshua/Yeshua is indeed a Moses-like prophet, because it was to Joshua and not to Moses that G-d gave the revelation of the boundaries of the tribal portions of Eretz Yisrael. Moses died in the wilderness because he angered G-d, but Joshua led the people victoriously to the promised new life in the Holy Land. Thus, Joshua (the Aramaic form of whose name is Yeshua—see Nehemiah 8:17) is a prophetic sign of the King Moshiach, the ruler from among his brethren who, like Moses and Prince Joseph, the Savior in Egypt, would lead Israel’s true faithful to eternal salvation and Messianic deliverance foreshadowed in the book of Joshua. Another Messianic allusion in 1Sm that is cross-referenced elsewhere in the Tanakh is 1Sm 10:1, where Shmuel anoints King Saul and submissively, showing honor, kisses him. Ps 2:11-12 warns that Moshiach must be approached in this way, “lest ye perish” or be “destroyed in your way.” Still another Messianic allusion in 1Sm is 9:20 where Shmuel says, And on whom is kol chemdat Yisroel ([all the Desire of Yisroel]?) Is it not on thee, i.e. on the Anointed King, the Moshiach? Now we go to Hag 2:7 where the post-Exilic prophet Chaggai, with great Messianic portent, prophesies that G-d is going to shake the heavens and the Chamadot kol Goyim (the Desired of all Nations, i.e. the Moshiach) will come. Moshiach’s coming is referred to many times in the Tanakh. “Until Shiloh Come” is a phrase found in Gn 49:10. Moshe tells us there that the Deliverer will come through the Tribe of Yehudah or Judah. Judah is the tribe of Moshiach and is therefore the first to break camp (Num 2:3,9) and makes the first offering (Num 7:12) and sets out first in the march from Sinai (Num 10:14). See also Prov 8:23 where Hashem’s Wisdom, His Word, is also “first” as well as Judg 20:18, where Moshiach’s tribe is likewise called “first.” Gen 49:10 says, “The shevet (sceptre) shall not depart from Yehudah, nor a Mekhokek (Lawgiver) from between his raglayim (feet), until Shiloh [Shin, lamed, holam vav can mean “until he whose it is”] come; and unto him shall be the obedience of the amim (peoples, nations).” The inference of Gn 49:10 is that Judah’s sovereignty (shepherd’s staff) will remain with that tribe until the coming of Dovid and the Ben Dovid Moshiach. See Ezek 21:27 and its reference to Gn 49:10, “until he comes to whom it rightfully belongs.” Gn 49:10 says “the obedience of the peoples” is his, that is, the Moshiach’s. Sanhedrin 98b says that is indeed a Messianic prophecy.
Now the Pelishtim fought against Yisroel; and the anshei Yisroel fled from before the Pelishtim, and fell down chalalim (slain ones) on Mt Gilboa.

And the Pelishtim followed hard upon Sha’ul and upon his banim; and the Pelishtim slaughtered Yehonatan [Yonatan], and Avinadav, and Malki Shua, the Bnei Sha’ul.

And the milchamah became intense against Sha’ul, and the archers overtook him; and he was mortally wounded by the archers.

Then said Sha’ul unto his noseh keli (armor bearer), Draw thy cherev, and thrust me through therewith; lest these arelim (uncircumcised ones) come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his noseh keli would not; for he was very afraid. Therefore Sha’ul took a cherev, and fell upon it.

And when his noseh keli saw that Sha’ul was dead, he fell likewise upon his cherev, and died with him.

So Sha’ul died, and his shloshet banim, and his noseh keli, and kol anashim of him, that same day together.

And when the anshei Yisroel that were on the other side of the emek (valley), and they that were on the other side of the Yarden, saw that the anshei Yisroel fled, and that Sha’ul and his banim were dead, they abandoned the towns, and fled; and the Pelishtim came and took occupation of them.

And it came to pass on the next day, when the Pelishtim came to strip the chalalim, that they found Sha’ul and his shloshet banim fallen on Mt Gilboa.

And they cut off his rosh (head), and stripped off his keli, and sent through erez Pelishtim all around, to publish it in the bais atzabim, and among the people.

And they put his keli in the Bais Ashtarot; and they hung up his body on the chomat Beit Shan.

And when the inhabitants of Yavesh Gilead heard of that which the Pelishtim had done to Sha’ul;

And kol ish chariots and kol halaylah, and took the geviyyat Sha’ul and the geviyyot of his banim from the chomat Beit Shan, and came to Yavesh, and cremated them there.

And they took their atzmot, and buried them under a tree at Yavesh, and underwent a tzom shivat yamim.

Now it came to pass after the mot Sha’ul, when Dovid was returned from the slaughter of Amalek, and Dovid had abode two yamim in Tziklag;

It came even to pass on Yom HaShlishi, that, hinei, an ish came out of the machaneh from Sha’ul with his clothes torn, and adamah upon his rosh; and so it was, when he came to Dovid, that he fell to the ground, and prostrated himself.

And Dovid said unto him, From where comest thou? And he answered, From where comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the machaneh Yisroel am I escaped.

And Dovid said unto him, How went the matter? Tell me now. And he answered, That the people are fled from the milchamah, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Sha’ul and Yonatan bno are dead also.

And Dovid said unto the na’ar that told him, How knowest thou that Sha’ul and Yonatan bno are dead?

And the na’ar that told him said, As I happened to be upon Mt Gilboa, hinei, Sha’ul leaned upon his khanit; and, hinei, the chariots and ba’alei haparashim followed hard after him.

And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Hineini.

And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amaleki.

He said unto me again, Stand, now, over me, and slay me; for shavatz (death through agony) is come upon me, because my nefesh is yet still in me.

So I stood over him, and slaughtered him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen; and I took the nezer (crown, diadem) that was upon his rosh, and the etzadah (bracelet, band) that was on his zero’a, and have brought them here unto adoni.

Then Dovid took hold on his clothes, and made the kri’ah on them; and likewise all the anashim that were with him;

And they mourned, and wept, and did a tzom until the erev, for Sha’ul, and for Yonatan bno, and for the Am Hashem, and for Bais Yisroel; because they were fallen by the cherev.

And Dovid said unto the na’ar that told him, From where art thou?  And he answered, I am ben ish ger, an Amaleki.

And Dovid said unto the na’ar that told him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine yad to destroy Hashem’s moshiach?
And Dovid called one of the ne’arim, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he struck him so that he died.

And Dovid said unto him, Thy dahm be upon thy rosh; for thine own peh hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain Hashem's moshiach.

And Dovid lamented with this kinah (lamentation) over Sha'ul and over Yonatan bno;

Also he bade them teach the Bnei Yehudah: The Keshet. Hinei, it is written in the Sefer HaYasher:

The glory of Yisroel is slain upon thy high places; how are the Gibborim fallen!

Tell it not in Gat, proclaim it not in the streets of Askelon; lest the banot Pelishtim rejoice, lest the banot ha'arelim triumph.

Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no tal, neither let there be fields of terumot; for there the mogen Gibborim is defiled, the mogen of Sha'ul, as though he had not been mashiach (anointed) with shemen.

From the dahm of the slain, from the chelev of the Gibborim, the keshet Yonatan turned not back, and the cherev Sha'ul returned not empty.

Shaul and Yonatan were beloved and gracious in their lives, and in their mot they were not parted; they were swifter than nesharim, they were stronger than arayot.

Ye banot Yisroel, weep over Sha'ul, who clothed you in scarlet, with fineries, who put on ornaments of zahav upon your apparel.

How are the Gibborim fallen in the midst of the milchhamah! O Yonatan, thou wast slain on thine high heights.

I am distressed for thee, my brother Yonatan; very pleasant hast thou been unto me; thy ahavah was wonderful to me, passing ahavat nashim.

And it came to pass after this, that Dovid inquired of Hashem, saying, Shall I go up into any of the towns of Yehudah? And Hashem said unto him, Go up. And Dovid said, To where shall I go up? And he said, Unto Chevron.

So Dovid went up there, and his two nashim also, Achinoam the Yizre'elit, and Avigal eshet Nabal the Carmeli.

And now Hashem show chesed and emes unto you; and I also will repay you this tovah, because you have done this thing.

Then there arose and went over by mispar twelve of Binyamin, which pertained to Ishboshet ben Sha'ul, and twelve of the avadim of Dovid.

And they caught every one his re'a by the rosh, and thrust his cherev in his re'a's side; so they fell down together; therefore that makom was called Chelkat-Hatzurim, which is in Giveon.

And there were three Bnei Tzeruyah there: Yoav, Avishai, Asahel; Asahel was as swift of foot as a gazelle.

Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, be ye bnei chayil; for adoneichem Shaul is dead, and also the Bais Yehudah have anointed me Melech over them.

But Avner ben Ner, Sur Tzava of Shaul, took Ishboshet Ben Shaul, and brought him over to Machanayim;
Then Avner looked behind him, and said, Art thou Asahel? And he answered, I am. And Avner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the nearim, and capture thee his armor. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. And Avner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me; why should I strike thee to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Yoav achicha? Howbeit he refused to turn aside; therefore Avner with the butt end of the khanit struck him under the fifth rib, that the khanit came out his back; and he fell down there, and died in the same place; and it came to pass, that as many as came to the makom where Asahel fell down and died, stopped. Yoav also and Avishai pursued after Avner; and the shemesh went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giach by the derech midbar Giveon. And the Bnei Binyamin gathered themselves together after Avner, and became aguddah echat (one unit), and stood on the top of one hill. Then Avner called to Yoav, and said, Shall the cherev devour lanetzach (forever)? Knowest thou not that it will be marah in the latter end? Ad mosai shall it be, until thou bid the people return from pursuing their brethren? And unto Dovid were banim born in Chevron; and his bechor was Amnon, of Achinoam the Yizre’elit; And his second, Kile’av, of Avigal eshet Naval the Carmeli; and the third, Avshalom ben Maachah bat Talmai Melech Geshur; And the fourth, Adoniyah Ben Chaggit; and the fifth, Shephatyah Ben Avital; And the sixth, Yitre’am, by Eglah eshet Dovid. These were born to Dovid in Chevron. And it came to pass, while there was milchamah between the Bais Sha’ul and the Bais Dovid, that Avner was strengthening his grip on the Bais Sha’ul.

Now there was long milchamah between the Bais Sha’ul and the Bais Dovid; but Dovid grew stronger and stronger, and the Bais Sha’ul grew weaker and weaker.

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And HaElohim liveth, if thou hastad not spoken, HaAm would have continued every one following his brother, not stopping until haboker.

So Yoav blew a shofar, and kol haAm stood still, and pursued after Yisroel no more, neither fought they any more. And Avner and his anashim marched kol halailah through the Aravah, and passed over Yarden, and went through all Bitron, and they came to Machanayim. And and Yoav returned from following Avner; and when he had gathered kol HaAm together, there lacked of Dovid’s avadim nineteen ish and Asahel. But the avadim of Dovid had struck down of Binyamin, and of anshei Avner, so that three hundred and threescore ish died. And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the kever of aviv, which was in Beit-Lechem. And Yoav and his men marched kol halailah, and they came to Chevron at dawn.

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And he [Dovid] said Tov; I will make a brit with thee; but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Bat Sha’ul, when thou comest to see my face. And Dovid sent malachim to Ishboshet Ben Sha’ul, saying, Deliver ishti Michal, which I took in erusin to me for a hundred arlot (foreskins) of the Pelishtim (Philistines). And Dovid sent malachim to Ishboshet Ben Sha’ul, saying, Deliver ishti Michal, which I took in erusin to me for a hundred arlot (foreskins) of the Pelishtim (Philistines).
he is quite gone?  
Thou hast sent him away, and came unto thee; why is it that thou hast done? Hinei, Avner HaMelech, and said, What
|24| Then Yoav came to
shalom.  
Chevron; he had sent him away, he was gone in shalom.
Avner was not with Dovid in
(zaglayim) (lame in both feet).  
riya, that he came to deceive thee, and to have da'as of thy going out and thy coming in, and to have da'as of all that thou doest.
And when Yoav was come out from Dovid, he sent malachim after Avner, which brought him back from the well of Sirah; but Dovid knew it not.
And when Avner was returned to Chevron, Yoav took him aside in the sha'ar to speak with him privately, and struck him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the dha'm of Asahel his brother.
And afterward when Dovid heard it, he said, I and my mamlachah are naki (innocent) before Hashem ad olam from the dha'm of Avner Ben Ner;
So Yoav, and Avishai his brother slaughtered Avner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Giveon in the milchamah.
And Dovid heard it, he said, I and my mamlachah are naki (innocent) before Hashem ad olam from the dha'm of Avner Ben Ner;
And afterward when Dovid heard it, he said, I and my mamlachah are naki (innocent) before Hashem ad olam from the dha'm of Avner Ben Ner;
And Avner had returned.  
And, hinei, the avadim of Dovid and Yoav came from Chevron all that seemed tov to Yisroel, and to the kol Bais Binyamin.
And Avner also spoke in the oznayim of Binyamin; and Avner went also to speak in the oznayim of Bais Binyamin.
And Avner said unto Dovid, I will arise and go, and will gather kol Bais Binyamin.
And Avner had returned to Chevron, Yoav took him aside in the sha'ar to speak with him privately, and struck him there under the fifth rib, that he died, for the dha'm of Asahel his brother.
And afterward when Dovid heard it, he said, I and my mamlachah are naki (innocent) before Hashem ad olam from the dha'm of Avner Ben Ner;
And Avner was dead in Chevron; and when Ben Sha'ul [Ish-Boshet] heard that Avner was dead in Chevron, his hands fell limp; kol Yisroel became alarmed.
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He was five years old when the news came of Sha'ul and Yonatan from Yizre'el (Jezreel), and his nurse took him up, and fled; and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame, and shmo Mephivoshet.

| 5 | And the Bnei Rimmon HaBe'erot, Rechav and Baanah, went, and came about chom hayom (the heat of the day) to the bais Ish-Boshet, who lay on a bed at tzahorayim (noon). |
| 6 | And they came into the midst of the bais, as though they would have been getting chittim; and they stabbed him under the fifth rib; and Rechav and Baanah achiv (his brother) escaped. |
| 7 | For when they had gone into the bais, he lay on his mittah (bed) in his chedor mishkav (bedroom), and they stabbed him, and killed him, and beheaded him, and took his rosh, and got away through the derech HaAravah kol halailah. |
| 8 | And they brought the rosh Ish-Boshet unto Dovid at Chevron, and said to HaMelech, Hinei the rosh Ish-Boshet Ben Sha'ul thine oyev (enemy), which sought thy nefesh; and Hashem hath given nekamot (vengeance) against Shaul unto adoni HaMelech this day, and of his zera. |
| 9 | And Dovid answered Rechav and Baanah achiv, the Bnei Rimmon HaBe'erot, and said unto them, As Hashem liveth, who hath padah (ransomed, redeemed) my nefesh out of kol tzarah, when one told me, saying, Hinei, Sha'ul is dead, thinking he was like mevaser (one who brings glad tidings, good news, evangelist), I took hold of him, and slaughtered him in Tziklag, who thought that I would have given him a reward for his besorah (good news); |
| 10 | Nevertheless Dovid captured the Metzudat Tziyon (Fortress of Zion); the same is Ir Dovid (City of Dovid). |
| 11 | How much more, when anashim shanim have slain an ish tzaddik in his own bais upon his mishkav (bed)?: Shall I not therefore now require his dahm of your yad, and take you away from HaAretz? |
| 12 | And Dovid commanded his ne'arim (young men), and they slaughtered them, and cut off their yadayim and their raglayim, and hung them up over the berekhah (pool) in Chevron. But they took the rosh Ish-Boshet, and buried it in the kever of Avner in Chevron. |
| 13 | Then came kol Shivtei Yisroel to Dovid unto Chevron, and spoke, saying, Hineni, we are thy etzem and thy basar. Also in time past, when Sha'ul was melech over us, thou wast he that didst lead out and brought in Yisroel; and Hashem said to thee, Thou shalt feed [like a shepherd] My people Yisroel, and thou shalt become Nagid over Yisroel. So all the zekenim of Yisroel came to HaMelech at Chevron; and Dovid HaMelech cut a Brit with them in Chevron before Hashem; v'yimshechu (and they anointed) Dovid Melech Yisroel. Dovid was in age shloshim shanah when he began to reign, and he reigned arba'im shanim. |
| 14 | And these are the shmot of those that were born unto him in Chevron: Shammua, and Shovav, and Natan, and Sh'lomo, Yivchar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Yaphia, Elyada, and Eliphelet. But the ivrim (blind ones) and the pisechim (lame ones) shall repel thee; thinking, Dovid cannot come in here. |
17] But when the Pelishtim heard that they had mashechu (anointed) Dovid Melech over Yisroel, all the Pelishtim came up to seek Dovid; but Dovid heard of it, and went down to the metzudah (stronghold).

18] The Pelishtim also came and spread themselves in the Emek Repha'im. 

19] And Dovid inquired of Hashem, saying, Shall I go up against the Pelishtim? Wilt Thou deliver them into mine yad? And Hashem said unto Dovid, Go up; for I will doubtless deliver the Pelishtim into thine yad.

20] So Dovid came to Baal-Peratzim, and Dovid struck them there, and said, Hashem hath paratz (broken out) upon mine enemies before me, as of peretz mayim. Therefore he called the shem of that place Baal-Peratzim.

21] And there they left their atzabim, and Dovid and his anashim burned them.

22] And the Pelishtim came up yet again, and spread themselves out in the Emek Repha'im.

23] And when Dovid inquired of Hashem, He said, Thou shalt not go up; but circle around behind them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry trees.

24] And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thee, for then shall Hashem go out before thee, to strike the machaneh of the Pelishtim.

25] And Dovid did so, as Hashem had commanded him; and struck the Pelishtim from Geva until thou come to Gazer.

Again, Dovid gathered together kol bachur b'Yisroel, shloshim elef.

2] And Dovid arose, and went with kol HaAm that were with him from Ba'ale-Yehudah, to bring up from there the Aron HaElohim which is called by the Shem; the Shem Hashem Tzva'os that is enthroned on the keruvim is upon it.

3] And they set the Aron HaElohim upon an agalah chadashah (new wagon, cart), and brought it out of the bais of Avinadav that was in Givah; and Uzzah and Achyo, the Bnei Avinadav, guided the agalah chadashah.

4] And they brought it out of the bais Avinadav which was at Givah, with the Aron HaElohim; and Achyo walked before the Aron.

5] And Dovid and all Bais Yisroel rejoiced before Hashem on all manner of instruments made of cypress, even on kinnorot, on nevalim (lyres), on tambourines, on castanets, and on cymbals.

6] And when they came to goren Nachon, Uzzah reached forth to the Aron HaElohim, and took hold of it; for the ox tilted it.

7] And the Af Hashem was kindled against Uzzah; and HaElohim struck him down there for the shal (error); and there he died by the Aron HaElohim.

8] And Dovid burned with anger, because Hashem had made a peretz (outburst), breaking out upon Uzzah; and he called the shem of the makom [place] Peretz-Uzzah, which is what it is called to this day.

9] And Dovid was afraid of Hashem that day, and said, How can the Aron Hashem come to me?

10] So Dovid would not move the Aron Hashem unto him in Ir Dovid; but Dovid carried it aside into the bais Oved-Edom the Gitti.

11] And the Aron Hashem remained in the bais Oved-Edom the Gitti three months; and Hashem blessed Oved-Edom, and all his bais.

12] And it was told Dovid HaMelech, saying, Hashem hath blessed the bais Oved-Edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the Aron HaElohim. So Dovid went and brought up the Aron HaElohim from the bais Oved-Edom into Ir Dovid with simchah.

13] And it was so, that when they that nosei Aron Hashem (carried the Aron HaShem) had gone six steps, he sacrificed ox and fattened calf.

14] And Dovid danced before Hashem with kol oz; and Dovid was girded with an ephod bad (linen ephod).

15] So Dovid and kol Bais Yisroel brought up the Aron Hashem with ter'uah (shout) and with the sound of the shofar.

16] And as the Aron Hashem came into Ir Dovid, Michal Bat Sha'ul looked through a chalon (window), and saw Dovid HaMelech leaping and dancing before Hashem; and she despised him in her lev.

17] And they brought in the Aron Hashem, and set it in its makom, inside the ohel that Dovid had pitched for it; and Dovid offered olot (burnt offerings) and shelamim (peace offerings) before Hashem.

18] And as soon as Dovid had made an end of offering the olah (burnt offering) and the shelamim (peace offering), he made brocha on HaAm b'Shem Hashem Tzva'os.

19] And he apportioned among kol HaAm, even among kol hamon Yisroel, to isha as well as ish, to every one challat.
lechem, a portion of meat, and a raisin cake. So kol HaAm departed, each to his bais.

[20] Then Dovid returned to make brocha on his bais. And Michal Bat Sha'ul came out to meet Dovid, and said, How distinguished was the Melech Yisroel today, who disrobed today in the eyes of the amehot (handmaids) of his avadim, as one of the rekim (vain, empty fellows, indecent boors) shamelessly uncovereth himself!

[21] And Dovid said unto Michal, It was before Hashem, which chose me rather than thy av, and rather than all his bais, to appoint me Nagid over Am Hashem, over Yisroel: therefore will I rejoice before Hashem.

[22] And I will yet be more undignified than this, and will be sha'al (lowly) in mine own eyes; and of the amahot (maidservants) which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be held in honor.

[23] Therefore Michal Bat Sha'ul had no yeled unto her yom mot.

And it came to pass, when HaMelech sat in his Bais, and Hashem had given him rest round about from all his oyevim;

[2] That HaMelech said unto Natan HaNavi, See now, I dwell in a Bais of cedar, but the Aron HaElohim dwelleth within the curtain.

[3] And Natan said to HaMelech, Go, do all that is in thy lev; for Hashem is with thee.

[4] And it came to pass that laillah, that the Devar Hashem came unto Natan, saying,

[5] Go and tell Avdi Dovid, Thus saith Hashem, Shalt thou build Me a Bais for Me to dwell in?

[6] Whereas I have not dwelt in any Bais since the time that I brought up the Bnei Yisroel out of Mitzrayim, even to this day, but have walked in an Ohel and in a Mishkan.

[7] In all the places wherein I have walked with kol Bnei Yisroel spoke I a word with any of the Shivtei Yisroel, whom I commanded, to shepherd My people Yisroel, saying, Why build ye not Me a Bais of cedar?

[8] Now therefore so shalt thou say unto Avdi Dovid, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, I took thee from the sheepfold, from following the tzon, to be Nagid over My people, over Yisroel:

[9] And I was with thee whithersoever thou didst go, and have cut off all thine oyevim out of thy sight, and have made thee a shem gadol, like unto the shem of the Gedolim that are on ha'aretz.

[10] Moreover I will appoint makom (place, home) for My people Yisroel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and be disturbed no more; neither shall the bnei avlah (children of wickedness) afflict them any more, as in former times,

[11] Even since the time that I commanded Shofetim to be over My people Yisroel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine oyevim. Also Hashem declareth to thee that He will make thee a Bais.

[12] And when thy yamim are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy Avot, I will raise up thy Zera after thee, which shall proceed out of thy loins, and I will establish his Mamlachah (Kingdom).

[13] He shall build a Bais for My Shem, and I will establish the kisse (throne) of his Mamlachah ad olam.

[14] I will be his Av, and he shall be My Ben [HaElohim]. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the shevet anashim, and with the floggings of bnei adam;

[15] But My chesed shall not be taken away from him, as I took it from Sha'ul, whom I removed from before thee.

[16] And thine Bais and thy Mamlachah shall be established ad olam before thee; thy kisse (throne) shall be established ad olam (forever) [See Ps 89:36-39].

[17] According to all these devarim, and according to all this chizzayon (revelation), so did Natan speak unto Dovid.

[18] Then went HaMelech Dovid in, and sat before Hashem, and he said, Who am I, Adonoi Hashem? And what is my Bais, that Thou hast brought me this far?

[19] And as if this were a small thing in Thy sight, Adonoi Hashem, Thou hast spoken also the future of Bais Avdecha. And is this fitting for haAdam [such as me], Adonoi Hashem?


[21] For the sake of Thy word, and according to Thine own lev, hast Thou done all this gedullah (great thing), and made it known to Avdecha.

[22] Wherefore Thou art great, Adonoi Hashem; for there is none like Thee, neither is there any Elohim but Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

[23] And what Goy echad in ha'aretz is like Thy people, even like Yisroel, whom Elohim went to redeem for an Am for Himself, and to make Him a Shem, and to do for Thee hagedullah (the great thing) and noroat, for Thy land, before Thy people, which Thou redeemedst to Thee.
from Mitzrayim, from the Goyim and their g-ds?

|24| For Thou hast confirmed to Thyself Thy people Yisroel to be an Am unto Thee ad olam; and Thou, Hashem, art become their Elohim.

|25| And now, Hashem Elohim, the davar (word, promise) that Thou hast spoken concerning Avdecha, and concerning his Bais, establish it ad olam, and do just as Thou hast said.

|26| And let Thy Shem be magnified ad olam, saying, Hashem Tzivos is Elohim over Yisroel; and let the Bais of Avdecha Dovid be established before Thee.

|27| And now, Adonoi Hashem, the davar (word, promise) that Thou hast spoken concerning Avdecha, and concerning his Bais, establish it ad olam, and do just as Thou hast said.

|28| And now, Adonoi Hashem Atah hu HaElohim, and Thy devarim are emes, and Thou hast promised hatovah hazot unto Avdecha; therefore hast Avdecha found in his lev to pray this tefillah unto Thee.

|29| Therefore now let it please Thee to bless the Bais Avdecha, that it may continue l’olam before Thee; for Thou, Adonoi Hashem, hast spoken it; and with Thy brocha let the Bais Avdecha be blessed l’olam.

And after this it came to pass that Dovid struck the Pelishtim, and subdued them; and Dovid took Meteg Ammah out of the yad (hand, control) of the Pelishtim.

|2| And he struck Moav, and measured them with a chevel (cord, rope), casting them down to the ground; even with two chavalim (ropes, cords) measured he to put to death, and with one full chevel (cord) to keep alive. And so Moav became to Dovid as

avadim, and brought minchah (gifts, tribute).

|3| Dovid struck also Hadadezer Ben Rechov Melech Tzovah, as he went to recover his yad (rule) at the nahr (river) Euphrates.

|4| And Dovid captured from him an elef and seven hundred parashim, and twenty elef foot soldiers; and Dovid hamstrung all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for one hundred chariots.

|5| And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer Melech Tzovah, Dovid struck down the Syrians two and twenty elef ish.

|6| Then Dovid put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became avadim to Dovid, and brought minchah.

And Hashem saved Dovid wherever he went. And Dovid took the shields of zahav that were on the avadim of Hadadezer, and brought them to Yerushalayim.

|7| When To’u Melech Chamat heard that Dovid had defeated all the army of Hadadezer, he went to war with To’u. And Yoram brought with him vessels of kesef, and vessels of zahav, and vessels of nechoshet; which also Dovid HaMelech did dedicate as kodesh unto Hashem, with the kesef and zahav that he had dedicated as kodesh of kol HaGoyim which he subdued; of Syria, and of Moav, and of the Bnei Ammon, and of the Pelishtim, and of Amalek, and of the plunder of Hadadezer Ben Rechov Melech Tzovah.

|8| And Dovid made himself a shem when he returned from striking down Edom in the Gey Melach, being eighteen elef men.

|9| And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all they of Edom became avadim to Dovid. And Hashem saved Dovid wheresoever he went. And Dovid reigned over kol Yisroel, and Dovid executed mishpat and tzedakah unto all his people.

|10| And Yoav Ben Tzeruyah was over the army; and Yehoshaphat Ben Achilud was razaked (secretary, recorder).

|11| And Tzadok Ben Achituv, and Achimelech Ben Evyatar (Abiathar), were the kohanim; and Serayah was the sofer (scribe).

|12| And Benayah Ben Yehoyada was over both the Kereti and the Peleti; and Benei Dovid were kohanim. And Dovid said, Is there yet any that is left of the Bais Sha’ul, that I may show him chesed for the sake of Yonatan? And there was of the Bais Sha’ul an eved and shmo was Tziva. And when they had called him unto Dovid, HaMelech said unto him, Art thou Tziva? And he replied, Thy eved.

|13| And HaMelech said, Is there not yet any of the Bais Sha’ul, that I may show him chesed for the sake of Yonatan? And there was of the Bais Sha’ul an eved and shmo was Tziva. And when they had called him unto Dovid, HaMelech said unto him, Art thou Tziva? And he replied, Thy eved.
nakheh (crippled, lame)
graglayim (both feet).

| 4 | And HaMelech said unto him, Eifoh hu (where is he)?
|   | And Tziva said unto HaMelech, Hinei, he is in the Bais Machir Ben Ammiel, in Lo-Devar.
| 5 | Then HaMelech Dovid sent, and had him brought out of the Bais Machir Ben Ammiel, from Lo-Devar.
| 6 | Now when Mephivoshet Ben Yonatan Ben Sha'ul, was come unto Dovid, he fell on his face, and prostated himself. And Dovid said, Mephivoshet. And he answered, Hinei, thy eved!
| 7 | And Dovid said unto him, Fear not; for I will surely show thee chesed for sake of Yonatan Avicha, and will restore thee kol sadeh Shaul Avicha; and thou shalt eat lechem at my shulchan tamid.
| 8 | And he prostated himself, and said, What is thy eved, that thou shouldest look upon such a kelev hamet (dead dog) as I am?
| 9 | Then HaMelech called to Tziva na'ar Sha'ul, and said unto him, I have given unto thy adon's ben all that pertained to Sha'ul and to all his Bais.
|10 | Thou therefore, and thy banim, and thy avadim, shall till the adamah for him, and thou shalt eat lechem at my shulchan tamid.
|11 | And Mephivoshet had a ben katan, shmo Micha. And kol moshav Bais Tziva were avadim unto Mephivoshet.
|12 | And when Dovid heard of it, he sent Yoav, and all the tzava (host, army) of the Gibborim.
|13 | And the Bnei Ammon came out, arrayed for milchamah at the petach hasha'ar (city gate); and the Syrians of Tzova, and of Rechov, and Ish-Tov, and Ma'akkah, were by themselves in the sadeh.
|14 | When Yoav saw that the front of the milchamah (battle) was against him before and behind, he chose all of the choice men of Yisroel, and put them in array against the Syrians;
|15 | And the rest of the people he delivered under the yad (command) of Avishai achiv (his brother), that he might put them in array against the Bnei Ammon.

10 And it came to pass after this, that Melech Bnei Ammon died, and Chanun bno reigned in his place.

|2 | Then said Dovid, I will show chesed unto Chanun Ben Nachash, as aviv (his father) showed chesed unto me. And Dovid sent to console him by the yad of his avadim for aviv. And avadim of Dovid came into Eretz Bnei Ammon.

|3 | And the sarim (princes) of the Bnei Ammon said unto Chanun their adon, Thinkest thou that Dovid doth honor avicha, that he hath sent menachamim (comforters) unto thee? Hath not Dovid rather sent his avadim unto thee, to explore the Ir, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?
|4 | Therefore, Chanun took the avadim of Dovid, and shaved off half of their zekanim (beards), and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away.

|5 | When they told it unto Dovid, he sent to meet them, because the anashim were greatly humiliated; and HaMelech said, Tarry at Yericho until your zekanim be grown, and then return.
|6 | And when the Bnei Ammon saw that they became stench before Dovid, the Bnei Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beit-Rechov and the Syrians of Tzova, twenty elef foot soldiers, and of Melech Ma'akkah an elef ish, and of Ish-Tov, twelve elef ish.
And it came to pass, at the teshuvah (turning) of the shanah (year), at the time when melachim go forth to war, that Dovid sent Yoav, and his avadim with him, and kol Yisroel; and they destroyed the Bnei Ammon, and the Avdei Dovid; and there fell some of the shalom HaAm of the Avdei Dovid; and there fell some of the avadim of Uriyah the Chitti, and the shalom hamilchamah.

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ish throw down on him a millstone from the chomah, that he died in Tevetz? Why went ye near the chomah? Then say thou, Thy ewed Uriyah the Chitti is dead also.
[22] So the malach went, and came and told Dovid all that Yoav had sent him for.
[23] And the malach said unto Dovid, Surely the anashim prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the sadeh, and we were upon them even unto the petach hasha'ar.
[24] And the archers shot from off the chomah upon thy avadim; and some of the avadim of HaMelech are dead, and thy ewed Uriyah the Chitti is dead also.
[25] Then Dovid said unto the malach, Thus shalt thou say unto Yoav, Let not this thing be evil in thy sight; for the cherev, and hast taken his isha unto thy isha, and gave thee Bais ad olam; and she became his isha, and slept in his kheyk (bosom), and was unto him as a bat.
[26] And there came a helech (traveller) unto the oisher, and he refused to take of his own tzon and of his own bakar, to prepare for the ore'ach (wayfaring man, traveller, guest) that was come unto him; but took the poor man's kivsah (ewe lamb), and prepared her for the ish that was come to him.
[27] And af Dovid (Dovid's anger) was greatly kindled against the ish; and he said to Natan, As Hashem liveth, the ish that hath done this thing is worthy of death; and he shall restore the kivsah fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no khamal (pity).
[28] And Natan said to Dovid, Hashem (I have sinned) against Hashem, to do the Davar Hashem, and to raise him up from ha'aretz; and give them unto thy re'a, and thy nashim before thine eyes, and he shall lie with thy nashim in the sight of this shemesh.
[29] For thou didst it baseter (secretly); but I will do this thing before kol Yisroel, and before the shemesh.
[30] And Dovid said unto Natan, I have sinned against Hashem. And Natan said unto Dovid, Hashem also hath put away thy chattat; thou shalt not die.
[31] Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the oyevim of Hashem to ni'etz (deride, ridicule, revile, blaspheme), also haben (the son) that is born unto thee shall surely die.
[32] And Natan departed unto Dovid. And Dovid arose, and went to him, and said unto him, There were two anashim in one town; the one an oisher, and the other poor.
[33] The oisher had exceeding many tzon and bakar;
[34] But the poor man had nothing, except one kivsah ketanah (little ewe [female] lamb), which he had acquired and nourished; and she grew up together with him [the poor man], and with his banim; it did eat of his own bread, and drank of his own kos (cup), and slept in his kheyk (bosom), and was unto him as a bat.
[35] But the poor man had nothing, except one kivsah (ewe lamb), which he had acquired and nourished; and she grew up together with him [the poor man], and with his banim; it did eat of his own bread, and drank of his own kos (cup), and slept in his kheyk (bosom), and was unto him as a bat.
[36] Now therefore the cherev shall not depart from thine Bais ad olam; because thou hast despised Me, hast taken the isha Uriyah the Chitti as thy isha.
[37] Thus saith Hashem, Hineni, I will raise up ra'ah (adversity) against thee out of thine own Bais, and I will take thy nashim before thine eyes, and give them unto thy re'a, and he shall lie with thy nashim in the sight of this shemesh.
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[41] And Natan departed unto Dovid. And Dovid struck the yeled that Uriyah's isha bore unto Dovid, and it was very ill.
[42] Dovid therefore pleaded with HaElohim for the na'ar; and Dovid did a tzom, and went in, and lay all night upon ha'aretz.
[43] And the zekenim of his Bais arose, and went to him, to raise him up from ha'aretz; but he would not, neither did he eat lechem with them.
[44] And it came to pass on the yom hashevi'i, that the yeled had died. And the avadim of Dovid feared to tell him that the yeled was dead; for they said, Hinei, while the yeled was yet chai (alive), we spoke unto him, and he would not pay heed unto koleimu (our voice); so if we tell him that the yeled is dead, will he then do something horrendous?
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[19] But when Dovid saw that his avadim were mitlachashim (whisperers), Dovid perceived that the yeled was dead; therefore Dovid said unto his avadim, Is the yeled dead? And they said, Met (dead, he is dead).

[20] Then Dovid arose from ha'aretz, and bathed [See 2 Sm 11:2], and put on lotion, and changed his apparel, and came into the Bais Hashem, and worshiped; then he came to his own Bais; and when he requested, they set lechem before him, and he did eat.

[21] Then said his avadim unto him, What davar is this that thou hast done? Thou didst undergo a tzom and weep for the sake of the yeled, while it was alive; but when the yeled was dead, thou didst rise and eat lechem.

[22] And he said, While the yeled was yet chai, I underwent a tzom and wept; for I said, Who can tell whether Hashem will be gracious to me, that the yeled may live?

[23] But now he is met (dead), why should I undergo a tzom? May I bring him back again? Can I bring him back again?

[24] And Dovid [Beloved] comforted Bat-Sheva his isha, and went in unto her, and lay with her; and she bore ben, and he called shmo Sh'lomo; and Hashem loved him.

[25] And He sent by the yad of Hashem, and Barak came unto Gilgal, and said unto Barak, Go, take unto thee Na'aman the Aramaite, and his wife, and all that he hath; and return.

[26] And Yoav fought against Rabbah of the Bnei Ammon, and captured ir hameluchah (the royal city).

[27] And Yoav sent malachim to Dovid, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the Ir HaMayim.

[28] Now therefore gather the rest of HaAm (the army) together, and encamp against the Ir, and capture it; lest I take the Ir, and it be called after my shem.

[29] And Dovid gathered kol HaAm together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and captured it.

[30] And he took their melech's atretet from off his rosh, the weight whereof was a talent of zahav with the precious stones; and it was set upon Dovid's rosh. And he brought forth the plunder of the ir (city) in great abundance.

[31] And he brought forth ha'am that were therein, and put them under saws, and under threshing tools of barzel, and under axes of barzel, and made them go through the brickkilns; and thus did he unto all the towns of the Bnei Ammon. So Dovid and kol haAm returned unto Yerushalayim.

And it came to pass after this, that Avshalom Ben Dovid had an achor yafeh (beautiful sister), whose shem was Tamar; and Amnon Ben Dovid loved her.

[2] And Amnon was so distressed, that he fell ill for his achor Tamar; for she was betulah; but Amnon thought it impossible for him to do anything to her.

[3] But Amnon had a re'a, shmo Yonadav Ben Shime'ah Achi Dovid; and Yonadav was an ish chacham (shrewd man).

[4] And he said unto him, Why art thou, being Ben HaMelech, becoming dal (weak, wretched) from day to day? Wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, Ani ohev (I love) Tamar achor Avshalom achi.

[5] And Yonadav said unto him, Lay thee down on thy mishkav, and make thyself sick; and when avicha cometh to see thee, say unto him, now, let my achor Tamar come, and cause me to eat lechem, and prepare the briyah (food) in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it from her yad.

[6] So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick; and when HaMelech was come to see him, Amnon said unto HaMelech, Now, let Tamar my achor come, and make me a couple of [heart-shaped] cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her yad.

[7] Then Dovid sent to Tamar to the palace, saying, Go now to the bais of thy brother Amnon, and prepare for him briyah (food).

[8] So Tamar went to the bais of her brother Amnon; and he was lying down. And she took batzek (dough), and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the [heart-shaped] cakes.

[9] And she took a masret (pan), and poured them out before him; and he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have kol ish go out from me. And they went out kol ish from him.

[10] And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the briyah into the bedchamber (bed room), that I may eat from thine yad. And Tamar took the [heart-shaped] cakes which she had prepared, and brought them into the bedroom to Amnon her brother.

[11] And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my achor.

[12] And she answered him, No, achi, do not violate me; for no such thing ought to be done in Yisroel; do not thou this nevalah (foul deed, shameful thing).
And I, to where shall I cause my cherpah (shame, disgrace) to go? And as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the nevalim (wicked fools) in Yisroel. Now therefore, speak unto HaMelech; for he will not withhold me from thee.

Howbeit he would not pay heed unto her voice; but, being stronger than she, violated her and raped her, and lay with her.

Then Amnon hated her exceedingely; so that the sinah (hatred) wherewith he hated her was gedolah me’od than the ahavah wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Get up, get out.

And she said unto him, No, do not this ra’ah in sending me away which is gedolah than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not pay heed unto her.

Then he called his na’ar that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this outside from me, and bolt the delet after her.

She had a kesones of various colors upon her; for with such were the banot HaMelech that were betulot apparelled. Then his mesharet (servant) brought her outside, and bolted the delet after her.

Tamar put efer (ash) on her rosh (head) and made the kri’ah (tearing, rending) on her kesones of various colors that was on her, and laid her yad on her rosh, and went on weeping as she went.

And Avshalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother Amnon as Avshalom had commanded. Then all the Bnei HaMelech arose, and every man mounted him up upon his pered (mule), and fled.

And it came to pass, while they were baderech (on the way), that report came to Dovid, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon’s lev is high with yayin, and when I say unto you, Strike Amnon; then kill him, fear not; have not I commanded you? Be chazak (courageous), and be bnei chayil.

Now Avshalom had commanded his avadim, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon’s lev is high with yayin, and when I say unto you, Strike Amnon; then kill him, fear not; have not I commanded you? Be chazak (courageous), and be bnei chayil.

And when Dovid HaMelech heard of all these things, he was very angry.

And Avshalom spoke unto his brother Amnon not a davar neither rah nor tov; for Avshalom hated Amnon, because he had violated and raped his achot Tamar.

And it came to pass after two full shanim, that Avshalom had gozezim (sheepshearers) in Baal-Chazor, which is in Ephrayim; and Avshalom invited all the Bnei HaMelech.

And Avshalom came to HaMelech, and said, Hinei now, thy evah hath gozezim; let HaMelech, now, and his avadim go with him.

Then Avshalom urged him, that he let Amnon and kol Bnei HaMelech go with him.

And the na’ar tzofeh (watchman) lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, hinei, there came am rav (much people) by the derech of the hillside behind him.

But Avshalom fled, and went to Talmai Ben Ammichud Melech Geshur. And Dovid mourned for bno kol hayamim.

And Avshalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there shalosh shanim.

And the nefesh of Dovid HaMelech longed to go forth unto Avshalom; for he was consoled concerning Amnon that died.
Now Yoav Ben Tzeruyah perceived that the lev HaMelech was toward Avshalom.

[2] And Yoav sent to Tekoah, and brought from there an isha chachamah, and said unto her, now, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with shemen, but be as an isha that had a long time mourned for the dead;

[3] And when the isha of Tekoah spoke to HaMelech, she fell on her face to the ground, and prostrated herself, and said, Hoshi'ah (help), O Melech.

[4] And HaMelech said unto her, What troubleth thee? She answered, I am indeed an al-manah, and mine ish is dead.

[5] And HaMelech said unto her, Why troublest thee? She answered, I am indeed an al-manah, and mine ish is dead.

[6] And thy shifchah had two banim, and they two fought together in the sadeh, and there was none to separate them, but the one struck the other, and killed him.

[7] And, hinei, kol hamishpakhah is risen against thine shifchah (handmaid); and so they shall quench my burning coal remaining, and shall not leave to my ish shem nor she'erit (heir) also; and so they shall devises means, so that His nefesh liveth, and they will destroy me and beni (my son) together out of the palm of the ish that would destroy me.

[8] And HaMelech said to the isha, Go to thine bais; I will give charge concerning thee.

[9] And the isha of Tekoah said unto HaMelech, Adoni, O Melech, the avon (guilt) be on me, and on my bais avi; and HaMelech and his kise be guiltless.

[10] And HaMelech said, Whoever saith anything unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

[11] Then said she, Now, let HaMelech remember Hashem Eloheicha, that thou wouldest not suffer the Go'el HaDahm to destroy any more, lest they destroy beni (my son). And he said, As Hashem liveth, there shall not one hair of thy ben fall to the ground.

[12] Then the isha said, Let thine shifchah, now, speak one word unto adoni Ha-Melech. And he said, Say on.

[13] And the isha said, why then hast thou thought such a thing against the Am Elohim? For HaMelech doth speak this thing as one which is guilty, in that HaMelech doth not bring back home again his banished.

[14] For we must needs die, are as mayim spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; yet Elohim doth not take away nefesh; but devises means, so that His banished be not expelled from Him.

[15] Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto adoni HaMelech, it is because the people have made me afraid; and thy shifchah thought, I will now speak unto HaMelech; it may be that HaMelech will perform the request of his amah (servant).

[16] For HaMelech will hear, to deliver his amah (servant) out of the palm of the ish that would destroy me and beni (my son) together out of the nachalat Elohim.

[17] Then thine shifchah said, The devar adoni HaMelech shall now be as meunchah (rest, comfort); for as a malach HaElohim, so is adoni HaMelech to discern the tov and the rah; therefore Hashem Eloheicha will be with thee.

[18] Then HaMelech answered and said unto the isha, Hide not from me, now, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the isha said, Let adoni HaMelech now speak.

[19] And HaMelech said, Is not the yad Yoav with thee in all this? And the isha answered and said, As thy nefesh liveth, adoni HaMelech, none can turn to the right or to the left from anything that adoni HaMelech hath spoken; for thy eved Yoav, he instructed me, and he put all these devarim in the peh (mouth) of thine shifchah (handmaid).

[20] To bring about this matter for discussion hath thy eved Yoav done this thing; and adoni is chacham, according to the chochmat malach HaElohim, to know all things that are in ha'aretz.

[21] And HaMelech said unto Yoav, Hinei now, I have granted this thing; go therefore, bring the na'ar Avshalom back!

[22] And Yoav fell to the ground on his face, and prostrated himself, and put a bracha on HaMelech; and Yoav said, Today thy eved Yoav, in that HaMelech hath fulfilled the request of his eved.

[23] So Yoav arose and went to Geshur, and brought Avshalom to Yerushalayim.

[24] And HaMelech said, Let him turn to his own bais, and let him not see my face. So Avshalom returned to his own bais, and saw not the face of HaMelech.

[25] But in kol Yisroel there was none ish yafeh to be so much praised as Avshalom; from the sole of his regel even to the crown of his head there was no mum (blemish) in him.
And when he cut the hair of his rosh, (for it was from time to time that he cut it; because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he cut it); he weighed the se'ar (hair) of his rosh at two hundred shekels after the royal standard.

And unto Avshalom there were born three banim, and one bat, whose shem was Tamar; she was an isha of a fair countenance.

So Avshalom dwelt two full shanim in Yerushalayim, and saw not the face of HaMelech.

Therefore Avshalom sent for Yoav, to have sent him to HaMelech; but he would not come; and when he sent again the second time, he would not come.

Therefore he said unto his avadim, See, the allotted land of Yoav is near mine, and he hath se'orim (barley) there; go and kindle it with eish. And the avadim of Avshelom set eish to the allotted land.

Then Yoav arose, and came to Avshalom unto his bais, and said unto him, Why have thy avadim set eish to my allotted land?

And Avshalom answered Yoav, Hinei, I sent unto thee, saying, Come here, that I may send thee to HaMelech, to say, why am I come from Geshur? It had been tov (better) for me to have been there still; now therefore let me see the face of HaMelech; and if there be any avon (iniquity) in me, let him kill me.

So Yoav came to HaMelech, and told him; and when he had called for Avshalom, he came to HaMelech, and prostrated himself on his face to the ground before HaMelech; and HaMelech kissed Avshalom.

And it came to pass after this, that Avshalom prepared him merkavah and susim, and fifty ish to run before him.

And Avshalom rose up early, and stood beside the derech hasha'ar; and it was so, that when any ish that had a riv (lawsuit, complaint) came to HaMelech for mishpat, then Avshalom called unto him, and said, Of what town art thou? And he said, Thy eved is of one of the Shivtei Yisroel.

And Avshalom said unto him, See, thy case is tovim and right; but there is no man deputy of HaMelech to hear thee.

Avshalom said moreover, Oh that I were made Shofet in the land, that every ish which hath any riv or mishpat might come unto me, and I would bring him justice!

And it was so, that when any ish came near to him to prostrate himself before him, he put forth his yad, and took him, and kissed him.

And on this manner did Avshalom to kol Yisroel that came to HaMelech for mishpat; so Avshalom stole the lev anshei Yisroel.

And there came a maggid to Dovid, saying, Lev Ish Yisroel are with Avshalom.

And Dovid said unto all his avadim that were with him at Yerushalayim, Arise, and let us flee; or else we shall not escape from Avshalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring ra'ah (disaster) upon us, and strike the Ir with the edge of the cherev.

And the avadim of HaMelech said unto HaMelech, Hinei, thy avadim are ready to do whatsoever adoni HaMelech commands.

And HaMelech went forth, and all his Bais after him. And HaMelech left ten nashim, which were pilagshim (concubines), to be shomer over the Bais (palace).

And HaMelech went forth, and kol haAm after him, and tarried in a place that was far off.

And all his avadim passed on by his yad; and all the Kereti, and all the Peleti, and all the Gittim, six hundred men which came after him from Gat, passed on before HaMelech.

Then said HaMelech to Ittai the Gitti, Why goest thou also with us? Return to thy place, and
abide with HaMelech; for thou art a nokhri (foreigner), and also an exile.
[20] Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee wander about with us? Seeing I go to where I may, shuv (return thou), and take back thy brethren; chesed and emes be with thee.
[21] And Ittai answered HaMelech, and said, As Hashem liveth, and as adoni HaMelech liveth, surely in what makom adoni HaMelech shall be, whether in mavet or chayyim, even there also will thy eved be [Ruth 1:17].
[22] And Dovid said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gitti passed over, and all his anashim, and all the little ones that were with him.
[23] And kol ha'aretz wept with a kol gadol (loud voice), and kol haAm crossed over; HaMelech also himself crossed over the brook Kidron, and kol haAm crossed over, toward the derech of the midbar.
[24] And heinei Tzadok also, and all the Levi'im were with him, bearing the Aron Brit HaElohim; and they set down the Aron HaElohim; and Evyatar (Abiathar) went up, until kol HaAm had done passing out of the Ir.
[25] And HaMelech said unto Tzadok, Carry back the Aron HaElohim into the Ir; if I shall find chen (grace) in the eyes of Hashem, He will bring me again, and show me both Him, and His habitation;
[26] But if He thus say, I have no delight in thee, hinei, thou shalt be a massa (burden) unto me;
[27] And hast thou not there with thee Tzadok and Evyatar (Abiathar) the kohanim? Therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the Bais HaMelech, thou shalt tell it to Tzadok and Evyatar (Abiathar) the kohanim.
And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou ish hadamim and thou ish habeliyya’al;

And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou ish hadamim and thou ish habeliyya’al; and Hashem hath returned upon thee all the dahm of the Bais Sha’ul, in whose place thou hast reigned; and Hashem hath delivered the meluchah (kingdom) into the yad Avshalom binecha; and, behold, thou art taken in thy ra’ah, because thou art an ish damim.

Then said Avishai Ben Tzeruyah unto HaMelech, Why should this kelev hamet (dead dog) curse adoni HaMelech? Let me go over, now and cut off his rosh.

And HaMelech said, What have I to do with you, ye Bnei Tzeruyah? So let him curse, because Hashem hath said unto him, Curse Dovid. Who shall then say, why hast thou done so?

And Dovid said to Avishai, and to all his avadim, Hinei, beni, which came forth from within me, seeketh my nefesh; how much more now may this Bin-Hayemini (Benjamite) do it? Let him alone, and let him curse; for Hashem hath bidden him.

It may be that Hashem will look on mine affliction, that Hashem will repay me tovah for his cursing this day.

And Dovid and his anashim went by the derech, Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him, cursed as he went, threw avanim at him, and kicked up aphar.

Moreover Achitophel said unto Avshalom, Let me now choose out shneym asar elef ish, and I will arise and pursue after Dovid halailah (this night); and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak of hands, and will make him tremble with fear; and kol haAm that are with him shall flee; and I will strike HaMelech only;

And when Chushai was come to Avshalom, Achitophel spoke unto him, saying, Achitophel hath spoken after this manner; shall we do after his saying? If not; speak thou.

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And the saying pleased Avshalom well, and kol Ziknei Yisroel. Then said Avshalom, Call now Chushai the Archi also, and let us hear likewise from his peh (mouth).

And Agioth said to Avshalom, The etza (counsel) that Achitophel hath given is not tovah at this time.

And Chushai said unto Avshalom, Go in unto the pilagshim of Avicha, which he hath left to be shomer over the Bais (palace); and kol Yisroel shall hear that thou art astench to Avicha; then shall the hands of all that are with thee be chazak (strong).

And he also that is chayil, whose lev is as the lev ha’aryeh (heart of a lion), shall utterly melt; for kol Yisroel knoweth that Avicha is a Gibbor, and they that follow Avicha are Gibborim, and they be enraged in their nefesh, as a dov (bear) robbed of her cubs in the sadeh; and Avicha is ish milchamah, and will not spend the night with HaAm (the troops).

Hinei, he is hid now in one of the pits, or in some other makom; and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the outset, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a magefah (slaughter) among the people that follow Avshalom.

And the etza (counsel) of Achitophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if an ish had inquired at the davar HaElohim; so was all the etza (counsel) of Achitophel both with Dovid and with Avshalom.

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be with him are Bnei Chayil (valiant men).

|11| Therefore, I counsel that kol Yisroel be fully gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-Sheva, as the chol (sand) that is by the yam for multitude; and that thou thyself go into battle in person.

|12| So shall we come upon him in some makom where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the tal (dew) falleth on the adadam; and of him and of kol ha’anashim that are with him there shall not be left so much as one.

|13| Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then shall kol Yisroel bring chavalim (ropes) to that city, and we will draw it into the ravine, until there be not one small stone found there.

|14| And Avshalom and kol Ish Yisroel said, The etza (counsel) of Chushai the Arki is better than the etza of Achitophel. For Hashem had resolved to annul the etza of Achitophel, to the intent that Hashem might bring ra’ah upon Avshalom.

|15| Then said Chushai unto Tzadok and to Eyyatar (Abiathar) the kohanim, Thus and thus did Achitophel counsel Avshalom and the Ziknei Yisroel; and thus and thus have I counselled.

|16| Now therefore send quickly, and tell Dovid, saying, Spend not halailah (this night) in the plains of the midbar; but speedily cross over; lest Hashem might bring ra’ah upon Avshalom.

|17| Now Yonatan and Achima’atz stayed by Ein-Rogel; for they dared not be seen to come into the Ir; and a shifchah went and told them; and they went and told Dovid HaMelech.

|18| Nevertheless a na’ar saw them, and told Avshalom; but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a bais ish in Bachurim, which had a bee’er (well) in his khatzer; to where they went down.

|19| And the isha took and spread a masakh (blanket, curtain) over the mouth of the bee’er, and spread hulled grain thereon; and the thing was not known.

|20| And when the avadim of Avshalom came to the bais to the isha, they said, Where is Achima’atz and Yonatan? And the isha said unto them, They are gone over the brook of mayim. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Yerushalayim.

|21| And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they climbed up out of the bais of the isha said unto them, They are not gone over Yarden.

|22| Then Dovid arose, and kol haAm that were with him, and they crossed over Yarden; by the ohr haboker there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Yarden.

|23| And when Achitophel saw that his etza (counsel, advice) was not followed, he saddled his chamor, and arose, and went home to his bais, to his town, and put his bais (household) in order, vayyekhanak (and he strangled, hanged himself); and died, and was buried in the kever aviv (tomb of his father).

|24| Then Dovid came to Machanayim. And Avshalom passed over Yarden, he and all the Ish Yisroel with him.

|25| And Avshalom appointed Amasa over the tzava (army) instead of Yoav; now Amasa was ben ish shmo Yitra a Yisroeli, that went in to Machanayim, that Shovvi Ben Nachash of Rabbah of the Bnei Ammon, and Machir Ben Ammiel of Lo-Devar, and Barzillai the Gileadi of Roglim.

|26| But Hashem stirred up HaAm that were with him, and set sarei alafim, and sarei meot over them.

|27| And Dovid sent forth a third part of the people under the yad Yoav, and a third part under the yad Avshalom, that Shovvi Ben Nachash (Yoav’s brother), and a third part under the yad Itai the Gitti. And HaMelech said unto HaAm, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

|28| Thou shalt not go forth; for if we flee away, they will not set their lev on us; neither if half of us die, will they set their lev on us; but now thou art worth ten thousand of us; therefore, now it is better that thou support us from the Ir [i.e., Machanayim].

|29| And HaMelech answered, Thou shalt not go forth; for if we flee away, they will not set their lev on us; but now thou art worth ten thousand of us; therefore, now it is better that thou support us from the Ir [i.e., Machanayim].

|30| And HaMelech said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And HaMelech stood by the side of the sha’ar, and
And HaMelech commanded Yoav and Avishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the na'ar, even with Avshalom. And kol HaAm heard when HaMelech gave all the sarim charge concerning Avshalom.

[6] HaAm went into the sa-deh against Yisroel; the milchamah was in ya'ar (forest) of Ephrayim; [7] Where Am Yisroel were slain before the avadim of Dovid, and there was there a magefah gedolah that day of esrim elef.

[8] For the milchamah was there scattered over the face of kol ha'Am and ha'aretz; and the ya'ar devoured more people that day than the cherev devoured.

[9] And Avshalom met the avadim of Dovid. And Avshalom rode upon a pered (mule), and the pered under him went on.

[10] And a certain ish saw it, and told Yoav, and said, Hinei, I saw Avshalom [ben Dovid] talui (hanged) b'elah (on a tree, oak) [ZECHARIYAH 12:10].

[11] And Yoav said unto the ish that told him, And, hinei, I saw Avshalom [ben Dovid] talui (hanged) belah (on a tree, oak) [ZECHARIYAH 12:10].

[12] And the ish said unto Yoav, Though I should receive elef kesef in mine palm, yet would I not put forth mine yad against the ben HaMelech; for in ozneinu (our hearing) HaMelech charged thee and Avishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the na'ar Avshalom.

[13] Otherwise I should have dealt sheker against mine own nefesh; for there is no matter hid from HaMelech, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me.

[14] Then said Yoav, I will not tarry thus with thee. And he took three shevatim in his yad, and thrust them through the lev Avshalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak tree [YN 19:34].


[16] Then Yoav blew the shofar, and HaAm returned from pursuing after Yisroel; for Yoav held back HaAm.

[17] And they took Avshalom, and cast him into a great pit, and surrounded Avshalom, struck and slaughtered him.

[18] Now Avshalom in his lifetime had taken and erected for himself a matzevet (monument), which is in the Emek HaMelech; for he said, I have no ben to keep my shem in remembrance; and he called the matzevet after his shem; and it is called unto this day, Avshalom's Monument.

[19] Then said Achima'atz Ben Tzadok, Let me now run. And he said unto HaMelech, and said, Baruch ha'aretz upon his face before Shalom. And he fell down to the gag (roof) over the sha'ar (gate) unto the chomah (wall), and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and hinei an ish running alone.

[20] And Yoav said unto him, Thou shalt not be ish besorah (bearer of news) this day, but thou shalt hear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt hear no tidings, because the ben HaMelech is dead.

[21] Then said Yoav to Cushi, Go tell HaMelech what thou hast seen. And Cushi prostrated himself unto Yoav, and ran.

[22] Then said Achima'atz Ben Tzadok yet again to Yoav, But be what may, let me, now, also run after Cushi. And Yoav said, why wilt thou run, beni, seeing that thou hast no besorah to provide?

[23] But hówsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Rutz! (run!). Then Achima'atz ran by the derech of the plain, outran Cushi.

[24] And Dovid sat between the two she'arim (gates); and the tzofeh (watchman) went up to the gag (roof) over the sha'ar (gate) unto the chomah (wall), and looked, and hinei an ish running alone.

[25] And the tzofeh (watchman) cried, and told HaMelech. And HaMelech said, If he be alone, there is besorah (news) in his peh (mouth). And he came rapidly, and drew near.

[26] And the tzofeh (watchman) saw another man running; and the tzofeh called unto the shoer (gatekeeper), and said, Hinei, another man running alone. And HaMelech said, This is mevaser (one bringing good news, evangelist).

[27] And the tzofeh (watchman) said, I see the running of the foremost is like the running of Achima'atz Ben Tzadok. And HaMelech said, He is an ish tov, and cometh with besorah tovah (good news) [see 2SM 18:10].

[28] And Achima'atz called, and said unto HaMelech, Shalom. And he fell down to ha'aretz upon his face before HaMelech, and said, Baruch Hashem Eloheicha, which hath delivered up the anashim that lifted up their yad against adoni HaMelech.

[29] And HaMelech said, Is the na'ar Avshalom prostrated himself unto Yoav, and ran.
And it was told Yoav, Hinei, HaMelech weepeth and mourneth for Avshalom. [2:3] And the teshu'ah (salvation, deliverance) on that day was turned into evel (mourning) unto kol HaAm; for the people heard say that day how HaMelech was grieved for bno.

[3:4] And the people stole that day into the Ir [Machanayim] as people being ashamed steal in when they flee in milchamah.

[4:5] But HaMelech covered his face, and HaMelech cried with a kol gadol, O beni Avshalom, O Avshalom, beni, beni!

[5:6] And Yoav came into the bais to HaMelech, and said, Thou hast disgraced this day the faces of all thy avadim, which this day have saved thy nefesh, and the nefesh of thy banim and of thy banot, and the nefesh of thy nashim, and the nefesh of thy pilagshim (concubines);

[6:7] In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hateth thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou hast no regard for sarim nor avadim; for this day I perceive, that if Avshalom had lived, and this day all we were mesim (dead ones), then it would have been yashar in thy sight.

[7:8] Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak to the lev of one man; so that thou wilt perceive, that if Avshalom had lived, and this day all we were mesim (dead ones), then it would have been yashar in thy sight.

[8:9] Then HaMelech arose, and sat in the sha'ar. And they told unto kol haAm, saying, Hinei, HaMelech doth sit in the sha'ar. And kol haAm came before HaMelech: for Yisroel had fled every ish to his ohel.

[9:10] And kol haAm were having dissenion throughout kol Shivtei Yisroel saying, HaMelech saved us out of the palm of oyveinu (our enemies) and he delivered us out of the palm of the Pelshtim; and now he is fled from HaAretz because of Avshalom.

[10:11] And Avshalom, whom mashachnu (we anointed) over us, is dead in milchamah. Now therefore why are ye not speaking of bringing back HaMelech?

[11:12] And Dovid HaMelech sent to Tzadok and to Evyatar the kohanim, saying, Speak unto the Ziknei Yehudah, speaking of bringing back his bais to HaMelech, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei Ben Gera fell down before HaMelech, as he was come over Yarden.
that adoni HaMelech went out of Yerushalayim, that HaMelech should take it to his lev.

[20|21] For thy eved doth know that I have sinned; therefore, hinei, I am come rishom (first) this day of all the Bais Yosef to go down to meet adoni HaMelech.

[21|22] But Avishai Ben Tzruyah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed Hashem's Moshiach?

[22|23] And Dovid said, What have I to do with you, ye Bnei Tzruyah, that ye should this day be as satan unto me? Shall there be ish put to death this day in Yisroel? For do not this day be as satan unto me?

[23|24] Therefore HaMelech said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And HaMelech swore a shevu'a unto him.

[24|25] And Mephivoshet said unto HaMelech, Indeed, let him take all, forasmuch as adoni HaMelech is come again in shalom unto his own bais.

[25|26] And it came to pass, when he [Mephivoshet] was come to Yerushalayim to meet HaMelech, that HaMelech said unto him, why wentest not thou with me, Mephivoshet?

[26|27] And he answered, Adoni, O Melech, avdi deceived me: for thy eved said, I will saddle me a chamor, that I may ride thereon, and go to HaMelech; because thy eved is pise'ach (lame).

[27|28] And he hath slandered thy eved unto adoni HaMelech; but adoni HaMelech is like malach HaElohim; do therefore what is tov in thine eyes.

[28|29] For all of the bais avi were but anshei mavet before adoni HaMelech; yet didst thou set thy eved among them that did eat at thine own shulchan. What tzedakah (right) therefore have I yet to appeal any more unto HaMelech?

[29|30] And HaMelech said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy devaram? I have said, Thou and Tziva divide the sadeh.

[30|31] And Mephivoshet said unto HaMelech, Indeed, let him take all, forasmuch as adoni HaMelech is come again in shalom unto his own bais.

[31|32] And Barzillai the Gileadi came down from Roglim, and went over Yarden with HaMelech, to conduct him over Yarden.

[32|33] Now Barzillai was zaken me'od, even fourscore shanah old; and he had been the support of HaMelech while he dwelt at Machanayim; for he was an ish gadol me'od.

[33|34] HaMelech said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and with me I will be your support in Yerushalayim.

[34|35] And Barzillai said unto HaMelech, How long have I to live, that I should go up with HaMelech to Yerushalayim?

[35|36] I am this day fourscore shanah old; and can I discern between tov and rah? Can thy eved taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any more the voice of sharim (singing men) and sharot (singing women)? Why then should thy eved be yet a massa (burden) unto adoni HaMelech?

[36|37] Thy eved will go a little way over Yarden with HaMelech; and why should HaMelech reward me with such a reward?

[37|38] Let thy eved, now, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried near the kever of avi and of immi. But hinei thy eved Chimmah [i.e., one of his sons, 1Kgs 2:7]; let him go over with adoni HaMelech; and do to him what shall seem tov unto thee. [38|39] And HaMelech answered, Chimmah shall cross over with me, and I will do for him that which shall seem tov unto thee; and whatsoever thou shalt request of me, that will I do for thee. [39|40] And kol haAm crossed over Yarden. And when HaMelech was come over, HaMelech kissed Barzillai, and put a bracha on him; and he returned unto his own makom (place, home).

[40|41] Then HaMelech went on to Gilgal, and Kimham crossed over with him; and kol Am Yisroel conducted HaMelech, and also half Am Yisroel.

[41|42] And, hinei, kol Ish Yisroel came to HaMelech, and said unto HaMelech, Why have acheinu Ish Yehudah stolen thee away, and have brought HaMelech across, and his Bais (household), and kol Anshei Dovid with him, over Yarden?

[42|43] And kol Ish Yehudah answered Ish Yisroel, Because HaMelech is near of kin to us; why then be ye angry for this matter? Have we eaten at all from HaMelech? Or hath he given us anything?

[43|44] And Ish Yisroel answered the Ish Yehudah, and said, We have ten shares as much in HaMelech, and we have also more in Dovid than ye; why then did ye slight us? Were we not the first to give the davar in bringing back my melech? And the devar Ish Yehudah were harsher than the devar Ish Yisroel.
And there happened to be there an ish Beliyaal [rebel], shmo Sheva Ben Bichri an ish from Binyamin; and he blew a shofar, and said, We have no chelek in Dovid, neither have we nachalah in Ben Yishai; every ish to his ohel, O Yisroel. 

So kol Ish Yisroel went up after Dovid, and followed Sheva Ben Bichri; but the Ish Yehudah had deveykus unto their Melech, from Yarden even to Yerushalayim.

And Dovid came to his Bais (palace) at Yerushalayim; and HaMelech took the ten nashim, his pilagshim, whom he had left to be shomer over the Bais, and put them in Bais Mishmeret (seclusion), and provided for them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto their yom mot, living in almenut (widowhood).

Then said HaMelech to Amasa, Assemble the Ish Yehudah within shloshet yamim; be thou here present.

And Dovid said to Avishai, Sheva Ben Bichri shmo, hath lifted it upon haMelech, and he hath not done mishpat unto him; now therefore go, take thou the ten yamim; be thou here present.

So Amasa went to assemble Yehudah; but he tarried longer than the moed which he had appointed him.

And Dovid said to Avishai, Now shall Sheva Ben Bichri do us more harm than did Avshalom; take thou the avadim of adoneicha, pursue after him, lest he get him fortified cities, and escape us.

And there went out after him an ish Yoav, and the Kereti, and the Peleti, and kol Gibborim; and they went out of Yerushalayim, to pursue after Sheva Ben Bichri.

When they were at the Even Hagedolah (Great Stone) which is in Giv'on, Amasa went before them. And Yoav's military garment that he had put on was girded unto him, and upon it a khagor with a cherev fastened upon his waist in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out.

Yoav said to Amasa, Art thou in shalom, my brother? And Yoav took Amasa by the zaken (beard) with the right hand to kiss him.

But Amasa took no heed that I may speak with thee. And he slanted his yad against HaMelech, saying, Why hast thou taken my rosh? why didst thou swallow up the nachalat Hashem?

And Yoav answered and said, Chalilah (far be it), chalilah from me, that I should swallow up or destroy.

The matter is not so; but an ish of har Ephrayim, Sheva Ben Bichri shmo, hath lifted it upon haMelech, and he hath not done mishpat unto him; now therefore go, take thou the ten yamim; be thou here present.

And Dovid came to his Bais (palace) at Yerushalayim; and HaMelech took the ten nashim, his pilagshim, whom he had left to be shomer over the Bais, and put them in Bais Mishmeret (seclusion), and provided for them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto their yom mot, living in almenut (widowhood).
Then there was a ra'av (famine) in the days of Dovid shalosh shanim, shanah after shanah; and Dovid inquired of Hashem. And Hashem answered, It is on account of Sha'ul, and for his bais hadamim, because he slaughtered the Giveonim.

[2] And HaMelech called the Giveonim, and said unto them; (now the Giveonim were not of the Bnei Yisroel, but of the remnant of the Emori; and the Bnei Yisroel had sworn unto them; and Sha'ul sought to annihilate them in his kinot (zeal) for the Bnei Yisroel and Yehudah.)

[3] Therefore Dovid said unto the Giveonim, What shall I do for you? And wherewith shall I make the kapporah, that ye may bless the nachalat Hashem?

[4] And the Giveonim said unto him, We will have no kesef nor zahav of Sha'ul, nor of his bais; neither for us shalt thou kill any ish in Yisroel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you.

[5] And they answered HaMelech, The ish that consumed us, and that plotted against us that we should be made shmad from remaining in any of the territories of Yisroel,

[6] Let shivah anashim of his banim be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto Hashem in Giveah of Sha'ul, whom Hashem did choose. And HaMelech said, I will give them.

[7] But HaMelech spared Mephivoshet Ben Yonatan Ben Sha'ul, because of Hashem's shevua (oath) that was between them, between Dovid and Yonatan Ben Sha'ul.

[8] But HaMelech took the two Bnei Ritzpah Bat Ayah, whom she bore unto Sha'ul, Armoni and Mephivoshet; and the five Bnei Michal [Merar] Bat Sha'ul, whom she bore to Adriel Ben Barzillai the Mecholati;

[9] And he delivered them into the hands of the Giveonim, and they hanged them in the hill before Hashem; and they fell all shivah together and were put to death in the yamim of katriz (harvest), in the rishonim, in the beginning of katriz se'orim (barley harvest).

[10] And Ritzpah Bat Ayah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the tzur, from the beginning of katriz until mayim dropped upon them out of Shomayim, and suffered neither the oph haShomayim to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the sadeh by night.

[11] And it was told Dovid what Ritzpah Bat Ayah, the pilegesh (concubine) of Sha'ul, had done.

[12] And Dovid went and took the atzmot Sha'ul and the atzmot Yonatan bno from the citizens of Yavesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the rechov (street) of Beit-shan, which had stolen them from the beginning of katriz until mayim dropped upon them out of Shomayim, and suffered neither the oph haShomayim to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the sadeh by night.

[13] And he brought up from there the atzmot Sha'ul and the atzmot Yonatan bno; and they gathered the atzmot of them that were hanged.

[14] And the atzmot Sha'ul and Yonatan bno buried they in eretz Binyamin in Tzela, in the kever of Kish aviv; and they performed all that HaMelech commanded. And after that Elohim was entreated for the land.

[15] Moreover the Pelishtim had yet milchamah again with Yisroel; and Dovid went down, and his avadim with him, and fought against the Pelishtim; and Dovid grew faint.

[16] And Yishbi-benov, which was of the yeladim of Rafah (Giant), the weight of whose spearhead weighed three hundred shekels of nechoshet in weight, he being girded chadashah (belted anew), declared that he could slay Dovid.

[17] But Avishai Ben Tzaryah came to his aid, and struck the Pelishti (Philistine), and killed him. Then the anshei Dovid swore an oath unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to milchamah (battle), that thou quench not the Ner Yisroel (Lamp of Israel).

[18] And it came to pass after this, that there was again milchamah with the Pelishtim at Gov; then Sibbechai the Chushati slaughtered Saph, which was of the banim of the Rafah.

[19] And there was again milchamah in Gov with the Pelishtim, where Elchanan Ben Ya'arei-orgim, from Beit-Lechem, slaughtered the brother of Golyat (Goliath) the Gitti, the staff of whose khnait (spear) was like a weaver's beam.

[20] And there was yet again a milchamah in Gat, where was a man of great stature, that had on every yad six fingers, and on every regel six toes, four and twenty in mispar (number); and he also was born to the Rafah.

[21] And when he defied Yisroel, Yonatan Ben Shimea the brother of Dovid slaughtered him.

[22] These four were born to the Rafah in Gat, and fell by the yad Dovid, and by the yad of his avadim. [T.N. Kapporah is made here by that which is hanged unto Hashem—see 2Sm 21:3,6; Isa 53:10]
And Dovid spoke unto Hashem the devarim of this shirah (song) in the day that Hashem had delivered him out of the palm of all his oyevim (enemies) and out of the palm of Sha’ul:

And he said, Hashem is my rock, and my matzadah, and my deliverer;

The Elohei (G-d of) my Tzur; in Him will I trust; He is my mogen, and the keren of my Salvation, my stronghold, and my refuge, my Moshia; Thou savest me from chamas.

I will call on Hashem, Who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from my oyevim.

When the waves of mavet (death) compassed me, the floods of scoundrels overwhelm me;

The chevlei Sheol (cords of Sheol) encompassed me; the snare of mavet confronted me;

In my distress I called upon Hashem, and cried to Elohai; and He did hear my voice out of His Heikhal, and my cry did enter into His oznayim.

Then ha’aretz shook and trembled; the mosedot (foundations) of Shomayim moved and shook, because He was in wrath.

There went up an ashan (smoke) out of His nostrils, and eish out of His peh (mouth) devoured; coals were kindled by it.

He bowed HaShomayim also, and came down; and a dark cloud was under His raglayim.

And He rode upon a keruv, and did fly; and He was seen upon the wings of the ruach.

And He made choshech sukot round about Him, dark mayim, and thick clouds of the skies.

Through the radiant brightness before Him were coals of eish kindled.

Hashem thundered from Shomayim, and Elyon uttered His voice.

And the channels of the yam appeared, the mosedot (foundations) of the tevel (world) were uncovered, at the rebuking of Hashem, at the blast of the ruach of His nostrils.

He sent from on High, He took me; He drew me out of mayim rabbim;

He delivered me from my strong oyev, and from them that hated me; for they were too strong for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity; but Hashem was my support.

He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because chafetz (He delighted) in me.

Hashem rewarded me according to my tzedakah;

I was also tamim (blameless) before Him, and have kept myself from mine avon (iniquity).

Therefore Hashem hath rewarded me according to my tzedakah; according to the cleanliness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

For I have been shomer over the drakhei Hashem, and not wickedly departed from Elohai [see Ac 21:21].

For all His mishpatim were before me; as for His chukkot, I did not depart from them.

I was also tamim (blameless) before Him, and have kept myself from mine avon (iniquity).

Therefore Hashem hath rewarded me according to my tzadakah; according to my cleanliness before His eyesight.

With the chasid (loyal, the one having chesed, the devout one) Thou wilt show Thyself loyal, and with the Gibbor tamim (blameless man) Thou wilt show Thyself blameless.

With the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure; and with the ikkesh (crooked, devious) Thou wilt show Thyself shrewd.

And the Am oni (afflicted people) Thou wilt save; but Thine eyes are upon the haughty, that Thou mayest bring them down.

For Thou art my ner (lamp), Hashem; and Hashem will lighten my choshech.

For by Thee I have run through a troop; by Elohai can I leap over a wall.

As for G-d, His derech is tamim; the Word of Hashem is proven; He is a mogen (shield) to all them that trust in Him.

For who is G-d, save Hashem? And who is Tzur, save Eloheinu?

G-d is my ma’oz and power; and He maketh my derech perfect.

He maketh my feet like the feet of ayyalot (deer); and maketh me stand upon my high places.

He teacheth my yadayim for milchamah; so that a keshet nechoshah is bent by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the mogen of Thy Salvation; and hast stooped down to make me great.

Thou hast enlarged my stride under me; so that my kursulayim do not slip.

I have pursued mine oyevim, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them.

And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise; indeed, they are fallen under my raglayim.

For Thou hast girded me with chayil (strength) for milchamah; them that rose up against me hast Thou caused to bow down under me.
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|41| Thou hast also given me victory over the necks of mine oyevim, that I might destroy them that hate me.
|42| They looked, but there was no moshia; even unto Hashem, but He answered them not.
|43| Then did I beat them as small as the aphar of eretz, I did stamp them as the mire of the street, and did scatter them abroad.
|44| Thou also hast delivered me from the contentions of my people, Thou hast kept me to be Rosh of the Goyim; a people which I knew not shall serve me. [Mt 28:19]
|45| Foreigners shall submit themselves unto me; as soon as they hear, they shall be mishma'at (obedient) unto me.
|46| Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their misgerot (strongholds).
|47| Hashem liveth; and baruch be my Tzur; and exalted be the Elohei Tzur of my Salvation.
|48| It is G-d that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the nations under me.
|49| And that bringeth me forth from mine oyevim; Thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me; Thou hast delivered me from the ish chamasim.
|50| Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, Hashem, among the Goyim, and I will sing praises unto Shimecha (Thy Name).
|51| He is the migdal Yeshu'ot for His melech; and showeth chesed to His Moshiach, unto Dovid, and to his zera ad-olam.

Now these be the last devarim of Dovid. Dovid Ben Yishai said, the gever (man) who was raised up above, the Moshiach Elohei Ya'akov, and the singer of zemirot (songs) of Yisroel, said,

[10] He arose, and struck the Pelishtim until his yad was weary, and his yad had devekyus unto the cherev; and Hashem wrought a teshuva gedolah (great victory) that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder.

[11] And after him was Shammah Ben Agee the Harari. And the Pelishtim were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Pelishtim.

[12] But he stood in the midst of the allotted ground, and defended it, and slaughtered the Pelishtim; and Hashem wrought a teshuva gedolah.

[13] And three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to Dovid in the time of katzir unto the cave of Adulam; and the troop of the Pelishtim encamped in the Emek Rephaiim.

[14] And Dovid was then in the matzadah, and the garrison of the Pelishtim was then in Beit-Lechem.

[15] And Dovid longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the mayim of the well of Beit-Lechem, which is by the sha'ar! But the Bnei Belya'el [rebellious] shall be all of them as kotz (thorns) thrust away, because they cannot be gathered with hands;

[16] But the one that shall touch them must be armed with barzel (iron) and the staff of a khanit (spear); and they shall be utterly burned with eish where they are.

[17] These be the shmot of the gibborim whom Dovid had; Yoshev Bashevet Tachkemoni, chief among the Three; the same was Adino the Etzni; he killed eight hundred, in one encounter. And after him was Elazar Ben Dodai the Achochi, one of the three gibborim with Dovid, when they defied the Pelishtim that were there gathered together to milchamah, and the Ish Yisroel were gone away;

[23] Now these be the last devarim of Dovid. Dovid Ben Yishai said, the gever (man) who was raised up above, the Moshiach Elohei Ya'akov, and the singer of zemirot (songs) of Yisroel, said,
|18| And Avishai, the brother of Yoav Ben Tzeruyah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his khanit (spear) against three hundred, and slaughtered them, and had the shem among the Three. 

|19| Was he not most honored of the Three? Therefore he was their sar; howbeit he attained not unto the first three. 

|20| And Benayah Ben Yehoyada was a ben chayil, of Kavtze’el, who had done many deeds: he slaughtered two lionlike men of Moav; he went down also and slaughtered an aryeh in the midst of a pit on a snowy day; 

|21| And he slaughtered an Egyptian, a goodly man; and the Egyptian had a khanit (spear) in his yad; but he went down to him with a shevet (club), and plucked the khanit out of the Egyptian’s yad, and slaughtered him with his own khanit. 

|22| These things did Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and had the shem among three gibborim. 

|23| He was more honored than the Shloshim, but he attained not to the first Three. And Dovid set him over his bodyguard. 

|24| Asah-el the brother of Yoav was one of the thirty; Elchanan Ben Dodo of Beit-Lechem, Shammah the Harodi, Elika the Charodi, Cheletz the Palti, Ira Ben Ikkesh the Tekoi, Aviezer the Anethoti, Mevnunai the Chushati, Tzalmon the Achochi, Maharai the Netophati, Chelev Ben Ba’anah, a Netophati, Ittai Ben Rivai out of Givah of the Bnei Binyamin, 

|30| Benayah the Pirathoni, Hiddai of the ravines of Ga’ash, Abi-albon the Arvat, Azmavet the Barchumi, Elyachba the Sha’alvoni, of the Bnei Yashen, Yonatan, Shammah the Harari, Achiam Ben Sharrar the Arari, Eliphelet Ben Achasbai son of the Maachati, Eliam Ben Achitophel the Giloni, Chetzrai the Carmeli, Pa’arai the Arbi, Yigal Ben Natan of Tzohav, Bani the Gadi, Tzelek the Ammoni, Nachrai the Be’eroti, armor-bearer to Yoav Ben Tzeruyah, Uriya a Yitri, Garev a Yitri, Uriyah the Chitti, 37all. 

|31| And again the Af Hashem was kindled against Yisroel, and He incited Dovid against them to say, Go, number Yisroel and Yehudah. 

|32| For HaMelech said to Yoav Sar HaChayil, who was with him, Go now through kol Shivtei Yisroel, from Dan even to Beer Sheva, and number ye HaAm, that I may know the Mispar HaAm. 

|33| And Yoav said unto HaMelech, Now Hashem Eloheicha add unto HaAm, how many soever they be, a hundredfold, and that the eyes of adoni HaMelech may see it; but why doth adoni HaMelech delight in this thing? 

|34| Notwithstanding the devar HaMelech prevailed against Yoav, and against the Sarei HeChayil. And Yoav and the Sarei HaChayil went out from before HaMelech, to number HaAm Yisroel. 

|35| And they passed over Yarden, encamped in Aroer, on the south of the Ir that lieth in the midst of the ravine of Gad, toward Yazer; They came to Gil’ad, to Eretz Tachtim-Chodshi; they came to Dan-Ya’an, went around to Tzidon, and came to the fortress of Tzor, and to all the cities of the Chivi, and of Kenaan; and they went out to the Negev of Yehudah, to Beer Sheva. 

|36| So when they had gone through kol HaAretz, they came to Yerushalayim at the end of 9 months and 20 days. So when they had gone through kol HaAretz, they came to Yerushalayim at the end of 9 months and 20 days. 

|37| And again the Af Hashem was kindled against Yisroel, and He incited Dovid against them to say, Go, number Yisroel and Yehudah. 

|38| And Dovid said unto Hashem, Chatati (I have sinned) me’od (greatly) in what I have done; and now, Hashem, take away the avon (iniquity, guilt) of Thy eved; for I have done very foolishly. 

|39| For when Dovid rose up in the boker, the Devar Hashem came unto Gad HaNavi, the Chozeh Dovid (Seer of Dovid), saying, 

|40| Go, say unto Dovid, Thus saith Hashem, I offer thee shalosh (three, three things); choose for thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 

|41| And Gad came to Dovid, and told him, and said unto him, Shall shlosh (three, three things); choose for thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 

|42| And Dovid said unto Gad, I am in a great tzar (distress); let Shalosh yamim dever (three days of pestilence) in thy land? Now consider, and see what answer I shall return to Him that sent me. 

|43| And Lev Dovid struck him after that he had numbered HaAm. And Dovid said unto Hashem, Chatati (I have sinned) me’od (greatly) in what I have done; and now, Hashem, take away the avon (iniquity, guilt) of Thy eved; for I have done very foolishly. 

|44| Shalosh (three, three things); choose for thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 

|45| And Gad said unto Dovid, Go, number Yisroel and Yehudah. 

|46| And Dovid saith Hashem, I offer thee shalosh (three, three things); choose for thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 

|47| And Lev Dovid struck him after that he had numbered HaAm. And Dovid said unto Hashem, Chatati (I have sinned) me’od (greatly) in what I have done; and now, Hashem, take away the avon (iniquity, guilt) of Thy eved; for I have done very foolishly.
us fall now into the Yad Hashem; for His chesed are rabbim: and let me not fall into the yad adam.

|15| So Hashem sent a dever (pestilence) upon Yisroel from the boker even to the es mo’ed (time appointed); and there died of HaAm from Dan even to Beer Sheva shiv’in ish.

|16| And when the Malach stretched out his yad upon Yerushalayim to destroy her, Hashem relented from the destruction, and said to the Malach that destroyed HaAm, It is enough; restrain now thine yad. And the Malach Hashem was by the goren of Aravnah the Yevusi.

|17| And Dovid spoke unto Hashem when he saw the Malach that struck HaAm, and said, Hineh, I have sinned, and I have transgressed; but these tzon, what have they done? Let Thine yad be against me, and against Bais Avi [Isa 53:6].

|18| And Gad came that day to Dovid, and said unto him, Go up, erect a Mizbe’ach unto Hashem in the goren of Aravnah the Yevusi.

|19| And Dovid, according to the Devar Gad, went up as Hashem commanded.

|20| And Aravnah looked, and saw HaMelech and his avadim coming on toward him; and Aravnah went out, and prostrated himself before HaMelech on his face upon the ground.

|21| And Aravnah said, Why is adoni HaMelech come to his aved? And Dovid said, To buy the goren of thee, to build a Mizbe’ach unto Hashem, that the magefah (plague) may be withdrawn from Yisroel.

|22| And Aravnah said unto Dovid, Let adoni HaMelech take and offer up what seemeth tov unto him; see, here are oxen for the olah (burnt sacrifice), and threshing tools and other instruments of the bakar (oxen) for wood.

|23| All these things did Aravnah, hamelech lamelech, give. And Aravnah said unto HaMelech, Hashem Eloheicha yirtzecha (accept thee).

|24| And HaMelech said unto Aravnah, Lo (no); but I will surely buy it of thee at a mekhir (price); neither will I offer olot (burnt offerings) unto Hashem Elohai of that which doth cost me nothing. So Dovid bought the goren and the bakar for fifty shekels of kesef.

|25| And Dovid built there a Mizbe’ach unto Hashem, and offered olot (burnt offerings) and shelamim (peace offerings). So Hashem was entreated for the land, and the magefah (plague, see Isa 53:8) was withdrawn from Yisroel.

Now HaMelech Dovid was zaken and stricken in yamim; and they covered him with begadim, but he could get no warmth.

|2| Wherefore his avadim said unto him, Let there be sought for adoni HaMelech a na’arah betulah; and let her stand before HaMelech, and let her lie at thy kheyk (bosom), that adoni HaMelech may be warm.

|3| Go and get thee in unto HaMelech Dovid, and say unto him, Didst thou not swear unto thine amah (maid servant, handmaid) saying, Assuredly Shlomo thy ben shall reign as Melech after me, and he shall sit
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upon my kisse? Why then doth Adoniyah reign as Melech?
| 14 | Hinei, while thou yet speakest there with HaMelech, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy devarim.

| 15 | And Bat-Sheva went in unto HaMelech into the cheder; and HaMelech was zaken me’od; and Avishag HaShunammit attended unto HaMelech.

| 16 | And Bat-Sheva bowed, and did obeisance unto HaMelech. And HaMelech said, What wouldest thou?

| 17 | And she said unto him, Adoni, thou didst swear by Hashem Eloheicha unto thine amah, saying, Assuredly Sh’lomo thy ben shall reign as Melech after me, and he shall sit upon my kisse.

| 18 | And now, hinei, Adoniyahu reigneth as Melech; and now, adoni HaMelech, thou knowest it not;

| 19 | And he hath sacrificed shor and fatted bull and tzon in abundance, and hath invited all the Bnei HaMelech, and Evyatar (Abiathar) HaKohen; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, Yechi HaMelech Adoniyahu (long live HaMelech Adoniyah)!

| 20 | But me, even me thy eved, and Tzadok HaKohen, and Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and thy eved Shlomo, hath he not invited.

| 21 | Is this thing done by adoni HaMelech, and thou hast not showed it unto thy eved, even who should sit on the kisse adoni HaMelech after him?

| 22 | Then HaMelech Dovid answered and said, Call me Bat-Sheva. And she came into the presence of HaMelech, and stood before HaMelech.

| 23 | And HaMelech swore a shevu’a (oath), and said, As Hashem liveth, that hath redeemed my nefesh out of kol tzarah,

| 24 | Even as I swore a shevu’a unto thee by Hashem Elohei Yisroel, saying, Assuredly Sh’lomo thy ben shall reign as Melech after me, he shall sit upon my kisse in my place; so will I certainly do this day.

| 25 | Then Bat-Sheva bowed with her face to eretz, and did reverence to HaMelech, and said, Yechi adoni HaMelech Dovid (long live adoni HaMelech Dovid)!!

| 26 | And HaMelech Dovid said, Call me Tzadok HaKohen, and Natan HaNavi, and Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and the Kereti, and the Peleti, went down, and had Shlomo ride upon the mule of HaMelech Dovid, and brought him to Gichon.

| 27 | As Hashem hath been with adoni HaMelech, even so may He be with Shlomo, and make his kisse greater than the kisse of adoni HaMelech Dovid.

| 28 | And Tzadok HaKohen, and Natan HaNavi, and Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and the Kereti, and the Peleti, went down, and had Shlomo ride upon the mule of HaMelech Dovid, and brought him to Gichon.

| 29 | And Tzadok HaKohen took a keren of shemen out of the ohel, and mashach (anointed) him there Melech over Yisroel; and blow ye with the shofar, and say, Yechi HaMelech Sh’lomo.

| 30 | Then they said, Yechi HaMelech Sh’lomo! And kol HaAm shouted, Yechi HaMelech Sh’lomo! And kol HaAm came up after him, and the people played chalilim (flutes), and rejoiced with simchah gedolah, so that ha’aretz split with the sound of them.

| 31 | And Adoniyah and kol hakeru'im (all the invited ones) that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Yoav
heard the kol hashofar; he said, Why is the sound of the Ir in an uproar?

[42] And while he yet spoke, hinei, Yonatan Ben Eyvatar (Abiathar) HaKohen came; and Adoniyah said unto him, Come, for thou art an ish chayil, and tov tevaser (bringest good tidings).

[43] And Yonatan answered and said to Adoniyah, Just the opposite! Verily adoneinu HaMelech Dovid hath made Shlomo Melech!

[44] And HaMelech hath sent with him Tzadok HaKohen, and Natan HaNavi, and Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and the Kereti, and the Peleti, and they have had him ride upon pirdah (mule) of HaMelech: and Natan HaNavi have anointed him Melech at Gichon; and they are come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang out. This is the noise that ye have heard.

[45] And Tzadok HaKohen and Natan HaNavi have anointed him Melech at Gichon; and they are come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang out. This is the noise that ye have heard.

[46] And also Shlomo sitteth on the kisse hameluchah.

[47] And moreover the avadim of HaMelech came to make a brocha on adoneinu HaMelech Dovid, saying, May your G-d make the shem of Shlomo more famous than thy shem, and make his kisse greater than thy kisse.

And HaMelech bowed himself upon the mishkav (bed).

[48] Also so said HaMelech, Baruch Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Who hath given one to sit on my kisse this day, mine eyes even seeing it. And HaMelech bowed himself upon the mishkav (bed).

[49] And kol hakeruvim (all the invited ones) that were with Adoniyah were terrified, and rose up, and went every ish his own derech [see Isa 53:6].

[50] And Adoniyah feared because of Shlomo, and arose, and went, and caught hold of the karnayim of the Mizbe'ach.

[51] And it was told Shlomo, saying, Hinei, Adoniyah feareth HaMelech Shlomo; for, hinei, he hath caught hold of the karnayim of the Mizbe'ach, saying, Let Melech Shlomo swear a shevu'a (oath) unto me today that he will not slay his eved with the cherev.

[52] And Shlomo said, If he will show himself a ben chayil (a son of worthiness), there shall not a hair of him fall to ha'aretz; but if ra'ah (wickedness) shall be found in him, he shall die [Ro 6:23].

[53] So HaMelech Shlomo sent, and they brought him down from the Mizbe'ach. And he came and bowed himself to Melech Shlomo; and Shlomo said unto him, Go to thine bais.

Now the days of Dovid drew near that he should die; and he charged Shlomo Bno, saying, [2] I go the derech kol ha'aretz; be thou chazak therefore, and show thyself a man;

[3] And be shomer over the mishmeret (requirement, charge) of Hashem Eloheicha, to walk in His derakhim, to be shomer over His chukkot (decrees), and His mishpatim (ordinances), and His edot (testimonies), as it is written in the Torat Moshe, so that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and wherever thou turnest;

[4] So that Hashem may uphold His Davar (Word, Promise) which He spoke concerning me, saying, If thy banim are shomer over their derech, to walk before Me in emes with all their lev and with all their nefesh, there shall not yikaret l'cha (be cut off of you, fail thee) Ish on the Kisse Yisroel.

[5] Moreover thou knowest also what Yoav Ben Tzeruyah did to me, and what he did to the two sarim of the Tzivos Yisroel (Armies of Yisroel), unto Avner Ben Ner, and unto Amasa Ben Yeter, whom he killed, and the shefach dahm of war in shalom (peacetime), and put the dahm of milchamah (war) upon his khagorah (sword belt) that was about his loins, and on his na'alyim (sandals) that were on his raglayim.

[6] Do therefore according to thy chochmah, and let not his gray head go down to Sheol in shalom.

[7] But shew chesed unto the Bnei Barzillai the Gileadi, and let them be of those that eat at thy chochmah; for so they stood by me when I fled from before Avashalom achicha.

[8] And, hinei, thou hast with thee Shimei Ben Gera the Binyamini of Bachurim, which cursed me with a kalalah (curse) nimretzet (grievous, strong) on the day when I went to Machanayim; but he came down to meet me at Yarden, and I swore a shevu'a to him by Hashem, saying, I will not put thee to death with the cheriev.

[9] Now therefore hold him not guiltless; for thou art an ish chacham, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his gray head bring thou down with dahm to Sheol.

[10] So Dovid slept with his avot, and was buried in Ir Dovid.

[11] And the yamim that Dovid reigned as Melech over Yisroel were arba'im shanah; and Yisroel were arba'im shanah; and Dovid reigned as Melech over Yisroel.

[12] Then sat Shlomo upon the Kisse Dovid.
Aviv; and Malchusos was firmly established. [13] And Adoniyah Ben Chaggit came to Bat-Sheva Em Shlomo. And she said, Comest thou in shalom? And he said, Shalom. [14] He said moreover, I have davar to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. [15] And he said, Thou hast da as that the meluchah (kingdom, monarchy) was mine, and that kol Yisroel set their faces on me, that I should reign as Melech; howbeit the meluchah has veered, and is become my brothers; for it was his from his father's; for he is achi Adoniyah? Ask for him the HaShunammite for request Avishag immo, And why dost thou answered and said unto HaMelech Sh'lomo, as isha. [21] And she said, Let thee nay. And HaMelech said unto her, Ask me not say nay. And he promised, Adoniyah shall be executed this day. [25] And HaMelech Shlomo sent by the yad Benayah Ben Yoav, even from against the Bais Avi. [31] And Hashem shall return his dahm upon his own rosh, who fell upon two anashim more tzadikim and tovim than he, and killed them with the cherev, Dovid Avi not knowing thereof. Avner Ben Ner, Sar Tzava Yisroel, and Amasa Ben Yeter, Sar Tzava Yehudah. [33] Let their dahm therefore turn back upon the rosh Yoav, and upon the rosh of his zera Tzav; but upon Dovid, and upon his Zera, and upon his Bais, and upon his Kisse, let there be shalom ad olam from Hashem. [34] So Benayah Ben Yehoyada went up, and fell upon him, and executed him; and he was buried in his bais house, and upon his Zera, and upon his Bais, and upon his Kisse, and upon his Kiss on, immi: for I will not say thee nay. And HaMelech said unto her, Ask on, immi: for I will not say thee nay. [26] And unto Evyatar (Abiathar) HaKohen said HaMelech, Get thee to Anatot, unto thine own sadot; for ish mavet atah (You are a man deserving of death); but I will not this day put thee to death, because thou borest the Aron Adonoi Hashem before Dovid Avi, and because thou hast shared hardship in all wherein Avi endured hardship. [27] So Shlomo thrust out Evyatar (Abiathar) from being Kohen unto Hashem; in order to fulfill the Devar Hashem, which He had spoken at Shiloh concerning the Bais Eli. [31] And Benayah came to the Ohel Hashem, and said unto him, Thus saith HaMelech, Come forth. And he said, Nay, but I will die here. And Benayah brought HaMelech word again, saying, Thus said Yoav, and thus he answered me. [32] And Hashem shall return his dahm upon his own rosh, who fell upon two anashim more tzadikim and tovim than he, and killed them with the cherev, Dovid Avi not knowing thereof. [33] And he said, I have davar to say unto thee. And he said, Speak, now, say me not nay. And he said, Thou hast one small she'elah of thee; refuse me not. And she said, Say on. [34] And he said, Thou hast one small she'elah of thee; refuse me not. And she said, Say on. [35] And he said, Thou hast one small she'elah of thee; refuse me not. And she said, Say on. [36] And unto Evyatar (Abiathar) HaKohen said HaMelech, Get thee to Anatot, unto thine own sadot; for ish mavet atah (You are a man deserving of death); but I will not this day put thee to death, because thou borest the Aron Adonoi Hashem before Dovid Avi, and because thou hast shared hardship in all wherein Avi endured hardship. [37] For it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, and passest over the Kidron Valley, thou shalt know for certain that mot tamut (thou shalt surely die);
thy dahm shall be upon thine own rosh.
[38] And Shimei said unto HaMelech, Tov HaDavar (good is the word); just as adoni HaMelech hath said, so will thy eved do. And Shimei dwelt in Yerushalayim yamim rabbim.

[39] And it came to pass at the end of shalosh shanim, that two of the avadim of Shimei ran away unto Achish Ben Maachah Melech Gat. And they told Shimei, saying, Hinei, thy avadim are in Gat.

[40] And Shimei arose, and saddled his chamor, and went to Gat to Achish to search for his avadim; and Shimei went, and brought back his avadim from Gat.

[41] And it was told Shlomo that Shimei had gone from Yerushalayim to Gat.

[42] And HaMelech sent and summoned Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear a shevu’ah by HaMelech, and adjured thee [i.e., under oath], saying, Know for a certain, on the yom thou goest out, and walkest abroad any place whatever [outside Yerushalayim] that mot tamut (thou shalt surely die)? And thou saidst unto me, Tov HaDavar Sha’ma’ti (The good word I will hear, I will obey).

[43] Why then hast thou not been shomer over the Shevuat Hashem, and the Mitzvah that Shlomo had made an alliance with Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, and took Bat Pharaoh as isha, and brought her to Ir Dovid, until he had completed building his Bais (palace), and also the Beis Hashem, and the surrounding chomat Yerushalayim.

[44] However HaAm were sacrificing in the high places, because there was no Bayit built unto the Shem of Hashem in those days.

[45] And Shlomo loved Hashem, walking in the chukkot Dovid Aviv; however he was sacrificing and burning ketoret at the high places.

[46] So HaMelech commanded Benayah Ben Yehoyada, who went and fell upon him, that he died. The mamlachah was established in the yad Shlomo.

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[4] And HaMelech went to Giveon to sacrifice there; for that was the bamah hagedolah (the great high place); a thousand olot did Shlomo offer upon that mizbe’ach.

[5] In Giveon Hashem appeared to Shlomo in a chalom halailah; Elohim said, Ask what I should give thee. And Shlomo said, Thou hast showed unto Thy eved Dovid Avi chesed gadol (great mercy), according as he walked before Thee in emes, and in tzedakah, and in yesharah levav (uprightness of heart) with Thee; and Thou hast been shomer to preserve this chesed hagadol for him, that Thou hast given him Ben [Dovid] to sit on his kisse, as is this day.

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[7] And now, Hashem Elohai, Thou hast made Thy eved Melech in the place of Dovid Avi; and I am but a na’ar katon (little child); I know not how to go out or come in.

[8] And Thy eved is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, an Am Rav, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.

[9] Give therefore Thy eved a lev shome’a (discerning heart, mind) to govern Thy people, that I may discern between tov and ray; for who is sufficient to judge this Thy so great a people?

[10] And the davar was pleasing in the eyes of Adonoi, that Shlomo had made request of this davar.

[11] And Elohim said unto him, Because thou hast made request of this davar, and hast not requested for thyself yamim rumim; neither hast requested osher for thyself, nor hast requested the nefesh of thine oyevim; but hast requested for thyself binah to comprehend mishpat;

[12] Hinei, I have done according to thy devarim; hinei, I have given thee a discerning lev chacham; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

[13] And I have also given thee that which thou hast not requested, both osher, and kavod; so that there shall not be any among the Melachim like unto thee all yamim.

[14] And if thou wilt walk in My derakhim, to be shomer over My chukkot and My mitzvot, as Dovid Avicha did walk, then I will lengthen thy yamim.

[15] And Shlomo awoke; and, hinei, it was a chalom! And he returned to Yerushalayim, and stood before the Aron Brit Adonoi, and offered up olot, and offered shelamim, and made a mishteh (feast) for all his avadim.

[16] Then came there two nashim, that were zonot (harlots, prostitutes)
unto HaMelech, and stood before him.
[17] And the one isha said, O adoni, I and this isha dwell in one bayit; and I was delivered of child with her babayit (in the house).
[18] And it came to pass the Yom HaShelishi after that I was delivered, that this isha was delivered also; and we were together; there was no zar (stranger, outsider) with us babayit, except we two babayit.
[19] And this ben haisha died in the lailah; because she had lain upon him.
[20] And she arose in the middle of the lailah, and took beni (my son) from beside me, while thine amah (handmaid) slept, and laid it in her kheyk (bosom), and laid her ben hamet (dead son) in my kheyk.
[21] And when I rose in the boker to nurse beni, hinei, met! (dead!) But when I had examined him in the boker, hinei, he was not beni I bore!
[22] And the isha ha'acheret (other woman) said, Lo (no); but hachai (the living) is beni (my son), and hamet (the dead) is the ben of yours. But this one said, Lo (no), the ben of yours is hamet (the dead [one]), and beni is hachai! Thus they went on arguing before HaMelech!
[23] Then said HaMelech, The one saith, This is beni (my son) hachai (the living [one]), and thy ben is hamet (the dead [one]); and the other saith, Lo; but the ben of yours is hamet, and beni is hachai.
[24] And HaMelech said, Bring me a cherev. And they brought the cherev before HaMelech.
[25] And HaMelech said, Cut the yeled hachai in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other.
[26] Then spoke unto HaMelech the isha whose was the ben hachai, for her rachamim yearned for her ben, and she said, O adoni, give her the yeled hachai, and in no wise put him to death. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but cut him in two!
[27] Then HaMelech answered and said, Give her the yeled hachai, and in no wise put him to death; she is immo (his mother).
[28] And kol Yisroel heard of the mishpat (judgment) in which HaMelech had given verdict; and they feared HaMelech; for they saw that the chochmat Elohim was within him, to administer mishpat (justice).

So HaMelech Shlomo was Melech over kol Yisroel.

[2] And these were the sarim which he had; Azaryah Ben Tzadok HaKohen,
[3] Elichoreph and Achiyah, the Bnei Shisha, Sofrim (scribes); Yehoshapat Ben Achilud, the Mazkir (secretary).
[4] And Benayah Ben Yehoyada was over the Tzava (army); and Tzadok and Evyatar (Abiathar) were the Kohanim;
[5] And Azaryah Ben Natan was over the Nitzavim (commissioners) and Zavud Ben Natan kohen re'eh HaMelech;
[6] And Achishar was over the Bais (palace); and Adoniram Ben Avda was over the forced labor.
[7] And Shlomo had twelve Nitzavim (commissioners) over kol Yisroel, which provided provision for HaMelech and his Bais (palace); each man his month in a shanah (year) made provision.
[8] And these are their shemot; Ben Hur, in har Ephrayim;
[9] The Ben Deker, in Makatz, and in Sha’alvim, and Beit Shemesh, and Elon Beit Chanan;
[10] Ben Chesed, in Arubot; to him pertained Sochol, and kol Eretz Chepher;
[11] Ben Avinadav, in kol Naphat Dor; which had Taphat Bat Shlomo as his isha;
[12] Ba’ana Ben Achilud; Ta’nach and Megiddo, and kol Be’er She’an, which is near Zartanah below Yizre’el (Jezreel), from Beit She’an to Avel Mecholah, even unto beyond Yokne’am;
[13] Ben Gever, in Ramot Gil’ad, to him pertained the towns of Yair Ben Menasheh, which are in Gil’ad; to him also pertained the region of Argov, which is in Bashan, three score arim gedolim with chomah and gate bars of nechoshet;
[14] Achinadav Ben Iddo had Machanayim;
[15] Achima’atz was in Naphtali; he also took Ba’smat Bat Shlomo as his isha;
[16] Ba’ana Ben Chushai was in Asher and in Alot;
[17] Yehoshaphat Ben Paruach, in Yissakhar;
[18] Shimei Ben Elah, in Binyamin;
[19] Gever Ben Uri was in Eretz Gil’ad, in Eretz Sichon Melech Emori, and of Og Melech HaBashan; and he was the only Netziv (commissioner) which was in the land.
[20] Yehudah and Yisroel were many, as the chol (sand) which is by the yam in multitude, eating and drinking, and rejoicing.
(4:21) And Shlomo reigned as Melech over kol hamamlechot (all the kingdoms) from the Nahar [Euphrates] River unto Eretz Pelishtim (Philistines), and unto the border of Mitzrayim: they brought minchah (tribute), and served Shlomo all the days of his life.

(4:22) And Lechem Shlomo for one day was thirty kor of solet (fine flour), and threescore kor of flour,

(4:23) Ten stall fed bakar, and twenty bakar out of the pastures, and a hundred tzon, beside deer, and gazelle, and roebuck, and choice fowl.

(4:24) For he had dominion over all the region beyond the Nahar, from Tipsach even to Azzah (Gaza), over all the melachim beyond the Nahar i.e., west of the Euphrates; and he had shalom on all sides around him.

(4:25) And Yehudah and Yisroel dwelt securely, every ish under his gefen and under his te'enah (fig tree), from Dan even to Be'er Sheva, all the days of Shlomo.

(4:26) And Shlomo had forty thousand stalls of susim for his merkavot, and twelve thousand parashim.

(4:27) And these Nitzavim [al kol Yisroel, see 4:7-19] provided for HaMelech Shlomo, and for all that came near unto Shulchan HaMelech Shlomo, every ish in his chodesh; they lacked nothing.

(4:28) Se'orim (barley) also and straw for the susim and swift steeds brought they unto the makom (place) where it should be, each according to his mishpat (charge, quota, duty, responsibility).

(4:29) And Elohim gave Shlomo chochmah and tevunah (understanding, insight) exceeding much, and rochav lev (largeness of heart), even as the chol (sand) that is on the seashore.

(4:30) And the chochmah Shlomo excelled the chochmat kol Bnei Kedem and kol chochmat Mitzrayim.

(4:31) For he was wiser than kol Adam; than Eitan the Ezrachi, and Heman, and Calkol, and Darda, the Bnei Machol; and shmo was in kol HaGoyim all around.

(4:32) And he uttered three thousand mashal; and his shir (songs) were one thousand and five.

(4:33) And he spoke of etzim (trees), from the eretz (cedar tree) that is in the Lebanon even unto the ezov (hyssop) which grows out of the wall; he spoke also of behemah (animal), and of oph (fowl, bird), and of remes (crawling creature), and of dagim (fish).

(4:34) And there came of kol Amin to hear the chochmat Shlomo, from kol Malkhei HaAretz, which had heard of his chochmah.

(5:1) And Chiram Melech Tzor sent his avadim unto Shlomo; for he had heard that they had anointed him Melech in the place of his av; for Chiram was ever an ohev (friend) of Dovid.

(5:2) And Shlomo sent to Chiram, saying, Thou knowest how that Dovid Avi could not build Bayit unto the Shem of Hashem Elohai due to the milchamah which was about him on every side, until Hashem put them under the kappot (soles) of his raglayim.

(5:3) And Chiram said to Shlomo, But now Hashem Elohai hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither satan (adversary) nor pega rah (adversary) in all the days of my life, as thou hast promised me; and I command thee, that thou provide me with wood of the Lebanon in abundance.

(5:4) For thy God said that he would give thee a land flowing with milk and honey, as the land of the Kanaanot which thou goest to possess; build me a Beis to My name, that I may dwell in it for ever.

(5:5) And, now behold, I purpose to build a Beis for the Shem of Hashem Elohai, just as Hashem spoke unto Dovid Avi, saying, Binecha [i.e., Ben Dovid] whom I will set upon thy Kisse in thy place, he shall build HaBayit for My Shem.

(5:6) Now therefore command thou that they cut for me arazim (cedar trees) out of the Lebanon; and my avadim shall be with thy avadim; and unto thee will I give sachar (wage) for thy avadim according to all that thou shalt appoint; for thou knowest that there is not among us any that are skilled to hew etzim (wood, timber) like unto the Tzidonim.

(5:7) And it came to pass, when Chiram heard the divrei Shlomo, that he rejoiced with simchah me’od, and said, Baruch Hashem this day, Who hath given unto Dovid a ben chacham over HaAm Harav hazeh (this great people).

(5:8) And Chiram sent to Shlomo, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for; and I will do all thy chefetz (desire) concerning atzei arazim (cedar timber), and concerning atzei b’roshim (cypress wood).

(5:9) My avadim shall bring them down from the Lebanon unto the yam (sea), i.e., Mediterranean Sea; and I will convey them by yam on rafts unto the makom (place) that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive them; and thou shalt accomplish my chefetz (desire), in giving lechem for my bais (household).
[24:5:10] | So Chiram gave Shi’lomo atzei arazim (cedar logs) and atzei b’roshim (cypress wood) according to all his cheftetz.

[25:5:11] | And Shi’lomo gave Chiram twenty thousand kor of chittim (wheat) for provision for his bais, and twenty kor of shemen katit (pressed olive oil): thus gave Shi’lomo to Chiram shanah b’shanah.

[26:5:12] | And Hashem gave Shi’lomo chochmah, just as He promised him; and there was shalom between Chiram and Shi’lomo; and they had a brit (treaty, a political alliance), the two of them.

[27:5:13] | And HaMelech Shi’lomo conscripted mas (forced labor) out of kol Yisroel; and the mas was thirty thousand ish.

[28:5:14] | And he sent them to the Levanon, ten thousand a month by chalifot (courses, shifts); a month they were in the Levanon, and two months they were b’bayit (at home); and Adoniram was in charge of the mas.

[29:5:15] | And Shi’lomo had threescore and ten thousand that were burden bearers, and fourscore thousand who were stone cutters in the har (mountains);

[30:5:16] | This was in addition to the chief of Shi’lomo’s Nitzavim, who were over the project, three thousand three hundred, who supervised the people that wrought in the work.

[31:5:17] | And HaMelech commanded, and avanim gedolot (great stones) they quarried, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the Bayit with hewn stones.

[32:5:18] | And the Bonei Shi’lomo and Bonei Chiram did chisel them, and the men from Geval; so they prepared etzim (timber) and avanim (stones) to build the Bayit [the Beis Hamikdash], [See Ps 118:22 and Isa 53].

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the Bnei Yisroel were come out of Eretz Mitzrayim , in the fourth year of Shlomo’s reign over Yisroel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the Beis Hashem.

[2|2] | And the Beis [Hamikdash] which king Shi’lomo built for Hashem, the length thereof was threescore cubic, and the breadth thereof twenty cubic, and the height thereof thirty cubic.

[3] | And the Ulam (Portico) in front of the Heikhal of the Beis [Hamikdash], twenty cubic was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the Beis [Hamikdash]; and ten cubic was the breadth thereof projecting in front of the Beis [Hamikdash];


[5] | And against the wall of the Beis [Hamikdash] he built chambers round about, against the walls of the Beis [Hamikdash] round about, both of the Heikhal and of the Debir; and he made chambers round about;

[6] | The lowest story was five cubic broad, and the middle was six cubic broad, and the third was seven cubic broad; for without in the wall of the Beis [Hamikdash] he made narrow ledges round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the Beis [Hamikdash].

[7] | And the Beis [Hamikdash], when it was under construction, was built of stone made ready before it was brought there; so was neither hammer nor chisel nor any tool of iron heard in the Beis [Hamikdash], while it was under construction.

[8] | The door for the middle story was in the right side of the Beis [Hamikdash]; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third.

[9] | So he built the Beis [Hamikdash], and finished it; and covered the Beis [Hamikdash] with beams and boards of cedar.

[10] | And then he built chambers against all the Beis [Hamikdash], five cubic high; and they rested on the Beis [Hamikdash] with timber of cedar.

[11] | And the Devar Hashem came to Shi’lomo, saying,

[12] | Concerning this Beis [Hamikdash] which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in My statutes, and execute My judgments, and be shomer over all My mitzvot to walk in them; then will I perform My word (promise) with thee, which I spoke unto Dovid thy father;

[13] | And I will dwell among the Bnei Yisroel, and will not forsake My people Yisroel.

[14] | So Shi’lomo built the Beis [Hamikdash], and finished it.

[15] | And he built the walls of the Beis [Hamikdash] within with boards of cedar, from the floor of the Beis [Hamikdash] to the rafters of the ceiling; and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the Beis [Hamikdash] with planks of cypress.

[16] | And he built twenty cubic on the sides of the Beis [Hamikdash], from the floor to the rafters with boards of cedar; he even built them for it within, even for the Debir, even for the Kodesh HaKodashim.

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[17] And the Beis, that is, the
Heikhal in front of it, was
forty cubits long.
[18] And the cedar of the Beis
[Hamikdash] within was
carved with gourds and open
flowers; all was cedar; there
was no stone seen.
[19] And the Devir he
prepared in the Beis
[Hamikdash] within, to set
there the Aron Brit Hashem.
[20] And the Devir was twenty
cubits in length,
and twenty cubits in breadth,
and twenty cubits in the
height thereof; and he overlaid
it with pure zahav (gold); and
so covered the mizbe'ach
which was of cedar.
[21] So Shlomo overlaid the
Beis [Hamikdash] within with
pure zahav (gold); and he
drew chains of zahav (gold)
across, in front of the Devir;
and he overlaid it with zahav.
[22] And the whole interior
he overlaid with zahav (gold),
in order that kol haBeis be
perfect; also the whole
Mizbe'ach that belonged to the
Devir he overlaid with zahav
(gold).
[23] And within the Devir he
made two keruvim of olive
wood, each ten cubits high.
[24] And five cubits was the
one wing of the keruv, and five
cubits the other wing of the
keruv; from the uttermost part
of the one wing unto the
uttermost part of the other
were ten cubits.
[25] And the other keruv was
ten cubits; both the keruvim
were of one measure and one
size.
[26] The height of the one
keruv was ten cubits, and so
was it of the other keruv.
[27] And he set the keruvim
within the inner room; and
they stretched forth the wings
of the keruvim, so that the
wing of the one touched the
one wall, and the wing of the
other keruv touched the other
wall; and their wings touched
one another in the midst of
HaBayit.
[28] And he overlaid the
keruvim with zahav (gold).
[29] And he carved all the
walls of the Beis [Hamikdash]
round about with carved
figures of keruvim and palm
trees and open flowers, within
and without.
[30] And the floor of the Beis
[Hamikdash] he overlaid with
zahav (gold), within and
without.
[31] And for the entering of
the Devir he made doors of
olive wood; the lintel and the
five-sided door posts.
[32] The two doors also were
of olive wood; and he carved
upon them carvings of
keruvim and palm trees and
open flowers, and overlaid
them with zahav, and spread
zahav upon the keruvim, and
upon the palm trees.
[33] So also made he for the
entrance of the Heikhal four-
sided door posts of olive wood.
[34] And the two doors were
cypress wood; the two leaves
of the one door were folding,
and the two leaves of the other
door were folding.
[35] And he carved thereon
geruvim and palm trees and
open flowers; and covered
them with zahav fitted upon
the carved work.
[36] And he built the inner
court with three rows of hewed
stone, and a row of cedar
beams.
[37] In the fourth year was
the foundation of the Beis
Hashem laid, in the month
Ziv;
[38] And in the eleventh year,
in the month Bul, which is the
eighth month, was the Beis
[Hamikdash] finished
throughout all the parts
thereof, and according to all
the fashion of it. So was he
sheva shanim (seven years) in
building it.

But Shlomo was
building his own Bais
(palace complex)
thirteen years, and he finished
all his Bais.
[2] He built also the Bais
HaLevanon; the length
thereof was a hundred cubits,
and the width thereof fifty
cubits, and the height thereof
thirty cubits, upon four rows
of cedar pillars, with cedar
beams upon the pillars.
[3] And it was roofed in erez
cedar above the zela'ot
chambers, side-rooms; there
were forty-five, fifteen per row.
[4] And there were shekufim
windows in three rows, and
outlook was opposite outlook,
shalosh pe'amim (three times).
[5] And all the petachim and
mezuzot were framed four-
sided by beams; and outlook
opposite outlook, shalosh
pe'amim (three times).
[6] And he made Ulam
HaAmmudim (Hall of Pillars);
the length thereof was fifty
cubits, and the width thereof
thirty cubits: and the ulam
(portico) was in front of them
[i.e., the petachim]; and the
other ammudim [for the
portico roof] with the thick
beams were before them.
[7] Then he made Ulam
HaKisse where he would
judge, even the Ulam
HaMishpat; and it was
covered with erez
cedar from floor to floor
[i.e., covering the entire floor].
[8] And his Bais (palace)
where he dwelt which was in
another khatzer (courtyard)
inwards from the Ulam
[HaKisse], was similar in
workmanship. Shlomo made
also a Bais for Bat Pharaoh,
whom he had taken as isha,
and the Bais (palace) he made
was like this Ulam.
[9] All these were of expensive stone, according to the measure of hewed stones, filed with files, outside and inside, even from the foundation unto the ceiling, and from without to the Khatzer HaGedolah (the Great Court).
[10] And the foundation was laid with expensive stones, even avanim gedolot, stones of 10 cubits, and stones of 8 cubits.
[11] And above were expensive avanim, after the measure of hewed stones, and cedars.
[12] And the Khatzer HaGedolah (Great Court) was formed of shaloshah—three courses of hewn stones, and a course of hewn cedar beams, as in the Beis Hashem's Khatzer HaPenimit (Innermost Court) and for the Ulam HaBeis [HaMikdash].
[13] And HaMelech Shlomo sent and brought back Chiram shlah of Tzor, a khoresh nechoshet from Tzor.
[14] He was ben isha almanah of the tribe of Naphtali, and aviv was an ish of Tzor.
[15] For he cast two ammudim of nechoshet, of 18 cubits high apiece; and a line of 12 cubits did compass either of them about.
[16] And he made two capitals of mutzak nechoshet (cast bronze), to set upon the tops of the ammudim; the height of the one capital was 5 cubits, and the height of the other capital was 5 cubits.
[17] And plaiting of net work, and ropes of chain work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the ammudim, seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital.
[18] And he made the ammudim, and two rows around the one network, to cover the capitals that were upon the rosh (top) with pomegranates; and the same did he for the second capital.
[19] And the capitals that were upon the rosh of the ammudim were of shushan (lily) work in the Ulam, four cubits.
[20] And the capitals upon the two ammudim had pomegranates also above, over against the bulge which was next to the network; and the pomegranates were two hundred in rows encircling the second capital.
[21] And he set up the ammudim in the Ulam HaHeikhal; and he set up the right ammud, and called shmo thereof Yachin (Establish): and he set up the left ammud, and called shmo thereof Boaz (Strength is in it).
[22] And upon the top of the ammudim was shoshan (lily) work; so was the work of the ammudim completed.
[23] And he made a Yam Mutzak (Cast Metal Sea), ten cubits from brim to brim; it was completely round and its height was 5 cubits; and a line of 30 cubits did measure around about it.
[24] And under the brim of it all around about there were knobs surrounding it, ten in a cubit, encompassing the Yam all around about; the knobs were cast in two rows, when it was cast.
[25] It stood upon twelve bakar (oxen), shalosh looking toward tzafonah (north), and shalosh looking toward the yammah (west), and shalosh looking toward the negbah (south), and shalosh looking toward the mizrah (east); and the Yam was set above upon them, and all their haunches were facing toward the center.
[26] And it was a hand-breadth thick, and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a kos, with shoshan blossoms; it could hold two thousand bath measures.
[27] And he made ten Mekhonot (Stands [serving as water carts]) of nechoshet; four cubits was the length of one Stand, and four cubits the width thereof, and three cubits the height of it.
[28] And the construction of the Mekhonot was on this manner: they had misgerot (panels, flat sides), and the misgerot were between the shelabim (rods, upright braces);
[29] And on the misgerot that were between the shelabim were [engraved] arayot (lions) and bakar (oxen), and keruvim; and upon the shelabim there was a base above; and below the arayot and bakar were wreaths of plaited work.
[30] And every Mekhono (Stand) had four nechoshet ofanim (wheels), and axles of nechoshet; and the four corners thereof had supporting posts; under the Kiyor (Basin) were supports cast with wreaths on each side.
[31] And the mouth (of the Mekhonot [Stand]) within the capital and above was a cubit; but the opening thereof was circular like the construction of the base, a cubit and an half; and also upon the rim of it were engravings. The frames were foursquare, not circular.
[32] And under the frames were four ofanim (wheels); and the axles of the ofanim (wheels) were joined to the Mekhonah; and the diameter of each wheel was a cubit and half a cubit.
[33] And the construction of the ofanim (wheels) was like
the construction of a
merkava ofan (wheel); their
axles, and their hubs, and
their rims, and their spokes,
were all cast metal.
[34] And there were four
supports to the four pinnot
(corners) of each stand; and
the supports were of the stand
itself.
[35] And at the top of the
Mekhonah (Stand) there was a
round rim of half a cubit high;
and on the top of the
Mekhonah (Stand) the rods
thereof and the frames thereof
were cast as one unit.
[36] For on the luchot of the
rods thereof, and on the
misgerot (panels) thereof, he
engraved keruvim, arayot, and
timorot (palms), according to
the proportion of every
one, and wreaths all around.
[37] After this manner he
made the ten Mekhonot; all of
them had one casting, one
middah (size), and one shape.
[38] Then made he ten
kiyyorot nechoshet (basins of
bronze); one kiyor could hold
forty baths; and every kiyor
was four cubits; and upon
each of the ten Mekhonot
there was one kiyor (basin).
[39] And he put five
Mekhonot (Stands) on the
right side of the Beis
[HaMikdash], and five on the
left side of the Beis; and he
set the Yam on the right side
of the Beis eastward opposite
the south.
[40] And Chiram made the
kiyyorot, and the ya'im
(shovels), and the mizrakot
(bowls for sprinkling blood).
So Chiram completed all the
melachah (work) that he made
for Shlomo HaMelech for the
Beis Hashem;
[41] The two ammudim, and
the two bowls of the capitals
that were on the top of the two
ammudim; and the two
networks, decorating the two
bowls of the capitals which
were upon the top of the
ammudim;
[42] And four hundred
rimonim (pomegranates) for
the two networks, even two
courses of rimonim
(pomegranates) for one
network, to decorate the two
bowls of the capitals that were
upon the ammudim;
[43] And the ten Mekhonot
(stands), and ten Kiyyorot
(basins) on the Mekhonot;
[44] And one Yam, and twelve
Bakar under the Yam;
[45] And the sirot (pots), and
the ya'im (shovels), and the
mizrakot (bowls for sprinkling
blood); and all these kelim
(vessels) were of burnished
nechoshet.
[46] In the plain of the
Yarden did HaMelech cast
them, in the clay of the
adamah (ground) between
Sukkot and Tzartan.
[47] And Shlomo left all the
kelim (vessels) unweighed,
because they were exceeding
many; neither was the weight
of the nechoshet found out,
[48] And Shlomo made all
the kelim (vessels) that
certain unto the Beis
Hashem: the Mizbe'ach
HaZahav, and the Shulchan
HaZahav, whereupon was the
Lechem HaPanim,
[49] And the Menorot of pure
zahav, five on the right side,
and five on the left, in front of
the Devir (Most Holy
Place), with floral designs, and
the nerot (lamps), and the
melkachayyim (tongs) of
zahav,
[50] And the sippot (bowls),
and the mezamerot (lamp
snuffers), and the mizrakot
(bowls for sprinkling blood),
and the kappot (ladles), and
the machtot zahav sagur (hot
coal pans of pure gold), and
the gold potot (hinge-sockets)
for the daletot (doors) of the
Beis HaPenimi, the Kodesh
HaKodashim, and also those
for the daletot of the Beis
[Hamikdash], that is, the
Heikhal.
[51] So was completed all the
work that HaMelech Shlomo
made for the Beis Hashem.
And Shlomo brought in the
things which Dovid Aviv had
set apart as kodesh; even the
kesef, and the zahav, and the
kelim (vessels), did he put
among the otzarot (treasures)
of the Beis Hashem.

8 Then Shlomo assembled
the Zekenim of Yisroel, and
all the Rashei HaMattot, the
Nesi'ei HaAvot of the Beis
Yisroel, unto HaMelech Shlomo in
Yerushalayim, that they might
bring up the Aron Brit
Hashem out of Ir Dovid,
which is Tziyon.
[2] And all the Ish Yisroel
assembled themselves unto
HaMelech Shlomo at the
Chag [Sukkot] in the month
Etanim [Tishri], which is the
seventh month.
[3] And all the Zekenim of
Yisroel came, and the
Kohanim took up the Aron.
[4] And they brought up the
Aron Hashem, and the Ohel
Mo'ed and all the kelei
hakodesh that were in the
Ohel, even those did the
Kohanim and the Levi'im
carry up.
[5] And Shlomo HaMelech,
and all the Adat Yisroel, unto
the hakodesh that were in the
Ohel, even those did the
Kohanim, and the Levi'im
assemble unto him.
[6] And the Kohanim brought
the Aron Brit Hashem unto
Ir Dovid, which is Tziyon.
[7] And Shlomo HaMelech,
and all the Adat Yisroel, that
were assembled unto him,
were with him before the
Aron, sacrificing tzon and
bakar, that could not be told
nor numbered for multitude.
[8] And the Kohanim brought
the Aron Brit Hashem unto
its makom, in the Devir
HaBayit, the Kodesh
HaKodashim, even under the
doors of the keruvim.
[7] For the keruvim spread forth their kenafayim (wings) over the place of the Aron, and the keruvim overshadowed the Aron and the poles thereof.

[8] They drew out the poles, that the ends of the poles were seen out in the Kodesh before the Devir, but they were not seen from the outside; there they are unto this day.

[9] There was nothing in the Aron except the two Luchot HaAvanim (Tablets of Stone), which Moshe placed there at Chorev, when Hashem cut a Brit with the Bnei Yisroel, when they came out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

[10] And it came to pass, when the Kohanim were come out of the Kodesh, that the anan filled the Beis Hashem, so that the Kohanim could not stand up to minister because of the anan; for the Kavod Hashem had filled the Beis Hashem.


[12] I have surely built Thee a Beis of habitation, a Makhon for Thee to abide olamim.

[13] And HaMelech turned his face about, and made a brocha upon Kol Kehal Yisroel; (and Kol Kehal Yisroel were standing); And he said, Baruch Hashem Elohei Yisroel, there is no Elohim like Thee, in Shomayim above, or on HaAretz beneath, who is shomer HaBrit and keeps chesed with Thy avadim that walk before Thee with all their lev;

[14] And Hashem said unto Dovid Avi, Whereas it was in thine lev to build a Beis unto Shemi, thou didst well that it was in thine lev.

[15] Nevertheless thou shalt not build the Bayit; but thy ben that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the Bayit unto Shemi.

[16] And Hashem hath fulfilled His Davar that He spoke, and I am risen up in the place of Dovid Avi, and sit on the Kisse Yisroel, just as Hashem promised, and have built Bayit for the Shem Hashem Elohei Yisroel.

[17] And I have set there a Makom for the Aron, wherein is the Brit Hashem, which He cut with Avoteinu, when He brought them out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

[18] And now, O Elohei Yisroel, let Thy davar now come true, which Thou spoke unto Thy eved Dovid Avi.

[19] But will Elohim indeed dwell on ha’aretz? Hinei, the Shomayim and the Shem HaShomayim cannot contain Thee; how much less this Bayit that I have built?

[20] Yet turn Thou unto the tefillah of Thy eved, and to his techinnah, Hashem Elohai, to pay heed unto the cry and to the tefillah, which Thy eved is davening before Thee today;

[21] That Thine eyes may be open toward this Bayit lailah va’yom, even toward the Makom of which Thou hast said, Shemi shall be there; that Thou mayest pay heed unto the tefillah which Thy eved shall make toward Makom Hazeh.

[22] And Hashem said unto Dovid Avi, Whereas it was in thine lev to build a Beis unto Shemi, thou didst well that it was in thine lev.

[23] But if it be Thy will, let there be a place for Thy presence, that Thy name may be known before Thy people, that I may give heed when they shall daven toward Makom Hazeh; and hear Thou from Shomayim Thy dwelling place; and when Thou hearest, forgive.

[24] Therefore now, Hashem Elohei Yisroel, be shomer with Thy eved Dovid Avi that Thou promised him; Thou spoke also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine yad, as it is this day.

[25] And Hashem Elohei Yisroel, be shomer with Thy eved Dovid Avi that Thou promised him, saying, There shall not Tikaret (be cut off, fail) thee an ish in My sight to sit on the Kisse Yisroel; so that thy banim be shomer over their derech, that they walk before Me as thou hast walked before Me.

[26] And if any ish trespass against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and the oath come before Thine Mizbe’ach in this Bayit;

[27] Then hear Thou in Shomayim, and do, and judge Thy avadim, condemning the rasha, to bring his derech upon his rosh; and lehatzeddik (justifying, declaring innocent and acquitted) the tzaddik, to give him according to his tzedakah.

[28] Then hear Thou in Shomayim, and do, and judge Thy avadim, condemning the rasha, to bring his derech upon his rosh; and lehatzeddik (justifying, declaring innocent and acquitted) the tzaddik, to give him according to his tzedakah.

[29] When Thy people Yisroel be struck down before the oyev, because they have sinned against Thee, and shall turn back to Thee, and confess Thy Shem, and daven, and make supplication unto Thee in this Bayit:
[34] Then hear Thou in Shomayim, and forgive the chattat of Thy people Yisroel, and bring them back unto HaAdamah which Thou gavest unto their Avot.

[35] When Shomayim is shut up, and there is no mator (rain), because they have sinned against Thee; if they daven toward this Makom, and confess Thy Shem, and turn from their chattat, when Thou afflictst them;

[36] Then hear Thou in Shomayim, and forgive the chattat of Thy avadim, and of Thy people Yisroel, that Thou teach them the Derech HaTovah wherein they should walk, and give mator (rain) upon Thy Land, which Thou hast given to Thy people for a nachalah.

[37] If there be in HaAretz ru'aw, if there be dever, blight, mildew, arbeh, or if there be grasshopper; if their oyev besiege them in the eretz of their she'arim; whatsoever nega (plague); whatsoever machalah (disease) there be;

[38] What tefillah and techinnah be made by any adam, or by all Thy people Yisroel, which shall know every man the nega of his own lev, and spread forth his palms toward this Bayit;

[39] Then hear Thou in Shomayim the Makom of Thy dwelling, and forgive, and do, and give to every ish according to his derech, whose lev Thou knowest; (for Thou, even Thou only, knowest levav kol Bnei HaAdam);

[40] That they may fear Thee all hayamim that they are chasyim in the adamah which Thou gavest unto Avoteinu.

[41] Moreover concerning a nokhri (foreigner), that is not of Thy people Yisroel, but cometh out of a far country for Thy Name's sake;

[42] (For they shall hear of Thy Shem HaGadol, and of Thy Yad HaChazakah, and of Thy stretched out zero'a:) and shall come and daven toward this Bayit;

[43] Hear Thou in Shomayim the Makom of Thy dwelling, and do according to all that the nokhri callicht to Thee for; that all peoples of haaretz may know Thy Shem, to fear Thee, as do Thy people Yisroel; that they may know that this Bayit, which I have built, is called by Thy Shem.

[44] If Thy people go out to milchamah against their oyev (enemy), in the derech that Thou shalt send them, and shall daven unto Hashem in the Derech HaIr which Thou hast chosen, and toward the Bayit that I have built for Thy Shem;

[45] Then hear Thou in Shomayim their tefillah and their techinnah, and uphold their mishpat.

[46] If they sin against Thee, (for there is no adam that sinneth not), and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the oyev (enemy), so that they carry them away captives unto the eretz of the oyev, far or near;

[47] Yet if they make in their lev teshuvah in HaAretz where they were carried captivity, and turn, and make techinnah unto Thee in the eretz of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

[48] And so return unto Thee with all their lev, and with all their nefesh, in the eretz of their enemies, which led them away captive, and daven unto Thee in the derech (direction) of their land, which Thou gavest unto their Avot, the Ir which Thou hast chosen, and the Bayit which I have built for Thy Shem;

[49] Then hear Thou their tefillah and their techinnah in Shomayim, the Makom of Thy dwelling, and uphold their cause,

[50] And forgive Thy people that have sinned against Thee, and all their peysha'im wherein they have rebelled against Thee, and give them rachamim before them who carried them captive, that they may have rachamim on them;

[51] For they are Thy people, and Thine nachalah, which Thou broughtest forth out of Mitzrayim, from the midst of the Kur HaBarzel (Furnace of Iron):

[52] That Thine eyes may be open unto the techinnah of Thy people Yisroel, to pay heed unto them in all that they call for unto Thee.

[53] For Thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of HaAretz, to be Thine nachalah, as Thou spoke by the yad Moshe Thy Eved, when Thou broughtest Avoteinu out of Mitzrayim, Adonoi Hashem,

[54] And it was so, that when Shlomo had completed davening all this tefillah and techinnah unto Hashem, he arose from before the Mizbe'ach Hashem, from having knelt on his knees with his palms spread up to Shomayim.

[55] And he stood, and made on Kol Kehal Yisroel a brocha with a kol gadol (loud voice), saying,

[56] Baruch Hashem, that hath given menuchah unto His people Yisroel, according to all that He promised: there hath not failed one davar of all His good promise, which He promised by yad Moshe His Eved.
[57] Hashem Eloheinu be immanu (with us), as He was with Avoteinu; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us;

[58] That He may incline techinnah before Hashem, be kerovim (near ones) unto Hashem Eloheinu yomam valailah that He maintain the mishpat (cause) of His eved, and the mishpat of His people Yisroel at all times, as each day requires;

[59] And let these my words, wherewith I have made techinnah before Hashem, be kerovim (near ones) unto Hashem Eloheinu yomam valailah that He maintain the mishpat (cause) of His eved, and the mishpat of His people Yisroel at all times, as each day requires;

[60] That all the peoples of ha'aretz may know that Hashem hu HaElohim and that there is none else.

[61] Let your lev therefore be shalem with Hashem Eloheinu, to walk in His chuukot, to be shomer over His mitzvot, and to be shomer over His techinnah before Hashem.

[62] And HaMelech, and kol Yisroel with him, offered zevach (sacrifice) before Hashem.

[63] And Shlomo offered a zevach hashelamim (sacrifice of peace offerings), which he offered unto Hashem, two and twenty thousand bakar, and a hundred and twenty thousand tzon (sheep). So HaMelech and kol Bnei Yisroel dedicated the Beis Hashem.

[64] The same day did HaMelech consecrate as kodesh this Beis HaMikdash, which thou hast built, to put Shemi there ad hayamim.

[65] And at that time Shlomo observed a Chag, and kol Yisroel with him, a Kahal Gadol, from the Approach of Chamat unto the WaditMitrayim, before Hashem Eloheinu, shivat yamim and shivat yamim, even arba'a asar yom.

[66] On the Yom HaShemini he sent away the people and they made on HaMelech a brocha, and went unto their ohalim joyful and glad of lev for all hatovah (the goodness) that Hashem had done for Dovid His Eved and for Yisroel His People.

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And it came to pass, when Shlomo had completed the building of the Beis Hashem, and the Bais HaMelech, and all Shlomo's desire which he was pleased to do,

[2] That Hashem appeared to Shlomo the second time, as He had appeared unto him at Giveon.

[3] And Hashem said unto him, I have heard thy tefillah and thy techinnah, that thou hast made before Me; I have set apart as kodesh this Beis [HaMikdashi], which thou hast built, to put Shemi there ad olam; and Mine eyes and Mine techinnah shall be there kol hayamim.

[4] And if thou wilt walk before Me, just as Dovid Avicha walked, in tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of lev, and in yashar, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and will be shomer over My chuukot and My mishpatim;

[5] Then I will establish the kisse (throne) of thy kingdom over Yisroel Iolam, as I promised to Dovid Avicha, saying, There shall not yikaret (be cut off, fail) thee an ish upon the Kisse Yisroel.

[6] But if ye shall at all turn from following Me, ye or your banim, and will not be shomer over My mitzvot and My chuukot which I have set before you, but go and serve elohim acherim, and hishtachaveh (worship) them;

[7] Then will I cut off Yisroel out of the adamah which I have given them; and this Beis [HaMikdash], which I have set apart as kodesh for Shemi, will I cast out of My sight; and Yisroel shall be a mashal (proverb) and a sheninah (taunt, byword) among kol ha'amim;

[8] And at this Beis, which is elyon, every one that passeth by it shall be appalled, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath Hashem done this unto HaAretz Hazot, and to this Beis?

[9] And they shall answer, Because they forsook Hashem Eloheichem who brought forth their avot out of Eretz Mitrayim, and have taken hold upon elohim acherim, and have worshiped them; therefore hath Hashem brought upon them all this ra'ah.

[10] And it came to pass at the end of esrim shanim, when Shlomo had built the two batim, the Beis Hashem, and the Bais HaMelech, that then HaMelech Shlomo gave Chiram esrim ir (twenty towns) in Eretz HaGalil.

[11] Now Chiram Melech Tzor had furnished Shlomo with cedar trees and cypress trees, and with zahav, according to all his desire),

[12] And Chiram came out from Tzor (Tyre) to see the towns which Shlomo had given him; and they pleased him not.

[13] And he said, What towns are these which thou hast given me, achi (my brother)? And he called them Eretz Kavul unto this day.
14. And Chiram sent to HaMelech 120 talents of zahav.
15. And this is the account of the mas (forced labor) which HaMelech Shlomo conscripted; to build the Beis Hashem, and his own Bais, and Millo, and the Chomat Yerushalayim, and Chatzor, and Megiddo, and Gezer.
16. For Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim had gone up, and captured Gezer, and burned it with eish, and slain the Kena'ani that dwelt in the ir, and given it for shilluchim (going-away presents) unto his bat eshet Sh'lomo.
17. And Sh'lomo rebuilt Gezer, and Lower Beit Choron,
18. And Baalat, and Tadmor in the midbar, in the land,
19. And all the storage cities that Sh'lomo had, and cities for his merkavot, and cities for his parashim (calvary), and that which Sh'lomo desired to build in Yerushalayim, and in Levanon, and in all the eretz of his memshalet.
20. And kol haAm that were left of HaEmori (the Amorites), HaChitti (Hittites), HaPerizzi (Perizzites), HaChivi (Hivites), and Yevusi (Jebusites), which were not of the Bnei Yisroel,
21. Their banim that were left after them in HaAretz, whom the Bnei Yisroel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Shlomo conscript mas of oved (bondservice) unto this day.
22. But of the Bnei Yisroel did Shlomo make no oved; but they were anshei hamilchamah, and his avadim, and his sarim, and his shulishim (captains), and commanders of his merkavot, and his parashim.
23. These were the chief of the officials that were over the melachah (work) of Shlomo five hundred and fifty, harodim (the ones supervising) the people that wrought in the melachah.
24. But Bat Pharaoh came up out of the Ir Dovid unto her Bais (Palace) which Shlomo had built for her; then did he build the Millo.
25. And three times in shanah did Shlomo offer olot and shelamim upon the Mizbe'ach which he built unto Hashem and he burned ketoret upon the Mizbe'ach that was before Hashem. So he completed the Beis.
26. And HaMelech Sh'lomo built a fleet of oniyyot in Etzyon-Gever, which is near Eilat, on the shore of the Yam Suf, in Eretz Edom.
27. And Chiram sent to the fleet of oniyyot his avadim, anshei oniyyot (shipmen, sailors) that had da'as hayam (knowledge of the sea), with the avadim of Sh'lomo.
28. And they came to Ophir, and brought back from there zahav, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to HaMelech Shlomo. And when the Malkah (Queen) of Sheva heard of the fame of Shlomo, that it was for the Shem Hashem, then she came to test him with chidot (hard questions, riddles).
29. And she came to Yerushalayim with a very large caravan, with gemalim that bore spices, and very much zahav, and precious gems; there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the Malkah of Sheva gave to Melech Sh'lomo.
30. And when the Malkah (Queen) of Sheva heard of the fame of Shlomo, she set out for the Shem Hashem, then she came to test him with chidot (hard questions, riddles).
31. And she came to Yerushalayim with a very great caravan, with gemalim that bore spices, and very much zahav, and precious gems; and when she was come to Shlomo, she spoke intimately with him of all that was on her lev.
32. And Shlomo answered her regarding all her questions; there was not anything hid from HaMelech, which he told her not.
33. And when the Malkah of Sheva had seen kol chochmat Shlomo, and the Bais (Palace) that he had built,
34. And the ma'akhal (food) of his shulchan, and the moshav (seating) of his avadim (officials), and the ma'amad (station) of his attendants, and their robes, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the Beis Hashem; there was no more ruach (breath) in her.
35. And she said to HaMelech, It was emes the report that I heard in mine own eretz of thy devarim and of thy chochmah.
36. Howbeit I believed not the devarim, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it; and, hinei, the half was not told me; thy chochmah and tov (prosperity) exceedeth the fame which I heard.
37. Ashrei are thy anashim; ashrei are these thy avadim, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy chochmah.
38. Yehi Hashem Eloheicha baruch Who delighted in thee, to set thee on the Kisse Yisroel; because Hashem loved Yisroel l'olam, therefore made He thee Melech, to do mishpat and tzedakah.
39. And she gave HaMelech a hundred and twenty talents of zahav, and a very large store of spices and precious gems; there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the Malkah of Sheva gave to Melech Shlomo.
40. And the fleet of oniyyot also of Chiram, that brought zahav from Ophir, brought in from Ophir a vast supply of almug wood, and precious gems.
41. And HaMelech made of the almug wood misad (steps, support) for the Beis Hashem, and for the Bais HaMelech, kinnorot (harps)
also and nevalim (lyres) for the singers; there came no such almag wood, nor were seen unto this day.

[13] And HaMelech Sh’lomo gave unto the Malkah of Sheva all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which Sh’lomo gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her avadim.

[14] Now the weight of zahav that came to Sh’lomo in one year was 666 talents of zahav, in addition to what he had of the anashim hatarim (merchants), and of the income of traders, and of all the Melachim of Arabia, and of the Governors of the land.

[15] And HaMelech Sh’lomo made two hundred large shields of hammered zahav; six hundred shekels of zahav went to one shield.

[16] Moreover HaMelech Sh’lomo put them in the Bais Ya’ar HaLevanon. And he made three hundred moginim of hammered zahav; three mina of zahav went to one mogen (shield); and HaMelech put them in the Bais Ya’ar HaLevanon.

[17] And he made three hundred mignimim of hammered zahav; three mina of zahav went to one mogen (shield); and HaMelech put them in the Bais Ya’ar HaLevanon.

[18] And kol HaAretz sought the face of Sh’lomo, to hear his chochmah, which Elohim had put in his lev.

[19] For HaMelech had at sea a fleet of oniyyot Tarshish with the fleet of oniyyot of Chiram; once in shalosh shanim came the fleet of oniyyot Tarshish, bringing zahav, and kesef, ivory, and monkeys, and peacocks.

[20] And kol HaAretz sought the face of Sh’lomo, to hear his chochmah, which Elohim had put in his lev.

[21] They brought every ish his minchah, vessels of kesef, vessels of zahav, and robes, and weapons, and spices, susim, and peradim (mules), yearly at each year's due.

[22] And Sh’lomo gathered together merkavot and parashim; and he had a thousand and four hundred merkavot, and twelve thousand parashim, whom he kept in his chariot cities and with HaMelech in Yerushalayim.

[23] And he had nashim sarot sheva me’ot (seven hundred royal wives), and three hundred pilagshim; and his nashim inclined his heart.

[24] For it came to pass, when Sh’lomo was old, that his nashim inclined his heart after elohim acherim and levavo (his heart) was not shalem (undivided, fully devoted, complete) with Hashem Elohim, as was the levav Dovid Aviv.

[25] So they brought every ish his minchah, vessels of kesef, vessels of zahav, and robes, and weapons, and spices, susim, and peradim (mules), yearly at each year's due.

[26] And Sh’lomo gathered together merkavot and parashim; and he had a thousand and four hundred merkavot, and twelve thousand parashim, whom he kept in his chariot cities and with HaMelech in Yerushalayim.

[27] And HaMelech made kesef to be in Yerushalayim like avanim (rocks), and cedars made he to be like sycamores in the Shefelah, for abundance.

[28] And Sh’lomo had susim brought out of Mitzrayim, and from Keveh; HaMelech’s agents acquired from Keveh at a price.

[29] And a merkavah (chariot) went out of Mitzrayim for six hundred pieces of kesef, and a sus for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the melachim of the Chittim (Hittites), and for the melachim of Aram, did they export them by the same means.

But Shlomo Hamelech loved nashim nokhriyyot (many foreign women), besides Bat Pharaoh: Moaviyyot, Ammoniyyot, Adomiyyot, Tzedeniyyot, Chittiyyot.

Of the Goyim concerning which Hashem said unto the Bnei Yisroel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you; for surely they will turn away your levav after their eloheym, and you shall make his deveykus unto these in love.

And he had nashim sarot sheva me’ot (seven hundred royal wives), and three hundred pilagshim; and his nashim inclined his heart after elohim acherim and levavo (his heart) was not shalem (undivided, fully devoted, complete) with Hashem Elohayv, as was the levav Dovid Aviv.

And Shlomo went after Ashoret elohei Tzidonim, and after Milcom shikkutz (the abomination of) Amnonim.

And Shlomo did the rah in the sight of Hashem, and went not fully after Hashem, as did Dovid Aviv.

Then did Shlomo build a high place for Kemosh, the shikkutz (abomination of) Moav, on the har (hill, i.e., Mount of Olives) that is facing Yerushalayim, and for Molech, the shikkutz (abomination of) the Bnei Ammon.

And likewise did he for all his nashim nokhriyyot, which burned ketoret and offered zevakhim unto their eloheym.

And Hashem was angry with Shlomo, because levavo was turned from...
Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Who had appeared unto him twice, 
10 And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after elohim acherim; but he was not shomer over that which Hashem commanded.

11 Wherefore Hashem said unto Shlomo, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not been shomer over that which My Brit (Covenant, Sinai Covenant) and My chukkot, which I have commanded thee, I will surely tear away the Mamlechah from thee, and will give it to thy eved (servant, that is, Yarow’am ben Nevat, see v. 26).

12 Notwithstanding in thy yamim I will not do it lema’an (for the sake of) Dovid his father, for the sake of Dovid his father.

13 But what hast thou done? and thou hast shamed me, that, hinei, I will surely tear it out of the yad (hand) of Dovid his father, and will give it to thy eved.

14 And Hashem raised up satan (adversary) unto Shlomo, Hadad HaAdomi; he was from the zera HaMelech in Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when Dovid was in Edom, and Yoav Sar HaTzava was gone when Dovid was in Edom, and he lacked with me, that, hinei, I will surely tear away kol hamamlachah; but I will not tear him out of the yad (hand) of Dovid his father, and will give it to thy eved.

16 (For six months did Yoav remain there with kol Yisroel, until he had cut off every zachar in Edom);

17 That Hadad fled, he and anashim Adomiyyim (certain men of Edom) of his father’s avadim with him, to go into Mizrayim; Hadad being yet a na’ar katan (small child).

18 And they arose out of Midyan, and came to Paran; and they took anashim with them out of Paran, and they came to Mizrayim, unto Pharaoh Melech Mizrayim; who gave him a bais, and assigned him lechem, and gave him erez.

19 And Hadad found chen me’od in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him for an isha the achor of his own isha, the achor Tachpeneis the gevira (royal lady, queen).

20 And the achor of Tachpeneis bore him Genuvat bno, whom Tachpeneis weaned in Bais Pharaoh; and Genuvat was in Bais Pharaoh among the Bnei Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Mizrayim that Dovid slept with Avotav, and that Yoav Sar HaTzava was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own erez.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, hinei, thou seekest to go to thine own erez? And he answered, Nothing; howbeit let me go anyway.

23 And Elohim raised up against him [Shlomo] another satan, Rezon ben Elyada, which fled from adonav Hadadezer Melech Tzovah;

24 And he gathered anashim unto him, and became sar gedood (leader of a band of marauders), when Dovid slaughtered them of Tzovah; they went to Damascus, dwelt therein, and reigned he there as king.

25 And he was a satan to Yisroel all the days of Shlomo, in addition to ra’ah that Hadad did; and he despised Yisroel, and he ruled in Aram.

26 Also the eved Shlomo Yarow’am ben Nevat, an Ephrati of the Tzreda (Zeredah), whose shem immo was Tzeruah, an almanah, even he lifted up his yad against HaMelech.

27 And this is the account of his lifting up his yad against HaMelech; Shlomo built the Millo, and closed up the peretz of Ir Dovid Aviv.

28 And the ish Yarow’am am was a gibburi chayil; and Shlomo seeing the na’ar that he was industrious, he put him over all the sevel (load, burden, enforced labor) of Bais Yosef.

29 And it came to pass at that time when Yarow’am am went out of Yerushalayim, that HaNavi Achiyah the Shiloni found him on the derech; and he had clothed himself with a salmah chadasha (new garment, cloak); and they two were alone in the sadeh;

30 And Achiyah took hold of the salmah chadasha that was on him, and tore it into twelve pieces;

31 And he said to Yarow’am am, Take for thee ten pieces; for thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Hineni, I will tear the mamlechah out of the yad Shlomo, and will give to thee asarah hashevatim.

32 (But he shall have hashevet haechad l’ma’an Dovid Aviv; and I ma’an Yerushalayim, the Ir which I have chosen out of kol shivtei Yisroel;)

33 Because that they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashoret elohei Tsidonim, Kemosh elohei Moav, and Milcom elohei Bnei Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do that which is yashar in Mine eyes, and My chukkot and My mishpatim, as did Dovid Aviv.

34 Howbeit I will not take the whole mamlechah out of his yad; but I will make him nasi all the days of his life Ima’an Dovid Avdi, whom I chose, because he was shomer over My mitzvot and My chukkot;
[35] But I will take the mamlachah out of yad beno, and will give it unto thee, even aseret hashevatim (ten tribes).

[36] And unto bno will I give shevet echad (one tribe), l'ma'an Dovid Avdi may have a ner (lamp) always before Me in Yerushalayim, the Ir which I have chosen for Me to put My Shem there.

[37] And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy nefesh desireth, and shalt be Melech over Yisroel.

[38] And it shall be, if thou wilt pay heed unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in My ways, and do that is yashar in My sight, to be shomer over My chukkot and My mitzvot, as Dovid Avdi did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a bais ne'eman (enduring dynasty) as I built for Dovid, and will give Yisroel unto thee.

[39] And I will for this afflict the zera Dovid [See Isaiah 53:10], but not forever.

[40] Shlomo sought therefore to kill Yarov`am. And Yarov`am arose, and fled into Mitzrayim, unto Shishak Melech Mitzrayim, and was in Mitzrayim until the Mot Sh'lomo.

[41] And the rest of the acts of Shlomo, and all that he did, and his chochmah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei Shlomo?

[42] And the time that Shlomo reigned in Yerushalayim over kol Yisroel was arba'im shanah.

[43] And Shlomo slept with Avotav, and was buried in the Ir Dovid Aviv; and Rechav`am bno reigned in his place.
And dwelt therein; and went Shechem in har Ephrayim, and Yarov`am built the Devar Hashem. Then Yarov`am built speed to get himself up to his merkavah, to flee to Yerushalayim. So Yisroel has been in rebellion against the Bais Dovid unto this day. And it came to pass, when kol Yisroel heard that Yarov`am was come again, that they sent and called him unto the Edah, and made him melech over kol Yisroel; there was none that followed the Bais Dovid, but the Shevet Yehudah only. And when Rechav`am was come to Yerushalayim he assembled kol Bais Yehudah, and unto kol Bais Yehudah, and he offered upon the mizbe'ach. So he offered upon the mizbe'ach, according to the mofet which the Ish Elohim had given by the davar of the Ish HaElohim, which had cried against the mizbe'ach, mizbe'ach, thus saith Hashem; Hinei, ben nolad (a son shall be born) unto the Bais Dovid, Yoshiyah shmo; and upon thee shall he offer the kohanim of the [idolatrous] high places that burn ketoret upon thee, and azmot adam shall be burned upon thee [2Kgs 23:15-16]. And he set the one in Beit-El, the other put he in Dan. And this thing became chattat (sin); for the people went to worship before the one, even as far as Dan. And he made a bais for the [idolatrous] high places, and made kohanim of the lowest of the people, which were not of the Bnei Levi. And Yarov`am am ordained a chag in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the chag that is in Yehudah, and he offered upon the mizbe'ach. So did he in Beit-El, sacrificing unto the agalim (calves) that he had made; and he installed in Beit-El the kohanim of the [idolatrous] high places which he had made. So he offered upon the mizbe'ach which he had made in Beit-El the fifteenth day of the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own lev; and ordained a chag unto the Bnei Yisroel; and he offered upon the mizbe'ach, and burned ketoret.
[7] And HaMelech said unto the Ish HaElohim, Come with me habaytah (home), and have seudah, and I will give thee a mattat (gift).
[8] And the Ish HaElohim said unto HaMelech, If thou wilt give me half thine bais, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat lechem nor drink mayim in this makom;
[9] For so was it charged me by the Devar Hashem, saying, Eat no lechem, nor drink mayim, nor return again by the same derech that thou camest.
[10] So he went another derech, and returned not by the derech that he came to Beit-El.
[11] Now there dwelt a navi zaken (old prophet) in Beit-El; and his banim came and told him kol hama'aseh that the Ish HaElohim had done that day in Beit-El: the devarim which he had spoken unto HaMelech, them they told also to their av.
[12] And their av said unto them, What derech went he? For his banim had seen on the derech that he came to Yehudah, saying, Thus saith Hashem, Forasmuch as thou hast defied the mouth of Hashem, therefore Hashem hath delivered him unto the aryeh, which hath mauled him, and slain him, according to the Devar Hashem, which He spoke unto him.
[13] And he said unto his banim, Saddle me the chamor. So they saddled him the chamor; and he rode thereon,
[14] And went after the Ish HaElohim, found him sitting under the elah (the oak tree); and he said unto him, Art thou the Ish HaElohim that camest from Yehudah? And he said, I am.
[15] Then he said unto him, Come with me home, and eat lechem.
[16] And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I eat lechem nor drink mayim with thee in this makom;
[17] For it was told to me by the Devar Hashem, Thou shalt eat no lechem nor drink mayim there, nor turn again to go by the derech on which thou camest.
[18] He said unto him, I am a navi also as thou art; and a malach spoke unto me by the Devar Hashem, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine bais, that he may eat lechem and drink mayim. But he lied unto him.
[19] So he went back with him, did eat lechem in his bais and drank mayim.
[20] And it came to pass, as they sat at shulchan, that the Devar Hashem came unto the navi that brought him back;
[21] And he cried unto the Ish HaElohim that came from Yehudah, saying, Thus saith Hashem Eloheicha commanded thee,
[22] But camest back, and hast eaten lechem and drunk mayim in the makom, of the which Hashem did say to thee, Eat no lechem, drink no mayim; thy nevelah shall not come unto kever avoteicha.
[23] And it came to pass, after he had eaten lechem, and after he had drunk, that he saddled the chamor for him, for the navi whom he had brought back.
[24] And when he was gone, an aryeh met him by the derech, and killed him; and his nevelah was cast down in the derech, and the chamor stood beside her [the lion], and the aryeh also stood beside the nevelah.
[25] And, hinei, anashim passed by, and saw the nevelah cast down in the derech, and the aryeh standing beside the nevelah; and they came and told it in the Ir where the navi hazaken dwelt.
[26] And when the navi that brought him back from the derech heard thereof, he said, It is the Ish HaElohim, who defied the mouth of Hashem; therefore Hashem hath delivered him unto the aryeh, which hath mauled him, and slain him, according to the Devar Hashem, which He spoke unto him.
[27] And he spoke to his banim, saying, Saddle me the chamor. And they saddled it.
[28] And he went and found his nevelah cast down in the derech, and the chamor and the aryeh standing beside the nevelah; the aryeh had not eaten the nevelah, nor mauled the chamor.
[29] The navi took up the nevelah of the Ish HaElohim, laid it upon the chamor, and came to the Ir of the navi hazaken to mourn and to bury him.
[30] And he laid his nevelah in his own kever; and they mourned over him, saying, Hoy [alas], achi (my brother)! And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his banim, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the kever wherein the Ish HaElohim is buried; lay my atzmot beside his atzmot.
[31] For the davar which he cried by the Devar Hashem against the mizbe'ach in Beiti-El, and against all the batim of the high places which are in the cities of Shomron, shall surely come to pass.
[32] After this thing Yarov’ am returned not from his derech ha'arah, but installed again of the lowest of the people as kohanim of the high places; whosoever desired, he filled hands of [i.e., ordained] him, and he became one of the kohanim of the
[idolatrous] high places [See Lv 7:37 and 8:25-36].
[34] And this thing became chattat (sin) unto the Bais Yarov'am, even to annihilate it, and to destroy it from off the face of ha'adamah.

14 At that time Aviyah Ben Yarov'am fell sick.

[2] And Yarov'am said to his isha, Arise, now, and disguise thyself, that thou be not recognized to be eshet Yarov'am; and get thee to Shiloh; hinei, there is Achiyah HaNavi, which told me that I should be melech over this people.

[3] And take with thee asarah lechem, and nikkudim (wafers), and a bakbuk (bottle) of devash, and go to him; he shall tell thee what shall become of the na'ar.

[4] And eshet Yarov'am did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the bais Achiyah. But Achiyah could not see; for his eyes had ceased by reason of his seiv (old age).

[5] And Hashem said unto Achiyah, Hinei, the eshet Yarov'am cometh to seek davar tov (good thing) for he is choleh (ill); thus and thus shalt thou give davar unto her; for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign to be a stranger woman.

[6] And it was so, when Achiyah heard the sound of her raglayim, as she came to the petach, that he said, Come in, thou eshet Yarov'am; why feignest thou to be a stranger woman? For I am sent to thee with kashah (a harsh prophetic foresight).

[7] Go, tell Yarov'am, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee nagid over My people Yisroel,

[8] And tore the Kingdom from the Bais Dovid, and gave it thee; and yet thou hast not been as Avdi Dovid, who was shomer over My mitzvot, and who followed after Me with all his lev, to do only yasher in Mine eyes;

[9] But hast done rah more than all that were before thee; for thou hast gone and made for thee elohim acherim, and massekhot (metal idols), to provoke Me to anger, and hast thrust Me behind thy gay (back);

[10] Therefore, hineni, I will bring ra'ah upon the Bais Yarov'am, and will cut off from Yarov'am mashtin b'kir (him that urinates against the wall, i.e., every male), azur (bond) or azuv (free) in Yisroel, and I will sweep out after the Bais Yarov'am just as one sweepeth out the dung, till it be all gone.

[11] Him that dieth of Yarov'am in the Ir shall the oph haShomayim eat; for he only of Yarov'am shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he is choleh (ill);

[12] Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own bais; and yet thou hast not feigned to be a stranger woman.

[13] And kol Yisroel shall sow no seed by reason of his seiv (old age), in the Bais Yarov'am, and will cut off from Yarov'am mashtin b'kir (him that urinates against the wall, i.e., every male), azur (bond) or azuv (free) in Yisroel, and I will sweep out after the Bais Yarov'am just as one sweepeth out the dung, till it be all gone.

[14] Moreover Hashem shall raise Him up a Melech over Yisroel, who shall cut off the Bais Yarov'am even this day. This is the day! [See 1Kgs 15:27-29.] Even now.

[15] For Hashem shall strike Yisroel, just as the kanekh (reed), is shaken in the mayim, and He shall uproot Yisroel out of this adamah hatovah, which He gave to Avoteihem, and shall scatter them beyond the Nahar (River, i.e., the Euphrates) because they have made their Ashera idols, provoking Hashem to anger.

[16] And He shall give up Yisroel because of the chattot Yarov'am, who did sin, and who made Yisroel to sin.

[17] And eshet Yisro'em arose, and departed, and came to Tirtzah; and when she came to the saf HaBayit (the treshold of the house), the na'ar died.

[18] And they buried him; and kol Yisroel mourned for him, according to the Devar Hashem, which He spoke by the yad of his eved Achiyah HaNavi.

[19] And the rest of the acts of Yarov'am, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yisroel.

[20] And the yamim (days) which Yarav'am reigned were two and twenty shanah; and he slept with his avot, and Nadav bno reigned in his place.

[21] And Rechav'am Ben Shlomo reigned in Yehudah. Rechav'am was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Yerushalayim, the Ir which Hashem did choose out of kol Shivtei Yisroel, to put Shmo there. And shem immo was Naamah HaAmmonit (an Ammonitess).

[22] And Yehudah did the rah in the eyes of Hashem, and they provoked Him to kina (jealousy) with their chattot which they had committed, which were more than all that their avot had done.

[23] For they also built them [idolatrous] high places, and matzeivot [idolatrous] high places, [See 1Kgs 15:32-34.]
Now in the eleventh year of Melech Rechav`am, that Shishak Melech Mitzrayim came up against Yerushalayim; and he carried away the otzarot of the Beis Hashem, and the otzarot of the Bais HaMelech; he even carried away all the moginnim (shields) of zahav which Shlomo had made. And Melech Rechav`am made in their place moginnim of nechoshet, and committed them unto the hands of the commanders of the guard, which were the shomrim at the petach of the Bais HaMelech. And it was so, when HaMelech went into the Beis Hashem, that those on guard duty bore them, and brought them back into the guard room.

And there were also kadesh (male and female cult prostitutes) in the land; and they did according to all the to`avot (abominations) of the Goyim which Hashem drove out before the Bnei Yisroel.

And there were also idol images, and Asherim [Canaanite female nature idols] on every high hill, and under every thickly foliaged green tree.

And there were also kadesh (male and female cult prostitutes) in the land; and they did according to all the to`avot (abominations) of the Goyim which Hashem drove out before the Bnei Yisroel.

And it came to pass in the fifth year of Melech Rechav`am, that Shishak Melech Mitzrayim came up against Yerushalayim; and he carried away the otzarot of the Beis Hashem, and the otzarot of the Bais HaMelech; he even carried away everything: and he carried away all the moginnim (shields) of zahav which Shlomo had made. And Melech Rechav`am made in their place moginnim of nechoshet, and committed them unto the hands of the commanders of the guard, which were the shomrim at the petach of the Bais HaMelech.

And there was milchamah between Rechav`am and Yarov`am all their days.

Now the rest of the acts of Rechav`am, and all that he did, are not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yehudah?

And there was milchamah between Rechav`am and Yarov`am all the days of his life.

And there was milchamah between Rechav`am and Yarov`am all their days.

In the twentieth year of Yarov`am Melech Yisroel, Asa began to reign as Melech over Yehudah.

And forty and one years reigned he in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Ma’achah Bat Avishalom.

And he removed kedeshim (the male and female cult prostitutes) out of HaAretz, and got rid of kol hagillulim (all the idols) that his avot had made.

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And Asa slept with his avot; and they buried him in Ir Dovid; and Asa Bno reigned in his place. And also Ma’achah immo, even her he deposed from being Gevirah (Queen Mother), because she had made a mifletzet (idol) to Asherah; and Asa cut down her mifletzet, and burned it in the Kidron Valley.

And Asa did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, as did Dovid Aviv.

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Dan, and Abel Beit- Ma'achah, and kol Kinnerot, with Kol Eretz Naphtali.

[21] And it came to pass, when Ba'asha heard this, he stopped building Ramah, and stayed in Tirtzah.

[22] Then HaMelech Asa made a proclamation throughout all Yehudah; none was exempted; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Ba'asha had built; and HaMelech Asa built up with them Geva of Binyamin, and Mitzpah.

[23] The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his gevurah, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yehudah? Nevertheless in the time of his ziknah (old age) he was diseased in his raglayim.

[24] And Asa slept with his avot, and was buried with his avot in Ir Dovid Aviv; and Yehoshaphat Bno reigned in his place.

[25] And Nadav Ben Yarov`am began to reign as Melech over Yisroel in the second year of Asa Melech Yehudah, and reigned over Yisroel two years.

[26] And he did rah (evil) in the eyes of Hashem, and walked in the derech Aviv, and in his chattat wherewith he made Yisroel to commit sin.

Then the Devar Hashem came to Yehu Ben Chanani against Ba'asha, saying,

[2] Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the aphan (dust), and made thee nagid over My people Yisroel; and thou hast walked in the derech Yarov`am, and hast caused My people Yisroel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their chattot;

[3] Hineni, I will sweep away after Ba'asha, and after his Bias, and in his chattat wherewith he made Yisroel to commit sin.

[4] Him that dieth of Ba’asha in the Ir shall the kelavin eat; and him that dieth of his in the sadeh (country) shall the oph HaShomayim eat.

[5] Now the rest of the acts of Ba’asha, and what he did, and his gevurah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yisroel? 

[6] So Ba’asha slept with his avot, and was buried in Tirtzah: and Elah Bno reigned as Melech in his place.

[7] And also by the yad HaNavi Yehu Ben Chanani came the Devar Hashem against Ba’asha, and against his Bias, even for all ra'ah that he did in the eyes of Hashem, in provoking Him to anger by the maaseh (work) of his hands, in becoming like the Bais Yarov`am; and because he struck it.

[8] In the twenty and sixth year of Asa Melech Yehudah began Elah Ben Ba’asha to reign as Melech over Yisroel in Tirtzah, reigning two years.

[9] And his eved (official) Zimri, captain of half his chariots, plotted a kesher against him, while Elah was in Tirtzah, drinking himself shikkor in the bais Artza, who was in charge of the Bias (palace) in Tirtzah.

[10] And Zimri went in and struck him down, killed him, in the 27th year of Asa Melech Yehudah, and reigned as Melech in his place.

[11] And it came to pass, when he began to reign as king, as soon as he sat on his kisse, that he slaughtered kol Bais Ba'asha; he spared him not one mashtin b'kir (one male), not go'alim (redeemers) of his nor re'a of his.

[12] Thus Zimri destroyed kol Bais Ba’asha, according to Devar Hashem, which He spoke against Ba’asha by Yehu HaNavi [2Chr 19:2; 20:34].
[13] For all the chattot of Ba’asha, and the chattot of Elah Bno, by which they sinned, and by which they made Yisroel to sin, in provoking Hashem Elohei Yisroel to anger with their havalim (vanities, nothingnesses, i.e., idols).
[14] Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel?
[15] In the twenty and seventh year of Asa Melech Yehudah did Zimri reign as Melech Melech shivah yamim in Tirtzah. And the army was encamped against Gibeton, which belonged to the Peliashtrim.
[16] And the army that was encamped heard say, Zimri saw that the Ir was taken, that he went into the armon (palace, castle) of the Bais HaMelech, and he burned the Bais HaMelech, and he called the shem of Shemer, adonei hahar (owner of the hill), Shomron.
[17] And Omri withdrew from Gibeton, and kol Yisroel with him, and they laid siege to Tirtzah.
[18] And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the Ir was taken, that he went into the armon (palace, castle) of the Bais HaMelech, and he burned the Bais HaMelech over him with eish, and died.
[19] For his chattot which he sinned in doing rah (evil) in the eyes of Hashem, in walking in the derech Yarov`am Ben Nevat, and in his chattat wherewith he made Yisroel to sin, to provoke Hashem Elohei Yisroel Yisroel to anger with their havalim (vanities, nothingnesses, i.e., idols) to anger with their havalim (vanities, nothingnesses, i.e., idols).
[20] Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his kesher that he plotted, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel?
[21] Then were HaAm Yisroel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tivni Ben Ginat, to make him Melech; and half followed Omri.
[22] But the people that followed Omri were stronger against the people that followed Tivni Ben Ginat; so Tivni died, and Omri reigned as Melech.
[23] In the thirty and first year of Asa Melech Yehudah began Omri to reign as Melech over Yisroel, reigning twelve years; shesh shanim reigned he in Tirtzah.
[24] And he bought the Har Shomron from Shemer for two talents of kesef, and built on the hill, and called the shem of the Ir which he built, after the shem of Shemer, adonei hahar (owner of the hill), Shomron.
[25] But Omri wrought rah in the eyes of Hashem, and did sin more than all that were before him.
[26] For he walked in all the derech Yarov’am Ben Benvat, and in his chattat wherewith he made Yisroel to sin, to provoke Hashem Elohei Yisroel Yisroel to anger with their havalim (vanities, nothingnesses, i.e., idols)
[27] Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his gevurah that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel?
[28] So Omri slept with his avot, and was buried in Shomron; and Ach’av Bno reigned as Melech in his place.
[29] And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa Melech Yehudah began Ach’av Ben Omri (Ahab Son of Omri) to reign as Melech over Yisroel; and Ach’av Ben Omri reigned over Yisroel in Shomron twenty and two shanim.
[30] And Ach’av Ben Omri did rah in the eyes of Hashem above all that were before him.
[31] And it came to pass, as if it had not been enough for him to walk in the chattot Yarov’am Ben Benvat, he even took as isha Izevel Bat Etha’al Melech Tzidonim, and went and served Ba’al, and worshipped him.
[32] And he set up a mizbe’ach for Ba’al in the Bais Ba’al, which he had built in Shomron.
[33] And Ach’av made HaAsherah; and Ach’av did more to provoke Hashem Elohei Yisroel to anger than all the Malkhei Yisroel that were before him.
[34] In his days did Chiel of Beit-El build up Yericho; he laid the foundation thereof [at the cost of the life of] Aviram his bechor; set up the gates thereof [at the cost of the life of] his youngest, Seguv, according to Devar Hashem, which He spoke by Yehoshua Ben Nun [see Josh. 6:26].

17 And Eliyahu HaTishbi, who was of the inhabitants of Tishbe-Gil’ad, said unto Ach’av (King Ahab of Israel), As Hashem Elohei Yisroel liveth, before whom I stand [ministering, as minister], there shall not be tal nor mator these shanim [ahead!], except according to my word.
[2] And the Devar Hashem came unto him, saying,
[3] Get thee from here, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself in the Wadi Kerit, that is near the Yarden.
[4] And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the orevvim (ravens) to feed thee there.
[5] So he went and did according to the Devar Hashem; for he went and dwelt in the Wadi Kerit, that is near the Yarden.
[6] And the orevvim brought him lechem and basar in the boker, and lechem and basar in the erev; and he drank of the brook.
And it came to pass at the ketz yamim (end of days), that the brook dried up, because there had been no geshem in the land.

And the Devar Hashem came unto him, saying,

Arise, get thee to Tzarphat, which belongeth to Tzidon, and dwell there; hinei, I have commanded an isha almanah there to sustain thee.

So he arose and went to Tzarphat. And when he came to the gate of the ir, hinei, the isha almanah was there gathering sticks; and he called to her, and said, Bring me a little mayim in a vessel, that I may drink.

And as she was going to get it, he called to her, and said, Bring me a morsel of lechem in thine hand.

And she said, As Hashem Eloheicha liveth, I have nothing baked, but an handful of meal in a pot, and a little shemen in a jug; and, see, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in, cook it for me and beni, that we may eat it, and die.

And Eliyahu said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said; but make me thereof a little loaf first, and bring it unto me, and after that make for thee and for thy ben.

For thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, The pot of meal shall not be used up, neither shall the jug of shemen fail, until the Yom that Hashem sendeth geshem upon ha’adamah.

And she went and did according to the Devar of Eliyahu; and she, and he, and her bais, did eat [many] yamim.

And the pot of meal was not used up, neither did the jug of shemen fail, according to the Devar Hashem, which he spoke by Eliyahu.

And it came to pass after yamim rabbim, that the Devar Hashem came to Eliyahu in the shanah hashlishit, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ach’av; and I will send matar upon the face of ha’adamah.

And Eliyahu went to show himself unto Ach’av. And there was a ra’av chazak (strong famine) in Shomron.

And Ach’av summoned Ovadyah, who was in charge of the Bayit (Palace)—now Ovadyah feared Hashem me’od (greatly);

For it was so, when Izevel cut off the Nevim of Hashem, that Ovadyah took a hundred Nevim, and hid them by fifty in a me’arah (cave), and fed them with lechem and mayim—

And Ach’av said unto Ovadyah, Go into HaAretz unto all springs of mayim, and unto all brooks; perhaps we may find khatzir (grass) to save the sus (horse) and pered (mules) alive, that we not be dispossessed of all the behemah.

So they divided ha’aretz between them to pass throughout it; Ach’av went derech echad by himself, and Ovadyah went derech echad by himself.

And as Ovadyah was baderech (on the way, road), hinei, Eliyahu met him; and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, Is it you, adoni Eliyahu?

And he answered him, I am; go, tell adoneicha, Hinei, Eliyahu!

And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy eved into the yad Ach’av to slay me?

As Hashem Eloheicha liveth, there is no goy (nation) or mamlachah (kingdom), to where adoni hath not sent to seek thee there; and when they said, He is not there, he had the mamlachah and goy swear, that they found thee not.

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And he answered him, I am; go, tell adoneicha, Hinei, Eliyahu!
And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Ruach shall carry thee to where I know not; and so when I come and tell Achav, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me; but I thy eved fear Hashem from my youth.

Was it not told to adoni that I hid a hundred ish of Hashem's Nevi'im by fifty in a me'arah, and fed them with lechem and mayim?

And now thou sayest, Go, tell adoneicha, Hinei, Eliyahu! And he shall slay me.

And Eliyahu said, As Hashem Tzva'os liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him today.

So Ovadyah went to meet Achav, and told him; and Achav went to meet Eliyahu.

And it came to pass, when Achav saw Eliyahu, that Achav said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Yisroel?

And he answered, I have not troubled Yisroel; but thou, and the Bais Avicha, in that ye have forsaken the Mitzvot and the Bais Avicha, in that ye have not troubled Yisroel; but thou, and thou hast followed after the Ba'alim.

Now therefore summon, and gather to me kol Yisroel; and I will show them the Shem of Hashem, which I hid from the house of Yaakov, unto Har HaCarmel and the Nevi'im of Ba'al, and I will call on the Shem of Hashem; and haelohim that answereth by eish, let him be HaElohim.

And kol haAm answered and said, Tov hadavar!

And Eliyahu said unto them, Choose one parim for yourselves; and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no eish under it; and I will dress the other bull, and lay it on wood, and put no eish under it;

And call ye on the shem eloheichem, which I hid from the house of Yaakov, unto Har HaCarmel and the Nevi'im, together unto Har HaCarmel.

And he answered, I have told thee, that the Ruach shall pass, as soon as I am gone, but if HaBa'al, then follow HaElohim, follow after him; (opinions)? If Hashem be HaElohim, follow after him; or perhaps he sleepeth and must be awakened.

And they shouted with a kol gadol, saying, Shout with a kol gadol, loud voice; for he is a g-d; either he is meditating, or he is pursuing [something], or ki derech lo (perhaps he had to travel, he's relieving himself), or perhaps he sleepeth and must be awakened.

And they shouted with a kol gadol, and cut themselves after their mishpat (custom) with charavot (swords) and lances, till the dahm gushed out upon them.

And it came to pass, when tzohorayim was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the minchah (evening sacrifice), that there was neither kol (voice), nor any oneh (responder) nor any attender.

And Eliyahu said unto kol HaAm, Come near unto me. And kol HaAm came near unto him. And he repaired the Mizbe'ach Hashem that was in ruins.

And Eliyahu took twelve avanim (stones), according to the mispar (number) of the Shiveiti Bnei Yaakov, unto whom the Devar Hashem came, saying, Yisroel shall be Shemecha;

And with the avanim (stones) he built a Mizbeach in the Shem of Hashem; and he made a te'alah (trench) around the Mizbeach, as the space of two seahs of zera (seed).

And he laid the wood in order, and cut up the bull, and laid it on the wood, and said, Fill four jugs with mayim, and pour it on the olah and on the wood.

And Eliyahu said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

And the mayim ran around about the Mizbeach; and even filled the te'alah (trench) also with mayim.

And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the minchah (evening sacrifice), that Eliyahu HaNavi came near, and said, Hashem Elohei Avraham, Yitzchak and of Yisroel, let it be known this day that Thou art Elohim in Yisroel, and that I am Thy Eved, and that
I have done all these things at Thy Davor.

[37] Answer me, Hashem, answer me, that HaAm Hazeh may know that Thou art Hashem HaElohim, and that Thou hast turned back their lev.

[38] Then the Eish of Hashem fell, and consumed the olah and the wood, and the avanim, and the apher, and licked up the mayim that was in the te'alah (trench).

[39] And when kol HaAm saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, Hashem hu HaElohim; Hashem hu HaElohim.

[40] And Eliyahu said unto them, Seize the nevi'im of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them; and Eliyahu brought them down to the Brook Kishon, and slaughtered them there.

[41] And Eliyahu said unto Ach'av, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a kol demamah dakkah (a quiet, gentle voice).

[42] But he himself went derech yom (a day's journey) into the midbar, and came and sat down under a broom tree, and he requested for his nefesh to die; and said, It is enough; now, O Hashem, take away my nefesh; for I am no better than my avot.

[43] And said to his eved, Go up now, look toward the yam. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again sheva pe'amim (seven times).

[44] And it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, Hinei, there ariseth a little cloud out of the yam, as small as kaf ish (a man's palm). And he said, Go, say unto Ach'av, Harness up [thy merkavah] and get thee down that the geshem stop thee not.

[45] And it came to pass in the meanwhile, that the Shoma'yim grew black with clouds and ruach, and there was a geshem gadol. And Ach'av rode, and went to Yizre'eel [Jezreel].

[46] And the Yad Hashem was on Eliyahu; and he girded up his loins, and ran ahead of Ach'av to the entrance of Yizre'eel.

19 And Ach'av told Izevel all that Eliyahu had done, and how he had slain kol haNevi'im with the cherev.

[2] Then Izevel sent a malach unto Eliyahu, saying, So let elohim do to me, and more also, if I make not thy nefesh as the life of one of them by this time makhar (tomorrow).

[3] And when he saw that, he arose, and fled for his nefesh, and came to Be'er Sheva, and sat down under a broom tree; and he requested for his nefesh to die; and said, It is enough; now, O Hashem, take away my nefesh; for I am no better than my avot.

[4] But he himself went derech yom (a day's journey) into the midbar, and came and sat down under a broom tree, and he requested for his nefesh to die; and said, It is enough; now, O Hashem, take away my nefesh; for I am no better than my avot.

[5] And as he lay and slept, there at his rosh was an oogah (cloak, mantle), and went out, wrapped his face in his aderet (cloak, mantle), and went out, and stood in the mouth of the hame'arah (the cave), and lodged there; and, hinei, the hame'arah (the cave) opened, and the eish (fire) and the kol (voice) was in the hame'arah (the cave), and he heard it, that he stood upon the Har HaElohim.

[6] And he looked, and, hinei, there at his rosh was an oogah (cloak, mantle), and went out, wrapped his face in his aderet (cloak, mantle), and went out, and stood in the mouth of the hame'arah (the cave), and lodged there; and, hinei, the hame'arah (the cave) opened, and the eish (fire) and the kol (voice) was in the hame'arah (the cave), and he heard it, that he stood upon the Har HaElohim.

[7] And the Malach Hashem came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; for the derech is too great for thee.

[8] And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the ko'ach ha'achilah habi (strength of that food) arba'im yom varba'im lailah unto Chorev the Har HaElohim.

[9] And he came there unto hame'arah (the cave), and lodged there; and, hinei, the Devar Hashem came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Eliyahu?

[10] And he said, I have been very kina (jealous, zealous) for Hashem Elohei Tzivos; for the Bnei Yisroel have forsaken Thy Brit (Covenant, i.e., Sinai Covenant), thrown down Thine mizbechot, and slain Thy nevi'im with the cherev; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my nefesh, to take it away.

[11] And He said, Go forth, and stand upon the Har before Hashem. And, hinei, Hashem has passed by, and a ruach gedolah v'chazak rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the sela'im (rocks) before Hashem; but Hashem was not in the ruach; and after the ruach, a ra'ash (earthquake); but Hashem was not in the ra'ash; and after the ra'ash an eish; but Hashem was not in the eish; and after the eish a kol demamah dakkah (a quiet, gentle voice).

[12] And it was so, when Eliyahu heard it, that he wrapped his face in his aderet (cloak, mantle), and went out, and stood in the mouth of the me'arah. And, hinei, there came a kol (voice) unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Eliyahu?

[13] And he said, I have been very kina for Hashem Elohei Tzivos; because the Bnei Yisroel have forsaken Thy Brit (Covenant, i.e., Sinai Covenant), thrown down Thine mizbechot, and slain Thy nevi'im with the cherev; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my nefesh, to take it away.

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Achav Melech Yisroel into the
| 2| And he sent malachim to
against her.
| 3| Against Shomron, and warred
| 4| And he went up and laid siege
| 5| And the malachim came
| 6| And the Melech Yisroel
| 7| Wherefore he said unto
| 8| All the zekenim and kol
| 9| All the zekenim and kol
| 10| And Ben-Hadad sent
| 11| And the Melech Yisroel
| 12| And it came to pass,
| 13| And, hinei, there came
| 14| Achav said, By whom?
| 15| Then he numbered the
| 16| And they set forth at
| 17| And the na’arei sarei hamedinot,
| 18| And he said, Whether
| 19| So these na’arei sarei
| 20| And he left the bakar
| 21| And he returned from

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And Ben-Hadad Melech Aram gathered all his army together; and there were thirty and two melech with him, and sus, and chariots; and he went up and laid siege against Shomron, and warred against her.

And he sent malachim to Achav Melech Yisroel into the
Ir, and said unto him, Thus
saith Ben-Hadad,
[3] Thy kesef and thy zahav is
mine; thy nashim also and thy
banim, even the tovim (best)
are mine.

[4] And the Melech Yisroel answered and said, Adoni, O
melech, according to thy word,
I am thine, and all that I have.

[5] And the malachim came
again, and said, Thus
speaketh Ben-Hadad, saying,
Although I have sent unto
thee, saying, Thou shalt
deliver me thy kesef, thy
zahav, thy nashim, thy banim;
[6] Yet I will send my avadim
unto thee tomorrow about this
time, and they shall search
thine bais (palace), and the
baitim (houses) of thy avadim;
and it shall be, that
whatsoever is makhmad
(precious) in thine eyes, they
shall put it in their yad, and
take it away.

[7] Then the Melech Yisroel
summoned kol Ziknei
Ir, and said unto him, Thus
saith Hashem, Even by the na’arei
sarei hamedinot (the servants
of the provincial command-
ers). Then he said, Who shall lead
out in the milchamah? He
answered, Thou.

[8] All the zekenim and kol
HaAm said unto him, Pay not
heed unto him, nor consent.

[9] Wherefore he said unto
the malachim of Ben-Hadad,
Tell adoni HaMelech, All that
thou didst send for to thy
evad at the first I will do; but
this thing I may not do. And
the malachim departed, and
took him back davar.
[10] And Ben-Hadad sent
unto him, and said, The
elothim (g-ds) do so unto me,
and more also, if the aphar
Shomron shall provide even a
handful for kol haAm (each of
the people) who are at my
raglayim.

answered and said, Tell him,
Let not khoger (one girding on
[his battle armor]) boast
himself as he that taketh off.

[12] And it came to pass,
when Ben-Hadad heard this
davar, as he was drinking, he
and the malachim in the
sukkot, that he said unto his
avadim, Get ready to attack.
And they set themselves in
array against the Ir.

[13] And, hinei, there came
one navi unto Achav Melech
Yisroel, saying, Thus saith
Hashem, Hast thou seen all
this hamon hagadol (vast
multitude)? Hineni, I will
deliver it into thine yad this
day; and thou shalt know that
I am Hashem.

[14] Achav said, By whom?
And he said, Thus saith
Hashem, Even by the na’arei
sarei hamedinot, and they
were two hundred and
thirty-two; and after them he
numbered kol HaAm, even all
the Bnei Yisroel, being shivat
alafim.

[15] And they set forth at
tzohorayim. But Ben-Hadad
was drinking himself shikkor
in the sukko, and he and the
malachim, the thirty and two
malachim ozer (allied with)
him.

[16] And the na’arei sarei
hamedinot went out first; and
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[18] And he said, Whether
they be come out for shalom,
take them chayyim (alive); or
whether they be come out for
milchamah, take them
chayyim (alive).

[19] So these na’arei sarei
hamedinot (the servants
of the provincial command-
ers) then, said, Who shall lead
out in the milchamah? He
answered, Thou.
And they struck down every ish his ish; and Aram (the Syrians) fled; and Yisroel pursued them; and Ben-Hadad Melech Aram escaped al-sus (on horse) and the parashim (cavalry).

And the Melech Yisroel went out, and struck down sus and chariot, and slaughtered Aram with a makkah gedolah (great slaughter).

And the navi came to the Melech Yisroel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest; for at the teshuvat hashanah (the turn of the year, springtime) Melech Aram will come up against thee.

And the avadim of Melech Aram said unto him, Their elohim are elohei harim (g-ds of the hills); therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them on the plain; then surely we shall be stronger than they.

And do this thing: Remove the melachim, every ish from his makom (place, post), and put officers in their places; and muster thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, sus for sus, and merkavah for merkavah; and surely we shall be stronger than we; but let us fight against them on the plain; then surely we shall be stronger than they. And he paid heed unto their voice, and did so.

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And the navi came to the Melech Yisroel, and said unto him, The cities, which Aram said unto him, Their avadim said unto him, Hinei now, we have heard that the melachim of Bais Yisroel are malkhei chesed; let us, now, put sackcloth on our loins, and go out to the Melech Yisroel; perhaps he will save thy nefesh.

So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes upon our heads, and went into the Ir, into cheder (a room within a room), an inner room).

Now the anashim did interpret this as a sign of mercy from him, and did hastily seize on it; and they said, Thy brother Ben-Hadad! Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-Hadad came forth to him; and he brought him up onto the merkavah.

And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities, which Avi took from Avicha, I will return; and thou shalt set up chutzot (market areas) for thee in Damasce, just as Avi set up in Shomron. Then said Achiav, I will send thee [to let thee go] away with this brit (covenant). So he made a brit (covenant) with him, and sent him [to let him go] away.

And a certain man of the Bnei HaNevi'im said unto his re'a (neighbor) in the Devar Hashem, Strike me, now. The ish refused to strike him. Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the kol Hashem, behold, thou, as soon as thou art departed from me, an aryeh shall kill thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, an aryeh found him, and killed him.

And while thy eved was busy here and there, he was missing, then shall thy nefesh be for his nefesh, or else thou must pay a talent of kesef. If by any means he be missing, then shall thy nefesh be for his nefesh, or else thou must pay a talent of kesef. And the ish struck him, so that in striking he wounded him.

So the navi departed, and stood waiting for HaMelech by the derech, and disguised himself with bandage over his eyes.

And as HaMelech passed by, he cried out unto HaMelech; and he said, Thy eved went out into the thick of the milchamah; and, hinei, an ish turned aside, and brought an ish unto me, and said, Be shomer over (guard) this ish: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy nefesh be for his nefesh, or else thou must pay a talent of kesef. And while thy eved was busy here and there, he was gone. And the Melech Yisroel said unto him, So shall thy mishpat be; thyself hast decided it.

And he hasted, and removed the bandage from his eyes; and Melech Yisroel recognized him that he was of the Nevii'im.
And it came to pass after these things, that Navot the Yizre'eli had a kerem (vineyard), which was in Yizre'el (Jezreel), beside the heikhal (palace) Ach'av Melech Shomron.

And Ach'av spoke unto Navot, saying, Give me thy kerem (vineyard), that may I have it for an herb gan (garden), because it is karov (near) unto my Bais; and I will give thee in exchange for it a tov kerem (better vineyard) than it; or, if it seem tov in thine eyes, I will give thee the worth of it in kesef.

And Navot said to Ach'av, Chalilah li meHashem (far be it from me before Hashem), that I should give the nachalat Avoti unto thee.

And Ach'av came into his bais sar veza'ef (sullen and dejected), and came to Shomron.

[14] Then they sent to Izevel, saying, Navot is stoned, and is dead.

[15] And it came to pass, when Izevel heard that Navot was stoned, and was dead, that Izevel said to Ach'av, Arise, take possession of the kerem of Navot the Yizre'eli, which he refused to give thee for kesef; for Navot is not chai (alive), but met (dead).

[16] And it came to pass, when Ach'av heard that Navot was dead, that Ach'av rose up to go down to the kerem of Navot the Yizre'eli, to take possession of it.

[17] And the Devar Hashem came to Eliyahu the Tishbi, saying, Arise, go down to meet Ach'av Melech Yisroel, which is in Shomron; hinei, he is in the kerem of Navot, where he has gone down to take [inheritance] possession of it.

[18] Arise, Eliyahu, Hast thou found me, O mine oyev? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work rah in front of the eyes of Hashem.

[19] And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Hashem, Hast thou inherited? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thou hast sold thyself to work rah in front of the eyes of Hashem.

[20] And Ach'av said to Eliyahu, Hast thou found me, O mine oyev? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work rah in front of the eyes of Hashem.

[21] Hineni, I will bring ra'ah upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away, and will cut off from Ach'av mashtin b'kir (him that urinates against a wall, i. e., all males), aztur (bond) and azuv (free) in Yisroel.

[22] And will make thine Bais like the Bais Yarov'am ben Nevat, and like the Bais Ba'asha
Ben Achiyah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked Me to anger, and caused Yisroel to sin.

[23] And of Izevel also spoke Hashem, saying, The kelavim shall devour Izevel by the wall of Yizre'el.

[24] Him of Ach'av that dieth in the Ir the kelavim shall devour; and him that dieth in the sadeh shall the oph haShomayim devour.

[25] But there was none like unto Ach'av, which did sell himself to work rah before the eyes of Hashem, whom Izevel his isha urged on.

[26] And he acted monstrously in going after gillulim (idols), according to all things as did HaEmori, whom Hashem drove out before the Bnei Yisroel.

[27] And it came to pass, when Ach'av heard those words, that he tore his begadim, put sackcloth upon his basar, did a tzom, lay in sackcloth, and walked about subdued.

[28] And the Devar Hashem came to Eliyahu the Tishbi, saying,

[29] Seest thou how Ach'av humbleth himself before Me? because he humbleth himself before Me, I will not bring hara'ah in his days: but in the yamim bno will I bring ra'ah (disaster) upon his Bais [See 2Kgs 9:23-26].

And they continued three years without war between Aram and Yisroel.

[2] And it came to pass in the third year, that Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah came down to Melech Yisroel.

[3] And Melech Yisroel said unto his avadim, Know ye that Ramot-Gil’ad is ours, and we hesitate, and take it not out of the hand of HaMelech Aram?

[4] And he said unto Yehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramot-Gil’ad? And Yehoshaphat said to the Melech Yisroel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my susim as thy susim.


[6] Then the Melech Yisroel gathered the nevi'im together, about 400 men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ramot-Gil’ad to battle, or shall I refrain? And they said, Go up; for Hashem shall deliver it into the hand of HaMelech.

[7] And Yehoshaphat said unto the Melech Yisroel, Inquire for the Devar Hashem besides, that we might inquire of him?

[8] And the Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Mikhay'hu ben Yimlah, by whom we may inquire of Hashem: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy tov concerning me, but rah. And Yehoshaphat said, Let not HaMelech say such.

[9] Then HaMelech Yisroel called an officer, and said, Hasten here Mikhay'hu ben Yimlah.

[10] And the Melech Yisroel and Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah sat each on his kisse, having put on their robes, at the threshing floor in the entrance of sha'ar Shomron; all the nevi'im prophesied before them.

[11] Tzidkiyah ben Kena-anah made him [goring] horns of barzel: and said, Thus saith Hashem, With these shalt thou push Aram until thou have consumed them.

[12] And all the nevi'im prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramot-Gil’ad, and succeed: for Hashem shall deliver it into the yad HaMelech.

[13] And the malach that was gone to summon Mikhayhu spoke unto him, saying, Hinei now, the words of the nevi'im declare tov unto HaMelech with one mouth: let thy word be like the word of one of them, speak that which is tov.

[14] And Mikhayhu said, As Hashem liveth, what Hashem saith unto me, that will I speak.

[15] So he came to HaMelech. And HaMelech said unto him, Mikhayhu, shall we go against Ramot-Gil’ad to battle, or shall we refrain? And he answered him, Go, and succeed: for Hashem shall deliver it into the yad HaMelech.

[16] And HaMelech said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee [i.e., make thee swear] that thou tell me nothing but that which is true in the Shem of Hashem?

[17] And he said, I saw kol Yisroel scattered upon the hills, as Tzon that have not a Ro'eh: and Hashem said, These have no adonim: let them return every man to his bais in shalom.

[18] And the Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no tov concerning me, but rah?

[19] And he said, Shema Devar Hashem: I saw Hashem sitting on his kisse, and all the Tzva HaShomayim standing by Him on His right hand and on His left.

[20] And Hashem said, Who shall persuade Ach'av, that he may go up and fall at Ramot-Gil’ad? And one said one thing, and one said another.

[21] And there came forth the ruach, and stood before Hashem, and said, I will persuade him.

[22] And Hashem said unto him, By what means? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a
ruach sheker in the mouth of all his nevi'im. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also; go forth, do so.

[23] Now therefore, hinei, Hashem hath put a ruach sheker in the mouth of all these thy nevi'im, and Hashem hath spoken ra'ah concerning thee.

[24] But Tzidkiyah ben Kena'anah went near, and struck Mikhay'hu on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Ruach Hashem go when he went from me to speak to you?

[25] And Mikhay'hu said, Hinei, thou shalt see in that yom, when thou shalt go into a cheder b'cheder (inner room) to hide thyself.

[26] And the Melech Yisroel said, Take Mikhay'hu, and carry him back unto Amon Sar HaIr, and to Yoash ben HaMelech; and say, Thus saith Hashem, the Melech; Put this fellow in his bais hakeleh, and feed him with lechem lachatz (bread of affliction) and with mayim lachatz (water of affliction), until I come in shalom.

[27] And Mikhay'hu said, If thou return at all in shalom, Hashem hath not spoken by me. And he said, Pay heed, O man to his city, and every man to his own country.

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[29] So the Melech Yisroel and Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah went up to Ramot-Gil'ad.

[30] And the Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the milchamah; but put thou on thy robes. And the Melech Yisroel disguised himself, and went into the milchamah.

[31] But HaMelech Aram commanded his 32 captains that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with katan nor gadol, save only with the Melech Yisroel.

[32] And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Yehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the Melech Yisroel. And they turned aside to fight against him. Yehoshaphat cried out.

[33] And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not Melech Yisroel, they turned from pursuing him.

[34] And a certain man drew a keshet (bow) at random, and struck Melech Yisroel between the joints of his armor; wherefore he said unto the driver of his merkavah, Turn around thine hand, and carry me out of the battle; for I am wounded.

[35] And the milchamah increased that yom; and HaMelech was propped up in his merkavah against the kelavim in the pool of Shomron; and the dahm ran out of the wound onto the floor of the merkavah.

[36] And there went a proclamation throughout the host about the going down of the shemesh, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

[37] So Melech [Ahab] died, and was brought to Shomron; and they buried HaMelech in Shomron.

[38] And one washed the merkavah in the pool of Shomron; and the kelavim licked up his dahm while the zonot bathed; according unto the Devar Hashem which he spoke.

[39] Now the rest of the acts of Achar aver, and all that he did, and the Bais HaShen (House of Ivory) which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim l'Malkhei Yisroel?

[40] So Achar slept with his avot; and Acharaya beno (his son) reigned in his place.

[41] And Yehoshaphat ben Asa began to reign over Yehudah in the fourth year of Ach'av Melech Yisroel.

[42] Yehoshaphat was 35 shanah when he began to reign; and he reigned 25 shanah in Yerushalayim. And the shem immo was Azuva'

[43] And he walked in kol derech Asa aviv; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem; nevertheless the high places (places of pagan worship) were not taken away; for HaAm offered and burned incense yet in the high places.

[44] And Yehoshaphat made peace with Melech Yisroel.

[45] Now the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat, and his gevurah that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim l'Malkhei Yehudah?

[46] [47] And the remnant of the kadesh (male and female cult prostitutes), which remained in the days of Asa aviv, he took out of HaAretz.

[47] There was then no melech in Edom; a deputy was melech.

[48] [49] Yehoshaphat made [merchant] oniyot (ships) of Tarshish to go to Ophir for zahav; but they went not; for the oniyot were shipwrecked at Eztyon-Gever.

[49] [50] Then said Achaz'ya ben Ach'av unto Yehoshaphat, Let my avadim go with thy avadim in the oniyot. But Yehoshaphat would not.

[50] [51] And Yehoshaphat slept with his avot, and was buried with his avot in the Ir Dovid aviv; and Yehoram beno reigned in his place.

[51] [52] Achazyahu ben Ach'av began to reign over Yisroel in Shomron.
the seventeenth year of Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah, and reigned two years over Yisroel.

And he did rah in the sight of Hashem, walked in the derech aviv, and in the derech immo, and in the derech Yarov`am am ben Nevat, who made Yisroel to sin;

For he served HaBa'al, and worshiped him, and provoked to anger Hashem Elohei Yisroel, according to all that aviv had done.

Then Moav rebelled against Yisroel after the mot Ach’av.

And Achazyah fell down through a lattice in his aliyyah (upper room) that was in Shomron, and it was a dire injury: and he sent malachim, and he said unto them, Go, inquire of Ba'al Zevuv elohei Ekron whether I shall recover of this choli (infirmity).

But the Malach Hashem said to Eliyahu HaTishbi, Arise, go up to meet the malachim of Melech Shomron, and say unto them, Is it because there is no Elohim in Yisroel, that ye go to inquire of Ba'al Zevuv elohei Ekron?

Now therefore thus saith Hashem, Thou shalt not get down from that mittah (bed, couch) on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Eliyahu departed.

And when the malachim turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why are ye now turned back?

And they said unto him, There came an ish up to meet us, and he said unto us, Go, turn again unto HaMelech that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith Hashem, Is it because there is no Elohim in Yisroel, that thou sendest to inquire of Ba'al Zevuv elohei Ekron? Therefore thou shalt not get down from that mittah on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

And he said unto them, What manner of ish was he which came up to meet you, and told you these devarim?

And they answered him, He was an ish ba'al se'ar (man owning [garment] of [camel] hair) and girt with an ezor ohr (belt of leather) about his waist. And he said, It is Eliyahu HaTishbi.

Then HaMelech sent unto him sar chamishim with his fifty. And he went up to him; and, hinei, he sat on the rosh hahar. And he spoke unto him, Thou Ish HaElohim, HaMelech hath said, Come down.

And Eliyahu answered and said to the sar hachamishim, If I be an Ish HaElohim, let eish come down from Shomayim, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down eish from Shomayim, and consumed him and his fifty.

And he sent again a third sar chamishim with his fifty. And the sar hachamishim hashlishi went up, and fell on his birkayim (knees) before Eliyahu, and besought him, and said unto him, O Ish HaElohim, please, let my nefesh, and the nefesh of these fifty thy avadim, be precious in thy eyes.

Hinei, there came eish down from Shomayim, and consumed the two sarim of the chamishim harishonim with their fifites; therefore let my nefesh now be precious in thy eyes.

And the Malach Hashem said unto Eliyahu, Go down with him; be not afraid of him. And he got up, and went down with him unto HaMelech.

And he said unto him, Thus saith Hashem, Forasmuch as thou hast sent malachim to inquire of Ba'al Zevuv elohei Ekron, is it because there is no Elohim in Yisroel to inquire of His Davar? Therefore thou shalt not get down from that mittah (bed, couch) on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die.

So he died according to the Devar Hashem which Eliyahu had spoken. And Yehoram [Yoram of Israel] reigned in his place in the second year of Yehoram [Yoram of Yehudah] ben Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah; because bno he had not.

Now the rest of the acts of Achazyah which he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim of the Melachim of Yisroel?

And it came to pass, when Hashem would take up Eliyahu into Shomayim in a se`arah (storm wind, whirlwind), that Eliyahu went with Elishah from Gilgal.

And Eliyahu said unto Elishah, Tarry here, now; for Hashem hath sent me to Beir-El.
And Elishah said unto him, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beit-El.

[3] And the Bnei HaNevi'im that were at Beit-El came forth to Elishah, and said unto him, Doest thou have da’as that Hashem will take away thy adon from over thy rosh? And he answered, Yes, I have da’as; be silent.

[4] And Eliyahu said unto him, Elishah, tarry here, now; for Hashem hath sent me to Yericho. And he said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Yericho.

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[6] And Eliyahu said unto him, Tarry, now, here; for I have da’as; be silent. And he answered, Yes, I have da’as; be silent. And Eliyahu said unto him, Tarry, now, here; for Hashem hath sent me to the Yarden. And he said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two walked on.

[7] And chamishim ish (fifty able-bodied men) of the Bnei HaNevi'im went, standing opposite them at a distance; and they two stood by the Yarden. And he said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two walked on.

[8] And Elishah took his aderet (mantle, cloak), and rolled it up, and struck the mayim, and they were split from here and from there, so that they two crossed over on charavah (dry ground [See Ye 3:17]).

[9] And it came to pass, when they were crossed over, that Eliyahu said unto Elishah, Request what I shall do for thee, before I am taken away from thee. And Elishah said, Let, now, a double portion of thy ruach be upon me.

[10] And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when lukach (I am taken away) from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

[11] And it came to pass, as they still walked on, and talked, that, hinei, there appeared a merkavah of eish, and susim of eish, and separated the two of them between them; and Eliyahu went up in a se’arah (storm wind, whirlwind) into Shomayim.

[12] And Elishah saw, and he cried, Avi, Avi, the merkavah of Hashem is gone up, and I am left behind. And Elishah said unto him, As Hashem hath sent me, to the Yarden. And he said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Yericho. And he said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beit-El.

[13] He took up also the aderet Eliyahu that fell from him, and held of his own robe, and tore his apparel in two pieces. And Elishah said unto him, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Yericho. And he said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beit-El.

[14] And he took the aderet Eliyahu that fell from him, and struck the mayim, and said, Where is Hashem Elohei Elishah? And when he also had struck the mayim, they split from here and from there; and Elishah crossed over.

[15] And when the Bnei HaNevi'im which were watching at Yericho saw him from a distance, they said, The ruach Eliyahu doth rest on Elishah. And they came to hold of his own robe, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

[16] And they said unto him, Hinei now, there be among thy avadim chamishim ish of the Shomron (forty-two) which are barren (betrayed) in the Shomron (forty-two) which are barren (betrayed), and their wives, and their children, and their lands, and their houses. And Elishah said, Let, now, a double portion of thy ruach be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing; nevertheless, if thou see me when lukach (I am taken away) from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so.

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3 Now Yehoram ben Achav began to reign over Yisroel in Shomron the eighteenth year of Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah, and reigned twelve shanah.

[2] And he wrought rah in the eyes of Hashem; but not like Aviv, nor like Immo; for he put away matzvat HaBa'al (the image of Baal) that Aviv had made.

[3] Nevertheless his deveykus was unto the chattot Yarov'am Ben Nevat, which caused Yisroel to sin; therefrom he did not turn away.

[4] And Mesha Melech Moav was a sheep breeder, and rendered unto the Melech Yisroel 100,000 lambs, and 100,000 rams, with the zemer (wool).

[5] But it came to pass, when Achav was mot, that Melech Moav rebelled against Melech Yisroel.

[6] And Melech Yehoram went out of Shomron on that day, and mustered kol Yisroel.

[7] And he went and sent to Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah, saying, Melech Moav hath rebelled against Melech Yisroel.

[8] And Yehoshaphat said, Is there not here a navi of Hashem, that we may inquire of Hashem through him? And one of the avadim of Melech Yisroel answered and said, Here is Elishah Ben Shaphat, which poured mayim on the hands of Eliyahu.


[10] And Melech Yisroel said unto the nevi'im of Avicha, and Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. Yehoshaphat said, Is there not here a navi of Hashem through him? And they said, Yehoram ben Ahab, which poured mayim on the hands of Eliyahu, is the navi of Hashem; for Yehoram hearkened unto Hashem.

[11] But Yehoshaphat said, Is there not here a navi of Hashem, that we may inquire of Hashem through him? And one of the avadim of Melech Yisroel answered and said, Here is Elmshe Dagan, which poured mayim on the hands of Eliyahu.

[12] And Yehoshaphat said, The Devar Hashem is with him. So Melech Yisroel and Yehoshaphat and Yehoram Be'emo went down to him.

[13] And Eliyahu said unto Melech Yisroel, What have I to do with thee? Get thee to the Ba'al nevi'im of Avicha, and to the nevimim of Immecha.

[14] And Eliyahu said unto Melech Yisroel, What have I to do with thee? Get thee to the Ba'al nevi'im of Avicha, and to the nevimim of Immecha.

[15] But now bring me menagen. And it came to pass, when the menagen played, that the Yad Hashem came upon him.

[16] And he said, Thus saith Hashem, Make this valley full of ditches.

[17] For thus saith Hashem, Ye shall not see ruach, neither shall ye see geshem; yet this valley shall be filled with mayim, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your behemah (livestock).

[18] And this is but a light thing in the eyes of Hashem; He will deliver Mo'av also into your yad.

[19] And ye shall strike every fortified city, every ir mivchor, and shall fell every etz tov, stop up kol ma'yan mayim, mar every good allotment of land with avanim.

[20] And it came to pass in the boker, when the minchah was offered, that, hinei, there came mayim by the derech of Edom, and HaAretz was filled with mayim.

[21] And when kol Mo'av heard that the melachim were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that could bear arms, and older, and stood at the border.

[22] And they rose up early in the boker, and the shemesh was upon the mayim, and Mo'av saw the mayim on the other side, and to them it looked as red as dahm.

[23] And they said, This is dahm; the melachim are surely slain, and they have struck one another; now therefore, Mo'av, to the plunder!

[24] And when they came to the machaneh Yisroel, they rose up and struck Mo'av, so that they fled before them; but they went forward striking Mo'av, even invading their country.

[25] And they beat down the towns, and on every good allotment of land every ish cast his even (stone), and filled it; and they stopped up kol ma'yan mayim, and felled kol etz tov; only in Kir Charaset left they the avanim thereof; howbeit the slingers surrounded it, and struck it.

[26] And when Melech Moav saw that the milchamah was chazak against him, he took with him 700 ish that drew cherev, to break through even unto Melech Edom; but they could not.

[27] Then he took bno habechor that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for an olah upon the chomah. And there was ketzef gadol (great fury) against Yisroel; and they withdrew, and returned to their own land.
Now there cried out a certain isha of the nashim of the Bnei HaNeveirim unto Elishah, saying, Thy eved my ish is dead; and thou knowest that thy eved did fear Hashem: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two yeladim to be avadim (slaves).


[3] Then he said, Go, borrow thee kelim from all around of all thy shchenim, even empty kelim; borrow not a few.

[4] And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the delet behind thee and behind thy banim, shalt pour out into all those kelim, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

[5] So she went from him, and shut the delet behind her and behind her banim, who were bringing to her; and she poured.

[6] And it came to pass, when the kelim were full, that she said unto her ben, Bring me another keli. And he said unto her, There is not any more keli. And he said unto her, Dost thou not know that Hashem hid it from me, and hath not told me.

[7] Then she came and told the Ish HaElohim. And he said, Go, sell the shemen, and pay thy debt, and live thou thy eved did fear Hashem: and thou knowest that thy eved did fear Hashem: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two yeladim to be avadim (slaves).

[8] And then one day Elishah passed over to Shunem, where was a certain isha of the nashim of the Bnei HaNeveirim, which passeth by us tamid.

[9] And she said unto her ish, Hinei now, I perceive that this is an Ish Elohim Kadosh, which passeth by us tamid.

[10] Please, let us make a small aliyyah kirim (walled upper room); and let us set for him there a mittah (bed), and a shulchan (table), and a kisse (chair), and a menorah: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in there.

[11] And then one day he came there, and he turned in the aliyyah (upper room), and lay there.

[12] And he said to Geichazi his na'ar, Call this Shunamit. And when he had called her, she stood before him.

[13] And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Hinei, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? Wouldest thou be spoken for to HaMelech, or to the Sar HaTzava? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people.

[14] And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Geichazi answered, Verily she hath no ben, and her ish is zaken.

[15] And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the petach (doorway).

[16] And he said, About this mo'ed, according to the et chayyah (Gen. 18:10), thou choveket ben (shalt embrace a son). And she said, No, adoni, thou Ish HaElohim, do not give false hope unto thine shifchah.

[17] And the isha conceived, and bore ben at that mo'ed, according to the et chayyah.

[18] The yeled grew, and it happened one day, that he went out to Aviv to the kortzerim (harvesters, reapers).

[19] And he said unto Aviv, My rosh, my rosh. And he said to the na'ar, Carry him to immo.

[20] And when he had lifted him, and brought him to immo, he sat on her birkayim (knees) till tzohorayim, and then died.
And one went out into the Bnei HaNevi'im.

And when Elishah was come into the bais, hinei, the na'arah was dead, and lying upon his mittah.

And when he was come in, and shut the door behind him, he stretched himself upon him; and he said, Serve to HaAm, that they may eat. And there was no rah in the siyr.

And there came an ish from Ba’al Shalishah, and brought the Ish HaElohim lechem bikkurim, twenty loaves of se’orim (barley), and [roasted] ears of corn in his sack. And he [Elishah] said, Give unto HaAm, that they may eat.

And the one serving him said, What, should I set this before them? He said again, Give HaAm, that they may eat; for thus saith Hashem, They shall eat, and there shall be shirayim. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and there was shirayim thereof, according to the Devar Hashem.

Now Na’aman, Sar Tzeva Melech Aram, was an ish gadol before his adon and highly honored, because by him Hashem had given deliverance unto Aram; he was also a gibbor chayil, and burneth him; and he said unto his na’arah, Put on the siyr before him; and he said unto them, The na’arah is not awakened.

And Geichazi passed on, and took up her ben, and went to Gilgal, and there was a ra’av in the land; and the Bnei HaNevi'im were sitting (famine) in the land; and there was a ra’av of the na’arah; but there was neither kol (voice), nor keshet (attention). So he went back to meet him, and told him, saying, The na’arah is not awakened.

And Geichazi passed on, and followed her.

And she said unto her rabbi, Hinei, I thought, Adon and highly honored, If only adoni were before the navi that is in Eretz Yisroel! For he would recover him of his tzara’at.

And Melech Aram said, Go to, go, and I will send a sefer (letter) unto Melech Yisroel. And he [Na’aman] departed, and took with him ten talents of kesef, and six thousand pieces of zahav, and ten changes of begadim.

And he brought the sefer (letter) to Melech Yisroel, saying, Now when this letter is come unto thee, hinei, I have therewith sent Na’aman avdi to thee, that thou mayest receive Na’aman avdi, to kill and to make alive, that this doth send unto me to recover an ish of his tzara’at recover him.

And it came to pass, when Melech Yisroel had read the sefer, that he tore his begadim, and said, Am I HaElohim, to kill and to make alive, that thou sendest unto me to recover an ish of his tzara’at? Wherefore consider, now, and see how he seeketh a quarrel against me.

And it was so, when Elishah Ish HaElohim had heard that Melech Yisroel had torn his beged, that he sent to HaMelech, saying, Why hast thou torn thy beged? Let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a navi in Yisroel.

And Na’aman came with his susim and with his merkavah, and stood at the petach of the bais Elishah.

And Elishah sent a geish (famine) in the land; and the Bnei HaNevi'im were sitting before him; and he said unto his na’arah, Put on the siyr hagedolah, and cook stew for the Bnei HaNevi'im.

And one went out into the sadeh to gather orot (herbs), and found a gefen sadeh, and gathered thereof pakku’ot sadeh (wild gourds), the fold of his beged he filled, and came and cut them up into the siyr of stew; though no one knew what they were.

So they poured out for the anashim to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the stew, that they cried out, and said, O thou Ish HaElohim, there is mavet in the siyr. And they could not eat thereof.

But he said, Then bring kemakh (meal, flour). And he cast it into the siyr; and he said, Serve to HaAm, that they may eat. And there was no rah in the siyr.

And he summoned Geichazi, and said, Call this Shunamit. So he called her.

And when she was come in, and shut the door behind him, he stretched himself upon him; and his eyes upon his eyes, and his mouth upon his mouth, and his palms upon his palms: and he bowed himself to the ground, and fell at his raglayim, and stretched himself upon him. And he arose, and took up his ben. And the na’arah grew warm.

And the em hana’ar said, As Hashem liveth, and as thy nefesh liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, and followed her.
Rimmon; when I bow down
and I bow myself in the Bais
and he leaneth on my yad,
Rimmon to bow down there,
adoni goeth into the Bais
pardon thy eved, that when
In this thing Hashem
unto Hashem.
unto elohim acherim, but
offer neither olah nor zevach
For thy eved will henceforth
massa (burden) of adamah?
given to thy eved two mules'
there not then, please, be
And Na'aman said, Shall
beagim, and zeitim (olive
groves), and kramim, and
tzon, and bakar, and avadim,
and shefachot?
The tzara'at therefore of
Na'aman shall make its
deveykus unto thee, and unto
thy zera l'olam. And he went
out from his presence
metzorah, like sheleg (snow).

And the Bnei HaNevi'im
said unto Elishah, Hinei
now, the makom where
we dwell with thee is too tzar
cramped, crowded) for us.
Let us go, now, unto the
Yarden, and take from there
every ish one korah (beam),
and let us build us a makom
(place, home) there, where we
may dwell. And he answered,
Go, ye.
And one said, Be agreed,
now, and go with thy avadim.
And he answered, I will go.
So he went with them.
And when they came to the
Yarden, they cut down
haetzim (the trees, the wood).
But as one was felling the
haetzim (the trees, the wood).
And when they came to the
Yarden, they cut down
korah (beam,

And the Bnei HaElohim
warred against Yisroel, and
took counsel with his avadim,
saying, In such and such
makom shall be my chosen
campment places.
And then Melech Aram
wore against Yisroel, and
took counsel with his avadim,
saying, Beware that thou be shomer not
to pass this makom; for there come down Aram.

[10] And Melech Yisroel sent to the makom which the Ish HaElOhim told him and warned him of, and he was watchful there, not just once nor twice.

[11] Therefore the lev Melech Aram was over this matter much incensed; and he summoned his avadim, and said unto them, Will ye not show me who of us is [traitor] to Melech Yisroel?

[12] And one of his avadim said, None, adoni HaMelech; but Elishah HaNavi that is in Yisroel, telleth Melech Yisroel the devarim that thou speakest in thy cheder mishkav (bedroom).

[13] And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and take him captive. And it was told him, saying, Hinei, he is in Dotan.

[14] Therefore sent he there susim, and merkavot, and a strong army contingent; and they came by lailah, and went forth, hinei, an army surrounded the ir.

[15] And when the mesharet (minister, servant) of the Ish HaElOhim was risen early, and went forth, hinei, an army surrounded the ir with susim and merkavot. And his na’ar said unto him, Alas, adoni! What shall we do?

[16] And he answered, Fear not; for they that be with us are rabbim (many) more than they that be with them.

[17] And Elishah davened, and said, Hashem, and said, Strike now hagoy hazeh, with blindness.

And He struck them with blindness according to the davar Elishah.

[19] And Elishah said unto them, This is not the derech, neither is this the ir; follow me, and I will lead you to the ish whom ye seek. But he led them to Shomron.

[20] And it came to pass, when they were come into Shomron, that Elishah said, Hashem, open the eyes of these, that they may see. And Hashem opened their eyes, and they saw; and, hinei, they were in the midst of Shomron.

[21] And Melech Yisroel said unto Elishah, when he saw them, Avi, shall I strike them? Shall I strike them?

[22] And he answered, Thou shalt not strike them; wouldest thou strike those whom thou hast taken captive with thy cherev and with thy keshet? Set lechem and mayim before them, that they may eat and drink, and go back to doneiheim.

[23] And he prepared kerah gedolah (a great meal) for them; and when they finished eating and drinking, he sent them away, and they went to doneiheim.

So the raiding parties of Aram (Syria) came no more into Eretz Yisroel.

[24] And it came to pass after this, that Ben Hadad Melech Aram gathered all his machaneh, and went up, and laid siege to Shomron.

[25] And there was a ra’ah gadol in Shomron; and, hinei, they laid siege to it, until a rosh chamor was sold for fourscore pieces of kesef, and a quarter of a kav of dove’s dung for five pieces of kesef.

[26] And as Melech Yisroel was passing by upon the chomah (wall), there cried out an isha unto him, saying, Hoshia (save), adoni HaMelech!

[27] And he said, If Hashem saves thee not, from where can I save thee? From the goren (threshing floor) or from the yekev (wine press)?

[28] And HaMelech said unto her, What troubleth thee? And she answered, This isha said unto me, Give thy ben, that we may eat him hayom (today), and we will eat beni (my son) machar (tomorrow).

[29] So we cooked beni (my son), and did eat him; and I said unto her on the yom ha’acher (the day after), Give thy ben, that we may eat him; and she hath hid her ben.

[30] And it came to pass, when HaMelech heard the divrei haisha, that he tore his begadim; and he passed by upon the chomah, and the people looked, and, hinei, he had, underneath, sackcloth upon his basar.

[31] Then he said, Elohim do so and more also to me, if the rosh Elishah Ben Shaphat shall remain on him hayom (today).

[32] But Elishah sat in his bais, and the Zekenim sat with him; and he [HaMelech] sent an ish ahead of him; but before the malach came to him, he [Elishah] said to the Zekenim, See ye how this ben hameratze’ach (son of a murderer) hath sent to cut off mine rosh? Look, when the malach cometh, shut the delet (door), and hold him shut out by the delet; is not the sound of the raglei adonav behind him?

[33] And while he [Elishah] yet was speaking with them, hinei, the malach (messenger) came down unto him; and he [HaMelech] said, Hinei, this ra’ah (evil, disaster) is from Hashem; what hope can I have from Hashem?
7 Then Elishah said, Hear ye the Devar Hashem; Thus saith Hashem, Machar (tomorrow) about this time shall a se'ah of solet (fine flour) be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of se'orim for a shekel, at the Sha'ar Shomron.

[2] Then an officer on whose arm HaMelech leaned answered the Ish HaElohim, and said, Hinei, the Melech Yisroel hath hired against us the Melachim of the Mitzrayim, to come upon us. Therefore they arose and fled in the neshef (twilight), and left their ohalim, and fled in the neshef, saying, When they come out of the Ir, we shall catch them chayyim (alive), and get into the Ir.

[3] And there were arba'ah anashim that were metzora'im at the petach haSha'ar (city gate); and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die?

[4] If we say, We will enter into the Ir, then the ra'av (famine) is in the Ir, and we shall die there; and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us throw ourselves unto the Machaneh Aram (Syrian Camp); if they spare us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall die.

[5] And they rose up at neshef (twilight, dusk) to go unto the Machaneh Aram; and when they were come to the edge of the Machaneh Aram, hinei, there was no ish there.

[6] For Adonoi had made the Machaneh Aram to hear a noise of chariots and a noise of susim, even the noise of a chariots of susim; and did eat and drink, and carried from thence keseff, and zahav, and begadim, even the noise of a chariots of susim, and churned and wooden, at the Sha'ar Shomron.

[7] Therefore they arose and fled in the neshef (twilight), and left their ohalim, and their susim, and their chamorim, even the Machaneh just as it was, and fled for their nefesh.

[8] And when these metzora'im came to the edge of the Machaneh, they went into one ohele, and did eat and drink, and carried from thence keseff, and zahav, and begadim, and went off and hid it; and came back, and entered into another ohele, and carried from there also, and went and hid it.

[9] Then they said one to another, We do not right; this day is a Yom Besorah, and we hold our peace; if we tarry till ohr haboker, some avon (punishment for being sinful) will overtake us; now therefore come, that we may go and tell the Bais HaMelech.

[10] So they came and called unto the Sho'er HaIr (Gatekeeper of the City); and they told them, saying, We came to the Machaneh Aram, and, hinei, there was no ish there, neither voice of adam, but susim tied, and chamor tied, and the ohalim just as they were.

[11] And he called the sho'arim (gatekeepers); and they told it to the Bais HaMelech within.

[12] And HaMelech arose in the lailah, and said unto his avadim, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are starved by famine; therefore are they gone out of the Machaneh to hide themselves in the sadeh, saying, When they come out of the Ir, we shall catch them chayyim (alive), and get into the Ir.

[13] And one of his avadim answered and said, Let some of the men take, now, five of the remaining susim left; behold, they will be like kol hamon Yisroel (the whole multitude of Yisroel) that still survives; they are like the kol hamon Yisroel that has perished already. Let us send and find out.

[14] They took therefore two chariots of susim; and HaMelech sent after the Machaneh Aram, saying, Go and find out.

[15] And they went after them as far as Yarden; and, hinei, all the derech was full of begadim and kelim, which the Syrians had cast off in their haste. And the melachim returned, and told the Melech.

[16] And the people went out, and plundered the Machaneh Aram. So a se'ah of solet (fine flour) was sold for a shekel, and two seahs of se'orim for a shekel, according to the Devar Hashem.

[17] And HaMelech appointed the officer on whose arm he leaned to have the charge of the Sha'ar; and the people trampled upon him in the Sha'ar, and he died, just as the Ish HaElohim had said, who spoke when HaMelech came down to him.

[18] And it came to pass as the Ish HaElohim had spoken to HaMelech, saying, Two seahs of se'orim for a shekel, and a seah of solet for a shekel, shall be about this time machar (tomorrow) in the Sha'ar Shomron; and plundered the Machaneh HaMelech, saying, Go and find out.

[19] And that officer answered the Ish HaElohim, and said, Now, hinei, even if Hashem would make windows in Shomayim, could such a thing happen? And he said, Thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

[20] And so it happened unto him; for the people trampled upon him in the Sha'ar, and he died. T.N. The Scriptures say “Woe to me if I preach not the Besuras HaGeulah” as it says here in the Yom Besorah (7:9) for this is our day and we are the unclean saved by grace.
Then spoke Elishah unto the isha, whose ben he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine bais, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn; for Hashem hath called for a ra’av (famine); and it shall also come upon ha’aretz sheva shanim.

And the isha arose, and did according to the davar Ish HaElohim; she went away and her bais, sojourned in the Eretz Pelishtim sheva shanim.

And it came to pass at the end of the sheva shanim, that the isha returned from Eretz Pelishtim; and she went forth to make appeal unto HaMelech for her bais and for her sadeh.

And when HaMelech asked the isha, she told him. So Elishah came to Damascus; and Ben-Hadad Melech Aram choleh (was ill), when it was told him, saying, Ish HaElohim has come here.

And Elishah said unto Chazael, Take a minchah (a present) in thine yad, and go, meet the Ish HaElohim, and inquire of Hashem through him, saying, Shall I recover of this illness?

So Chazael went to meet him, and took a minchah (a present) with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, massa (burden, load) of arba’im ganal, and came and stood before him, and said, Binecha Ben-Hadad Melech Aram (Syria) hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this illness?

And Elishah said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou shalt certainly recover; howbeit Hashem hath showed me that he shall surely die.

And he fixed his gaze steadfastly, and stared at him until he was ashamed; then the Ish HaElohim wept.

And Chazael said, Why weepeth, adoni? And he answered, Because I know the ra’ah (evil, harm) that thou wilt do unto the Bnei Yisroel; their strongholds wilt thou with eish set ablaze, and their bochurim wilt thou slay with the cherev, and wilt dash their olelim, and their women with child thou wilt rip open.

But what, is thy eved a kelev (dog), that he should do this davar hagadol (great thing)? And Elishah answered, Hashem hath showed me that thou shalt be Melech over Aram (Syria).

In the fifth year of Yoram Ben Ach’av Melech Yisroel, Yehoshaphat being then Melech Yehudah, Yehoram Ben Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah began to reign as Melech.
Melech Yisroel did Achazyahu
Ben Yehoram Melech
Yehudah begin to reign as
Melech.

[26] Achazyahu was 22 years
old when he began to reign as
Melech; and he reigned one
year in Yerushalayim. And the
shem immo was Atalyah Bat
Omri Melech Yisroel.

[27] And he walked in the
derech of the Bais Ach'av, and
did rah in the eyes of Hashem,
as did the Bais Ach'av: for he
was choson (son-in-law) of the
Bais Ach'av.

[28] And he went with Yoram
Ben Ach'av to the milchamah
(war) against Chazael Melech
Aram in Ramot Gil`ad; and
the Aramim wounded Yoram.

[29] And Yoram HaMelech
returned to recover in Yizre'el
from the makkim (wounds) which
the Aramim (Syrians) had
inflicted on him at Ramah,
when he fought against
Chazael Melech Aram. And
Achazyahu Ben Yehoram
Melech Yehudah went down to
see Yoram Ben Ach'av in
Yizre'el, because he was choleh
(ill with his wounds).

And Elishah HaNavi
summoned one of the
Bnei HaNevi'im, and
said unto him, Gird up thy
loins, and take this jar of
shemen in thine yad, and go
to Ramot Gil`ad:

[2] And when thou comest
there, look there for Yehu Ben
Yehoshaphat Ben Nimshi, and
and make him arise up from among his achim, and
take him to a cheder becheder (an inner room);
[3] Then take the jar of
shemen, and pour it on his
rosh, and say, Thus said
Hashem, Meshachchita (I
anoint thee) Melech over
Yisroel. Then open the
delet, flee; tarry not.
[4] So the na'ar, even the
na'ar hanavi, went to Ramot
Gil`ad.

[5] And when he came, hinei,
the sarim of the army were
sitting; he said, I have a davar
for thee, O sar. And Yehu said,
Unto which of all us? And he
said, To thee, O sar.
[6] And he arose, and went
into the bais; and he poured
the shemen on his rosh, and
said unto him, Thus said
Hashem Elohei Yisroel, I have
anointed thee Melech over Am
Hashem, even over Yisroel.

[7] And thou shalt strike
down the Bais Ach'av
adoneicha, that I may avenge
the dahm of My avadim the
Nevi'im, and the dahm of kol
avdei Hashem, shed by Izevel.

[8] For the kol Bais Ach'av
shall perish: and I will cut off
from Ach'av mashtin b'kir
(i.e., all males)

[9] And the kelavim shall
devour Izevel in the chelek
Yizre'el, and there shall be
none to bury her. And he
opened the delet and fled.

[10] Then Yehu came forth to
the avadim adonav: and one
said unto him, Is all shalom
(well)? Why came this
meshuga (crazy fellow) to
thee? And he said unto them,
Ye know the ish and his
babble.

[11] And they said, It is
shoker; tell us now. And he
said, Thus and thus spoke he
to me, saying, Thus saith
Hashem, Meshachchita (I
anoint thee) Melech over
Yisroel.

[12] And they said, It is
shoker; tell us now. And he
said, Thus and thus spoke he
to me, saying, Thus saith
Hashem, Meshachchita (I
anoint thee) Melech over
Yisroel.

[13] Then they hasted, and
took every ish his beged,
and spread it under him on the
top of the ma'alot (stairs), and
blew the shofar, saying, Yehu
is Melech.

[14] So Yehu Ben
Yehoshaphat Ben Nimshi
plotted a kesher against
Yoram. (Now Yoram had been
shomer over Ramot Gil`ad, he
and Kol Yisroel, because of
Chazael Melech Aram (Syria).
[15] But Yehoram HaMelech
had returned to recover in
Yizre'el from the makkim
(wounds) which the Aramim
(Syrians) had inflicted on him,
when he fought against
Chazael Melech Aram. And
Yehu said, If ye be so minded,
then let none slip away nor
escape from the Ir to go to tell
it in Yizre'el.

[16] So Yehu rode in a
merkavah, and went to
Yizre'el; for Yoram lay there.
And Achazyahu Melech
Yehudah was come down to
see Yoram.

[17] And there stood a tzofeh
(sentinel) on the migdal in
Yizre'el, and he saw the
company of Yehu as he
approached, and said, I see a
company. Yoram said, Take a
horseman, send to meet them,
and let him say, Is it shalom?
[18] So there went a rider on
the sus to meet them, and
and let him say, Is it shalom?
[19] Then he sent out a
second on sus, which came to
them, and said, Thus saith
Hashem, Is it shalom? And
Yehu answered, What hast
thou to do with shalom?
Fall in behind me. And the
tzofeh told, saying, The
malach reached them, but
he cometh not back.

[20] And the tzofeh reported,
saying, He reached them, and
cometh not back: and the
driving is like the driving of
Yehu Ben Nimshi; for he
driveth beshiga'on (like a
meshuga, recklessly).
And Yehoram said, Harnasses ready! And his merkavah was harnessed. And Yehoram Melech Yisroel and Achazyahu Melech Yehudah went out, each in his merkavah, and they went out against Yehu, and met him in the chelek of Navot HaYizre'eli.

And it came to pass, when Yehoram saw Yehu, that he said, Is it shalom, Yehu? And he answered, What shalom, so long as the zenunei immecha Izevel (harlotries of your mother Jezebel) and her kheshafim (witchcrafts) are so many?

And Yehoram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Achazyahu, Mirmah (deceit, treachery!), O Achazyahu.

And Yehu drew his keshet, and struck Yehoram between the shoulders, and the khetz (arrow) went out at his lev, and he sunk down in his merkavah.

Then said Yehu to Bidkar his shalishoh, Take him up, and cast him in the chelek of the sadeh of Navot HaYizre'eli; for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ach'av Aviv, Hashem laid this massa (prophetic burden) upon him; surely I have seen yesterday the dahm of Navot, and the dahm of his banim, saith Hashem; and I will requite thee in this chelek, saith Hashem. Now therefore take and cast him into the chelek, according to the Devar Hashem.

But when Achazyahu Melech Yehudah saw this, he fled by the derech (way) Bais HaCana, and Yehu pursued after him, and shouted, Strike him down also in the merkavah. And they did so on the way up to Gur, which is by Yivo'lam. And he escaped to Megiddo, and died there.

And his avadim carried him in a merkavah to Yerushalayim, and buried him in his kever with his avot in Ir Dovid.

And when Yehu was come to Yizre'el, Izevel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and adorned her rosh, and looked out at a chalon.

And as Yehu entered in at the sha'ar, she said, Did Zimri have shalom, who slaughtered his adon? And he lifted up his face to the chalon, and said, Who is on my side? Who? And there looked out to him two or three sarisim.

And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and some of her dahm spattered on the wall, and on the susim; and he trampled her under foot.

And when he went in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this arurah (cursed woman), and bury her; for she is a Bat Melech.

And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the gulgolet (skull), and the raglayim (feet), and the kappot (palms) of her yadayim.

Therefore, they came back, and told him. And he said, This is the Devar Hashem, which He spoke by His eved Eliyahu HaTishbi, saying, In the chelek Yizre'el shall kelavim (dogs) eat the basar Izevel; and the nevelah of Izevel shall be as dung upon the face of the sadeh in the chelek Yizre'el; so that no one will be able to say, This is Izevel.
[8] And there came a malach, and told him, saying, They have brought the rashei Bnei HaMelech. And he said, Lay ye them in two tziyburim (heaps, piles) at the petach of the sha’ar until the boker.
[9] And it came to pass in the boker, that he went out, and stood, and said to kol haAm, Ye be tzaddikim; hinei, I stood, and said to kol haAm together, and said unto them, Ach’av served Ba’al a little; but Yehu shall serve him much.
[10] Know now that nothing shall fall [unfulfilled] unto ha’aretz of the Devar Hashem, which Hashem spoke against the sha’ar until the boker. And he said, Come with me, and see my kina (zeal) for Hashem. So they had him ride in his merkavah.
[11] Yehu met with the achei Achazyahu; and we go down to give shalom greeting to Eliyahu.
[12] And when he was approaching to meet him; and his acquaintance, and his kohanim, until he left him no sarid (remnant survivor).
[13] Yehu met with the achi Achazayahu Melech Yehudah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the achi Achazayahu; and we go down to give shalom greeting to the Bnei HaMelech and the Bnei HaGevirah.
[14] And he said, Take them chayyim (alive). And they took them chayyim, and executed them at the bor (pit) of the shearing house, even 42 ish; neither left he any remnant of them.
[15] And when he was departed from there, he met Yehonadav Ben Rechav approaching to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine lev yashar, as my lev is with thy lev? And Yehonadav answered, It is. If it be, give me thine yad. And he gave him his yad; and he took him up to him into the merkavah.
[16] And he said, Yehu, Because thou hast done according to all that was in Mine eyes, and hast well in executing that which is for thee good.
[17] And when he came to Shomron, he slaughtered all that remained unto Ach’av in Shomron, till he had destroyed him, according to the Devar Hashem, which He spoke to Eliyahu.
[18] And Yehu gathered kol HaAm together, and said unto them, Ach’av served Ba’al a little; but Yehu shall serve him much.
[19] Now therefore summon unto me all the nevi’im of Ba’al, all his avadim, and all his kohanim; let none be wanting; for I have a zevach (burnt offering), to the intent that he might destroy the ovdei HaBa’al (worshippers of Ba’al).
[20] Yehu said, Proclaim an atzeret (a solemn assembly) for Ba’al. They proclaimed it.
[21] And Yehu sent through kol Yisroel; and kol ovdei HaBa’al (all the worshippers of Ba’al) came, so that there was not an ish left that came not. And they came into the bais of Ba’al; and the bais of Ba’al was full from end to end.
[22] And he said unto him that was over the meltachah (wardrobe), Bring forth levush (robe) for all the ovdei HaBa’al. And he brought them forth the malbush (vestments, religious robes).
[23] And Yehu went, and Yehonadav Ben Rechav, into the bais Ba’al, and said unto the ovdei HaBa’al, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the avadim of Hashem, but the ovdei HaBa’al only.
[24] And when they went in to offer zevakhim and olot, Yehu appointed fourscore ish outside, and said, If any of the anashim whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his nefesh shall be for the nefesh of him.
[25] And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the olah (burnt offering), that Yehu said to the guard and to the shalishim (officers), Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they cut them down with the edge of the cherev; and the guard and the shalishim cast them out, and went to the Ir of the bais of Ba’al.
[26] And they brought forth the matzovot out of the bais of Ba’al, and burned them.
[27] And they demolished the matzovot HaBa’al, and broke down the bais of Ba’al, and made it mokharot (latrines) unto this day.
[28] Thus Yehu destroyed Ba’al out of Yisroel.
[29] Howbeit from the sins of Yarov’ am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin, Yehu departed not from after them, even, the eglei hazahav that were in Beit-El, and that were in Dan.
[30] And Hashem said unto Yehu, Because thou hast done well in executing that which is yashar in Mine eyes, and hast done unto the bais of Ach’av according to all that was in Mine lev, thy banim of the fourth generation shall sit on the kisse Yisroel.
[31] Yet Yehu was not shomer sheviti (guardian of the king) to follow the Torat Hashem Elohei Yisroel with all his lev; for he departed not from the chattot Yarov’ am which he caused Yisroel to commit sin.
In those days Hashem began to cut Yisroel down to size; and Chazael struck them down in all the territory of Yisroel; From Yarden eastward, all Eretz Gil`ad, the Gadi, and the Reuveni, and the Menashi, from Aroer, which is by the Arnon Valley, even Gil`ad and Bashan.

Now the rest of the acts of Yehu, and all that he did, and all his gevurah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yisroel?

And Yehu slept with his avot; and they buried him in Shomron. And Yehoachaz bno reigned as melech in his place.

And the days that Yehu reigned as melech over Yisroel in Shomron: 28 shanah.

And when Atalyah em Achazyahu saw that her ben was dead, she arose and destroyed kol zera hamamlachah.

But Yehosheva Bat HaMelech Yoram, achot Achazyahu, took Yoash ben Achazyahu, and stole him from among the Bnei HaMelech which were being slain; and they hid him, even him and his nurse, in the cheder hamittot (bedroom) from Atalyah, so that he was not slain.

And when Atalyah em Achazyahu saw that her ben was dead, she arose and destroyed kol zera hamamlachah.

And he was with her hid in the Beis Hashem shesh shananim. And Atalyah did reign over HaAretz.

And the seventh year Yehoyada sent and got the commanders of hundreds, with the Kereti and [Peleti] bodyguard [of HaMelech] and brought them to him into the Beis Hashem, and made a Brit with them, and put them under oath in the Beis Hashem, and showed them the Ben HaMelech.

And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do; a third part of you that come on duty on Shabbos shall even be Shomrei Mishmeret Bais HaMelech (Guards on duty at the Royal Palace);

And a third part shall be at the Sha`ar Sur; and a third part at the Sha`ar behind the ones guarding: so shall ye keep shomer the mishmeret HaBais for defense.

And two companies of all you that go off duty on Shabbos, even they shall keep shomer the mishmeret Beis HaMelech for HaMelech.

And ye shall surround HaMelech round about, every ish with his weapons in his yad; and he that cometh within the sederot (ranks), let him be slain; and be ye with HaMelech when he goeth out and when he cometh in.

And the commanders of hundreds did according to all things that Yehoyada HaKohen commanded; and they took every ish his anashim that were on duty on Shabbos, with them that should go off duty on Shabbos, and came to Yehoyada HaKohen.

And to the commanders of hundreds did the Kohen give the spears and shields of Dovid HaMelech, that were in the Beis Hashem.

And the ones guarding stood, every ish with his weapons in his yad, round about HaMelech, from the right side of the Beis to the left side of the Beis, near the Mizbe`ach and the Beis.

And he brought forth the Ben HaMelech, and put the nezer (crown) upon him, and gave him the Edut; and they proclaimed him Melech, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, Yechi HaMelech!

And when Atalyah heard the noise of the ones guarding HaAm, she came to HaAm in the Beis Hashem.

And when she looked, hinei, HaMelech stood at HaAmmud (the Pillar) according to mishpat, and the sarim and the khazotzerot (trumpets) beside HaMelech, and kol Am HaAretz were samei`ach (rejoicing) and blowing khazotzerot; and Atalyah tore her robes, and cried, Kesher, kesher! (conspiracy, treason!)

But Yehoyada HaKohen ordered the commanders of hundreds, the officers of the force, and said unto them, Bring her between the sederot (ranks); and him that followeth her kill with the cherev. For the Kohen had said, Let her not be slain in the Beis Hashem.

And they laid hands on her; and she was come to the derech of the entrance HaSusim [by] the Bais HaMelech and there was she slain.

And kol HaAm HaAretz went into the bais Ba`al, and tore it down; its mizbe`achot and its tzelem they thoroughly broke in pieces, and slaughtered Mattan kohen HaBa`al in front of the mizbe`achot. And [Yehoyada] HaKohen assigned the Pekudot (Oversight) over the Beis Hashem.

And he took the commanders of hundreds, and the Kereti and [Peleti] bodyguard [of HaMelech], and kol Am HaAretz; and they brought down HaMelech from the Beis Hashem,
and came by the derech Sha’ar HaRatzim to the Bais HaMelech. And he sat on the kisse hamelachim.

| 20 | And kol Am HaAretz rejoiced, and the Ir was sheket; and they slaughtered Atalyah with the cherev in the Bais HaMelech.

| 21(12:1) | Shivah shanim was the age of Yehoash when he began to reign.

In the seventh year of Yehu, Yehoash (Yoash) began to reign; and arba'im shanah he reigned in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Tzivyah of Beer Sheva.

| 2(3) | But the high places were not removed; HaAm still sacrificed and burned ketoret at the high places.

| 3(4) | And Yehoash did that which was yashar in the sight of Hashem all his days wherein Yehoyada HaKohen instructed him.

| 4(5) | And Yehoash did that which was yashar in the sight of Hashem all his days wherein Yehoyada HaKohen instructed him.

| 5(6) | Let the Kohanim receive [kesef, money] to them, every Kohen from his donors; and let the Kohanim repair the breaches of the Bais [Hamikdash], whereasover any damage shall be found.

| 6(7) | But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of Melech Yehoash, the Kohanim had not repaired the breaches of the Bais [Hamikdash].

| 7(8) | Then Melech Yehoash summoned Yehoyada HaKohen, and the other Kohanim, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the Bais [Hamikdash]? Now therefore receive no more kesef [silver, money] of your donors, but hand it over for the breaches of the Bais.

| 8(9) | And the Kohanim consented to receive no more kesef of HaAm; also not to repair the breaches of the Bais.

| 9(10) | But Yehoyada HaKohen took aron echad [a pishkeh], and bored a hole in the lid of it, and placed it beside the Mizbe’ach, on the right side as one cometh into the Bais Hashem; and the Kohanim that were Shomrei HaSaf (Guards of the Threshold) put therein kol hakesef that was brought into the Bais Hashem.

| 10(11) | And it was so, when they saw that there was much kesef in the aron, that the Sofer HaMelech and the Kohen HaGadol came up, and they put up in bags, and counted the kesef that was found in the Bais Hashem.

| 11(12) | And they gave the kesef that was weighed out into the hands of the osei hamelachah (workmen) who were hamepekadim (the overseers, supervisors) of the Bais Hashem; and they made the outlay to the woodworkers and the bonim (builders) that wrought upon the Bais Hashem, for the Bais Hashem.

| 12(13) | And to masons, and stonecutters, and to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the breaches of the Bais Hashem, and for all the outlay for the Bais [Hashem] to repair it.

| 13(14) | However, for the Bais Hashem no silver bowls, lamp snuffers, khatzotzerot (trumpets), vessels of gold or silver, none of these were acquired from the money that was brought into the Bais Hashem.

| 14(15) | But they gave that money to the osei hamelachah (workmen); and repaired therewith the Bais Hashem.

| 15(16) | Moreover they audited not the anashim, into whose yad they delivered the kesef to be bestowed on the osei hamelachah (workmen); for they dealt be’emunah (faithfully, honestly).

| 16(17) | The kesef asham (money from the guilt offerings) and the kesef chatta’ot (money from the sin offerings) was not brought into the Bais Hashem; it belonged to the Kohanim.

| 17(18) | Then Chazael Melech Aram (Syria) went up, and fought against Gat, and captured it; and Chazael set his face to go up against Yerushalayim.

| 18(19) | And Yehoash Melech Yehudah took all the kadashim that Yehoshaphat, and Yehoram, and Achazyahu, his avot, Melachim of Yehudah, had dedicated, and his own kadashim, and all the zahav that was found in the otzarot of the Bais Hashem, and in the Bais HaMelech, and sent them to Chazael Melech Aram; and he withdrew from Yerushalayim.

| 19(20) | And the rest of the acts of Yoash, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer of the Divrei HaYamim L’Malchei Yehudah?

| 20(21) | And his avadim arose, and made a kesher (conspiracy), and assassinated Yoash in the Bais Millo, on the way down to Silla.

| 21(22) | For Yozachar ben Shim‘at, and Yehozavad ben Shomer, his avadim, struck him down that he died; and they buried him with his avot in Ir Dovid; and Amatzyah hno reigned in his place.
In the three and twentieth shanah (year) of Yoash Ben Achazyahu Melech Yehudah, Yehoachaz Ben Yehu began to reign as melech over Yisroel in Shomron, and reigned seventeen shanah.

[2] And he did that which was rah before the eyes of Hashem, and followed after the chattot of Yarov’ am Ben Nevat, which he caused Yisroel to sin; he departed not from all the chattot Yarov’am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin; but he walked therein.

[3] And the af Hashem (anger of Hashem) was kindled against Yisroel, and He delivered them into the yad Chazael Melech Aram (Syria), and into the yad Ben-Hadad Ben Chazael, all their yamim.

[4] And Yehoachaz besought Hashem, and Hashem paid heed unto him; for He saw the lakhatz (oppression) of Yisroel, because Melech Aram (Syria) oppressed them--

[5] And Hashem gave Yisroel a moshia (savior), so that they went out from under the yad Aram; and the Bnei Yisroel dwelt in their ohalim, as formerly.

[6] Nevertheless they departed not from the chattot of the Bais Yarov’am, who made Yisroel sin, but walked therein; and also there remained standing the Asherah in Shomron--

[7] For he [Melech Aram] did leave the army to Yehoachaz but 50 parashim, and 10,000 foot soldiers; for Melech Aram had destroyed them, and had made them like the aphan for trampling.

[8] Now the rest of the acts of Yehoachaz, and all that he did, and his gevurah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel?

[9] And Yehoachaz slept with his avot; and they buried him in Shomron; and Yoash bno reigned as Melech in his place.

[10] In the 37th shanah of Yoash Melech Yehudah began Yoash Ben Yehoachaz to reign as Melech over Yisroel in Shomron, and reigned as Melech 16 shanah.

[11] And he did that which was rah before the eyes of Hashem; he departed not from all the chattot Yarow’am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin; but he walked therein.

[12] And the rest of the acts of Yoash, and all that he did, and his gevurah, wherewith he warred against Amatzyah (Amaziah) Melech Yehudah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel?

[13] And Yoash slept with his avot; and Yoash was buried in Shomron with the Malkhei Yisroel.

[14] Now Elishah was fallen ill of his illness whereof he would die. And Yoash Melech Yisroel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O Avi, Avi, the merkavah of Yisroel, and the parashim thereof.

[15] And Elishah said unto him, Take keshet and khitzim. And he took unto him keshet and khitzim.

[16] And he said to Melech Yisroel, Place thine yad upon the keshet. And he put his yad upon it; and Elishah put his hands upon the hands of HaMelech.

[17] And he said, Open the east chalon. And he opened it. Then Elishah said, Shoot. And he shot. And he said, The khetz (arrow) of the teshuah (salvation) unto Hashem, and the khetz of teshuah against Aram; for thou shalt strike down Aram at Aphek, unto complete destruction.

[18] And he said, Take the khitzim (arrows). And he took them. And he said unto Melech Yisroel, Strike the ground. And he struck shalosh pe’amim (three times) and stopped.

[19] And the Ish HaElohim was in wrath with him, and said, Thou shouldest have struck chametz or shesh pe’amim; then hadst thou struck down Aram but 3 pe’amim.

[20] And Elishah died, and they buried him. And the raiding parties of Mo’av would invade the land at the beginning of the shanah.

[21] And it came to pass, as they were burying an ish, that, hinei, they spotted a raiding party; and they cast the ish into the kever of Elishah; and when the ish was let down, and touched the atzmut of Elishah, he revived, and stood up alive on his raglayim.

[22] But Chazael Melech Aram oppressed Yisroel all days of Yehoachaz.

[23] And Hashem was gracious unto them, and had rachamim on them, and showed regard unto them, because of His brit (covenant) with Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov, and would not destroy them, neither cast He them from His presence up to now.

[24] So Chazael Melech Aram died; and Ben-Hadad bno reigned as melech in his place.

[25] And Yehoash Ben Yehoachaz returned and recaptured out of the yad of Ben-Hadad Ben Chazael the towns, which he [Ben-Hadad] had taken out of the yad of Yehoachaz aviv by milchamah (war); Shalosh times did Yoash defeat him, and recovered the towns of Yisroel.
In the second year of Yoash Ben Yehoachaz Melech Yisroel, Yoash reigned as Melech Yisroel Ben Yoash Melech Yehudah.

[2] He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign as melech, and reigned twenty and nine shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Yehoaddin from Yerushalayim.

[3] And he did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, yet not like Dovid aviv; he did according to all things as Yoash aviv did.

[4] Howbeit the [idolatrous] high places were not taken away; as yet HaAm did offer zevakhim and burn ketoret on the high places.

[5] And it came to pass, as soon as the mamlokhash was chazakah in his yad, that he executed his avadim which had slain HaMelech aviv [Yoash, See 2Kgs 12:20-21].

[6] But the banim of the makkim (assassins, murderers) he slaughtered not; according unto that which is written in the Sefer Torah Moshe, wherein Hashem commanded, saying, The avot shall not be put to death for their bat; nor the banim be put to death for the avot, but every ish shall be put to death for his own chet (sin) [Dt. 24:16].

[7] He struck down Edom in the Gey HaMelach 10,000, and took Selah [Petra] in milchamah (battle), and called the shem of it Yokte'el unto this day.

[8] Then Amatzyah sent malachim to Yehoash Ben Yehoachaz Ben Yehu Melech Yisroel, saying, Come, let us face off [in war].

[9] And Yehoash Melech Yisroel sent to Amatzyah Melech Yehudah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the erez (cedar) that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy bat to beni as isha; and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trampled down the thistle.

[10] Thou hast indeed struck down Edom, and thine lev hath lifted thee up; let thy honor save face, and tarry at home; for why shouldest thou ask for ra'ah, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Yehudah with thee?

[11] But Amatzyah would not listen. Therefore Yehoash Melech Yisroel went up; and he and Amatzyah Melech Yehudah faced off at Beit Shemesh, which belongeth to Yehudah.

[12] And Yehudah went down in defeat before Yisroel; and they fled every ish to his ohel.

[13] And Yehoash Melech Yisroel took captive Amatzyah Melech Yehudah Ben Yoash Ben Achazyahu at Beit Shemesh, came to Yerushalayim, broke down the chomat Yerushalayim from the Sha'ar Ephrayim unto the Sha'ar HaPinnah--400 cubits.

[14] And he took all the zahav and kesef, and all the kelim (vessels) that were found in the Beis Hashem, and in the otzarot of the Bais HaMelech, and Bnei HaTa'aruvot (Sons of the Hostages), and returned to Shomron.

[15] Now the rest of the acts of Yehoash which he did, and his gevurah, and how he warred against Amatzyah Melech Yehudah, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yisroel?

[16] And Yehoash slept with his avot, and was buried in Shomron with the Malkhei Yisroel.

[17] Amatzyah Ben Yoash Melech Yehudah lived after the mot Yehoash Ben Yehoachaz Melech Yisroel 15 shanah.
Now the rest of the acts of Yarav’am, and all that he did, and his gevarah, how he warred, and how he won back Damascus and Chamat from Yehudah for Yisroel, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel? And Yarav’am slept with his avot, even with the malkhei Yisroel; and Zekharyah bno reigned as Melech in his place.

In the 27th shanah of Yarav’am Melech Yisroel began Azarjah Ben Amatzyah Melech Yehudah to reign as melech. 16 years old was he when he began to reign as melech, and he reigned 52 shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Yeholyahu of Yerushalayim. And he did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that Amatzyah aviv had done; however the [idolatrous] high places were not removed; the people offered zevakhim and burned ketoret still on the[idolatrous] high places. And Hashem plagued HaMelech, so that he was metzorah unto his yom mot, and dwelt in a bais hachafeshit (separate house, leper asylum house). And Yotam Ben HaMelech was over the Bais (Palace), shofet (governing) the Am HaAretz. And the rest of the acts of Azaryah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yehudah?

So Azaryah slept with his avot; and they buried him with his avot in Ir Dovid; Yotam bno reigned in his place. In the 38th year of Azaryah Melech Yehudah did Zekharyah Ben Yarav’am am reign as melech over Yisroel in Shomron six months. And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, just as his avot had done; he departed not from the chattot Yarav’am am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin. And Shallum Ben Yavesh plotted a kesher against him, and attacked him in front of the people, and assassinated him, and reigned as melech in his place. And the rest of the acts of Zekharyah, behold, they are written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yehudah.

This was the Devar Hashem which He spoke unto Yehu, saying, Thy banim shall sit on the kisse Yisroel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass [2Kgs 10:30]. Shallum Ben Yavesh began to reign as melech in the nine and thirtieth year of Uziyah Melech Yehudah; and he reigned for one month in Shomron. For Menahem Ben Gadi went up from Tirtzah, and came to Shomron, and attacked Shallum Ben Yavesh in Shomron, and assassinated him, and reigned as melech in his place. And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his kesher he plotted, behold, they are written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel. Then from Tirtzah Menahem attacked Tiphsach, and all that were therein, and the surrounding area; because they opened not to him, therefore he sacked it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped open. In the nine and thirtieth year of Azaryah Melech Yehudah began Menahem Ben Gadi to reign as melech over Yisroel, and reigned ten shanam in Shomron. And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem; he departed not all his yamim from the chattot Yarav’am am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin. And Pul Melech Ashur (Assyria) came against HaAretz and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of kesef, that his yad might be with him [supporting Menahem] to make the Mamlakhah chazakah in his yad. And Menahem exacted the kesef from Yisroel, even of all the wealthy Gibborim, of each man fifty shekels of kesef, to give to Melech Ashur. So Melech Ashur withdrew and stayed not there in HaAretz. And the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L’Malkhei Yisroel?

And Menahem slept with his avot; and Pekachyah bno reigned as melech in his place. In the fiftieth year of Azaryah Melech Yehudah, Pekachyah Ben Menahem began to reign as melech over Yisroel in Shomron, and reigned two shanam. And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem; he departed not from the chattot Yarav’am am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin. But Pekach Ben Remalyah, his officer, plotted a kesher against him, and assassinated him in Shomron, in the armon Bais Melech (citadel of the palace of the king), with Argov and Aryeh, and with him chamishim ish (fifty men) of the Bnei Giladim; and he killed him, and reigned as melech in his place.
[26] And the rest of the acts of Pekachyah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yisroel.

[27] In the two and fiftieth year of Azaryah Melech Yehudah, Pekach Ben Remalyah began to reign as melech over Yisroel in Shomron, and reigned twenty shanah.

[28] And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem; he departed not from the chattot Yarov`am Ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to commit sin.

[29] In the days of Pekach Melech Yisroel came Tiglat Pileser Melech Ashur (Assyria), and took Iyon, and Abel Beit-Ma'achah, and Yanoach, and Kedesh, and Chatzor, and Gil`ad, and the Galil, all the Eretz Naphtali, and carried them away into the Golus of Assyria.


[31] And the rest of the acts of Pekach, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yisroel.

In the seventeenth year of Pekach Ben Remalyahu, Achaz Ben Yotam Melech Yehudah began to reign.

[32] 20 years old was Achaz when he began to reign, and reigned 16 shanah in Yerushalayim, and did not that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem Elohayav, like Dovid Aviv.

[33] But he walked in the derech of the Melachim of Yisroel, and even made bno to pass through the eish, according to the to`avot of the Goyim, whom Hashem cast out from before the Bnei Yisroel.

[34] And he sacrificed and burnt ketoret in the [idolatrous] high places, and on the geva'ot, and under every spreading tree.

[35] Then Retzin Melech Aram (Syria) and Pekach Ben Remalyahu Melech Yisroel came up to Yerushalayim for milchamah; and they besieged Achaz, but could not overcome him.

[36] At that time Retzin Melech Aram (Syria) recovered Eilat for Aram, and drove the Yehudim from Eilat; and the Edomim came to Eilat, and dwelt there unto this day.
between his mizbe'ach and the Beis Hashem, and put it on the north side of his mizbe'ach.

[15] And HaMelech Achaz commanded Uriyah HaKohen, saying, Upon the Mizbe'ach HaGadol burn the olat haboker, and the minchat haerev, and the olat HaMelech, and his minchah, with the olat kol Am HaAretz, and their minchah, and their nesakhim; and sprinkle upon it all the dahm of the olah, and all the dahm of the zevach: but the Mizbe'ach HaNechoshet shall be for me to inquire by.

[16] Thus did Uriyah HaKohen, according to all that HaMelech Achaz commanded.

[17] And HaMelech Achaz cut off the misgerot (bases of the Yam) of the mekhonot (movable stands or bases), and removed the kiyor from off them; and took down the Yam from off the Bakar HaNechoshet that were under it, and put it upon the Martzetpet Avanim.

[18] The musakh for Shabbos that they had built in the Beis, and the outer entrance of HaMelech, he removed from the Beis Hashem because of Melech Ashur.

[19] Now the rest of the acts of Achaz which he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim of the Melachim of Yehudah?

[20] And Achaz slept with his Avot, and was buried with his Avot in Ir Dovid; and Chizkiyahu bno reigned in his place.

In the twelfth year of Achaz Melech Yehudah began Hoshea Ben Elah to reign as melech in Shomron over Yisroel nine shanim.

[2] And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, but not as the malkhei Yisroel that were before him.

[3] Against him came up Shalmaneser Melech Ashur; and Hoshea became his eved (vassal) and paid him minchah (tribute).

[4] And Melech Ashur found kesher in Hoshea; for he had sent malachim to So Melech Mitzrayim, and paid no minchah to Melech Ashur, as he had done shanah b'shanah; therefore Melech Ashur took him in custody, and bound him in the bais keleh.

[5] Then Melech Ashur came up throughout kol HaAretz, and went up to Shomron, and besieged it shalosh shanim.

[6] In the ninth year [722 B.C.E.] of Hoshea, Melech Ashur took Shomron, and carried Yisroel away to Ashur, and placed them in Chalach and in Chavor by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

[7] For so it was, that the Bnei Yisroel had sinned against Hashem Eloheihem Who had brought them up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, from under the yad of Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, had feared elohim acherim, and walked in the chukkot of the Goyim, whom Hashem cast out before the Bnei Yisroel, and [in the chukkot] of the Malkhei Yisroel, which they had made up.

[8] Walked in the chukkot of the Goyim, whom Hashem cast out from before the Bnei Yisroel, and [in the chukkot] of the Malkhei Yisroel, which they had made up.

[9] And the Bnei Yisroel did secretly those things that were not right against Hashem Eloheihem, and they built for them [idolatrous] high places in all their towns, from the migdal of the notzerim (watchmen) to the fortified city.

[10] And they set up for them mitzvot and Asherim on every high hill, under every lusluly foliaged green tree;

[11] And there they burned ketoret in all the high places, as did the Goyim whom Hashem drove out before them; and wrought devarim ra'im (wicked things) to provoke Hashem to anger;

[12] For they served the gillulim (idols), whereof Hashem had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing.

[13] Yet Hashem testified warnings against Yisroel, and against Yehudah, by all the nevi'im, and by all the khozer (seers), saying, Turn ye from your derakhim hara'im and be shomer over My mitzvot and My chukkot, according to all the torah which I commanded your Avoteichem, and which I sent to you by My avadim the Nevii'im.

[14] Notwithstanding they would not listen, but stubbornly stiffened their necks, like the neck of their avot, that did not believe in Hashem Eloheihem.

[15] And they rejected His chukkot, and His brit (covenant) that He made with their avot, and His edot (testimonies, warnings) which He testified against them; and they followed after hevel, and became hevel, and went after the Goyim that were all around them, concerning whom Hashem had charged them, that they should not do like them.

[16] And they forsook all the mitzvot of Hashem Eloheihem, and made them massekhah, even two agalim, and made Asheirah, and served Ba'al.

[17] And they caused their banim and their banot to pass through the eish, and practiced kesamim and practiced witchcraft, and sold themselves to do rah in the eyes of Hashem, to provoke Him to anger.
|18| Therefore Hashem was very angry with Yisroel, and removed them out of His sight; there was none left but the shevet of Yehudah only. |
|19| Also Yehudah kept not the mitzvot of Hashem Eloheihem, but walked in the chukkot of Yisroel which they had made up. |
|20| And Hashem rejected all the zera Yisroel, afflicted them and delivered them into the yad of plunderers, until He had cast them out of His sight. |
|21| For He tore Yisroel from the Bais Dovid; and they made Yarov’ am Ben Nevat melech; and Yarov’ am drove Yisroel from following after Hashem, and caused them to commit a chatta’ah gedolah. |
|22| For the Bnei Yisroel walked in all the chattot which they had made, every goy in their own adamah to Ashur (Assyria) unto this day. |
|23| Until Hashem removed Yisroel out of His sight, as He had said by all His avadim the shevet Yisroel, and they possessed Shomron, and dwelt in the cities thereof. |
|25| And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not Hashem; therefore Hashem sent among them the arayot which killed some of them. |
|26| Wherefore they spoke to Melech Ashur, saying, The Goyim whom thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Shomron, know not the mishpat Elohei HaAretz; therefore He hath sent the arayot among them, and, behold, they slew them, because they know not the mishpat Elohei HaAretz. |
|27| Then Melech Ashur commanded, saying, Carry back there one of the kohanim whom ye brought captive from there; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the mishpat Elohei HaAretz. |
|28| Then one of the kohanim whom they had carried away captive from Shomron came and dwelt in Beit-El, and was moreh (teacher) to them how they should fear Hashem. |
|29| Howbeit every goy (nation) made g-ds of their own, and set them up in the batim (houses) of the high places which the Shomronim had made, every goy in their towns wherein they dwelt. |
|30| And the men of Babylon made [the ged] Sukkot Benot, and the men of Kutah made Nergal, and the men of Chamat made Ashima, and the Avim made Nivchaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvim burned their banim in eish to Adramelech and Anammelech, the gdfs of Sepharvaim. |
|31| So they feared Hashem, and made for themselves of the lowest of them kohanim of the [idolatrous] high places, which were officiating for them in beis habamot. |
|32| They feared Hashem, and served their own gds, after the mishpat (manner) of the Goyim from which places as exiles they had been carried away. |
|33| Unto this day they [the Samaritans] do after the mishpatim harishonim (former practices); they fear not Hashem, neither do they after their chukkot, or after their mishpatim, or after the torah and mitzvah which Hashem commanded the Bnei Ya’akov, whom He named shmo Yisroel; |
|35| With whom Hashem had cut a Brit, and commanded them, saying, Ye shall not fear elohim acherim, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor offer zevakhim to them; |
|36| But Hashem, Who brought you up out of Eretz Mitzrayim with koach gadol and a stretched out zora, Him shall ye fear, and to Him shall ye bow down in worship, and to Him shall ye offer zevakhim. |
|37| And the chukkot, and the mishpatim, and the torah, and the mitzvah, which He wrote for you, ye shall be shomer over to do kol hayamim; ye shall fear no elohim acherim. |
|38| And the Brit that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear elohim acherim. |
|39| But Hashem Eloheichem ye shall fear; and He shall deliver you out of the yad of all your oyevim. |
|40| Howbeit they did not pay heed, but they did after their mishpat harishon (former custom). |
|41| So these Goyim feared Hashem, and also served their peselim, both their banim, and their bnei banim; as did their avot, do so they unto this day. |
Eved Hashem commanded, His Brit, and all that Moshe Eloheihem, but transgressed the voice of Hashem, because they obeyed not the voice of Hashem in the cities of the Medes; of Gozan River, and in Chavor by the Chalach and in Assyria, and put them in the ozerot of the Bais HaMelech.

And Melech Ashur sent Tartan and Rav Saris and Rav Shakeh from Lachish to Ashdod and gave it to Melech Ashur.

But if ye say unto me, We send spies to adoni Melech Mitzrayim, for chariots and forGunners to go with thee; we will not put thee to death; we will give thee forty talents of silver and three hundred pounds of gold, and five hundred talents of brass, and six hundred talents of iron, so thou shalt set up a Mizbe'ach in Yerushalayim, Ye shall worship before this Mizbe'ach in Yerushalayim?

Therefore, now, give pledges to adoni Melech Ashur, and I will deliver thee two thousand susim, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.

How then wilt thou turn away the face of one officer of the least of the avadim of Melech Mitzrayim, on which if a man lean, it will go into his yad, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim unto all that depend on him.

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But if ye say unto me, We send to adoni Melech Mitzrayim unto all the fortified cities of Yehudah, and would not hear them, nor do them.

And Chizkiyah gave him all the kesef that was found in the Beis Hashem, and in the ozerot of the Bais HaMelech.

At that time did Chizkiyah strip off the havaot from the daletot Heikhal Hashem, and from the omenot (doorposts) which Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah had overlaid, and gave it to Melech Ashur.

Melech Ashur exacted from Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah three hundred talents of kesef and thirty talents of zahav.

And Chizkiyah gave him all which sat on the chomah, to speak these words? Hath he trusteth in Hashem Eloheinu, is it that He, whose high places and whose mizbechot Chizkiyah hath taken away, and hath said to Yehudah and Yerushalayim, Ye shall worship before this Mizbe'ach in Yerushalayim?

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But if ye say unto me, We send spies to adoni Melech Mitzrayim, for chariots and forGunners to go with thee; we will not put thee to death; we will give thee forty talents of silver and three hundred pounds of gold, and five hundred talents of brass, and six hundred talents of iron, so thou shalt set up a Mizbe'ach in Yerushalayim, Ye shall worship before this Mizbe'ach in Yerushalayim?
that may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?  

[28] Then Rav Shakeh stood and cried with a kol gadol in Yehudit, and spoke, saying, Hear the word of HaMelech Hagadol, Melech Ashur.  

[29] Thus saith HaMelech, Let not Chizkiyah deceive you; for he shall not be able to save you out of his yad;  

[30] Neither let Chizkiyah make you trust in Hashem, saying, Hashem will surely save us, and this city shall not be given into the yad Melech Ashur.  

[31] Pay heed not to Chizkiyah; for thus saith HaMelech Ashur, Make a brocha with me, and come out to me, and then eat ye every man of his own gefen, every one of his te’enah, and drink ye every one the waters of his bor;  

[32] Until I come and take you away to an eretz like your own eretz, an eretz dagan and tirosh, an eretz lechem and kramim, a land of zayit yitzhar and of devash, that ye may live, and not die; and pay heed not unto Chizkiyah, when he persuadeth you, saying, Hashem will save us.  

[33] Hath any of the elohei HaGoyim delivered at all his land out of the yad Melech Ashur?  

[34] Where are elohei Chamat, and of Arpad? Where are elohei Sapharvayim, Hena, and Ivah? Have they saved Shomron out of mine yad?  

[35] Who are they among all the elohei of the lands, that have saved their land out of mine yad, that Hashem should save Yerushalayim out of mine yad?  

[36] But the people held their peace, and answered him not a davar; for the mitzvat HaMelech was, saying, Answer him not.  

[37] Then came Elyakim Ben Chilkiyah, which was over the Bais (palace), and Shevna the Sofer, and Yoach Ben Asaph the Mazkir (secretary), to Chizkiyah with their begadim torn, and told him the words of Rav Shakeh.  

And it came to pass, when HaMelech Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) heard it, that he tore his begadim, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the Beis Hashem.  

[2] And he sent Elyakim, who was over the Bais (palace), and Shevna the Sofer, and the Zekenim of the Kohanim, clothed with sackcloth, to HaNavi Yeshayah Ben Amotz.  

[3] And they said unto him, Thus saith Chizkiyah, This day is a Yom Tzarah, and of tokhechah (rebuke), and ne’atzah (blasphemy, sacrilege); for the banim are come to the mashber (crisis of birth), and there is not ko’ach to bring forth.  

[4] It may be Hashem Eloheicha will hear all the words of Rav Shakeh, whom Melech Ashur adonav hath sent to reproach the Elohim Chai; and will rebuke the devarim which Hashem Eloheicha hath heard; therefore lift up thy tefillah for the she’erit that are left surviving.  

[5] So the avadim of HaMelech Chizkiyah came to Yeshayah.  

[6] And Yeshayah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto adoneichem, Thus saith Hashem, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, wherewith the na’arei Melech Ashur have made gidduf against Me.  

[7] Hineni, I will put a ruach in him, and he shall hear a shemuah (report), and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the cherev in his own land.  

[8] So Rav Shakeh left [Yerushalayim], and found Melech Ashur warring against Livnah; for he had heard that he [Melech Ashur] was departed from Lachish.  

[9] And he heard concerning Tirhakah Melech Cush, Hinei, he is come forth to make war with thee; and when he heard it, he sent malachim again unto Chizkiyah, saying,  

[10] Thus shall ye speak to Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah, saying, Let not Eloheicha, in Whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Yerushalayim shall not be delivered into the yad Melech Ashur.  

[11] Hinei, thou hast heard what the melachim of Ashur have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be saved?  

[12] Have the elohei HaGoyim delivered them which my avot have destroyed; as Gozan, and Charan, and Retzeph, and the Bnei Eden which were in Telassar?  


[14] And Chizkiyah received the sefarim (letters) from the yad hamalachim, and read it; and Chizkiyah went up into the Beis Hashem, and spread it before Hashem.  

[15] And Chizkiyah davened before Hashem, saying, Hashem Elohei Yisroel, that dwellest between the keruvim, Thou art HaElohim, even Thou alone, of kol mamlechot ha’aretz. Thou hast made Shomayim and HaAretz.  

[16] Incline Thine ear, Hashem, and hear; open, Hashem, Thine eyes, and see; and hear the words of Sancheriv,
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which he sent to insult the Elohim Chai (Living G-d). [17] Truly, Hashem, the melachim of Ashur have laid waste the Goyim and their lands.

[18] And have cast eloheihem into the ish; for they were no elohim, but the ma'aseh yedei adam, etz and even [stone]; therefore they have destroyed them.

[19] Now therefore, Hashem Eloheinu, save us from thy yad, that kol mamlechot ha'aretz may know that Thou art Hashem, even Thou only.

[20] Then Yeshayah Ben Amotz sent unto Chizkiyah, saying, Thus saith Hashem Eloheinu Yisroel, Whereas thou hast davened to Me against Sancheriv Melech Ashur, I have heard.

[21] This is the davar that Hashem hath spoken concerning him: The Betulat Bat Tziyon hath despaired, and laughed thee to scorn; the Bat Yerushalayim hath shaken her head at thee.

[22] Whom hast thou insulted and made gidduf against? And against whom hast thou raised thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes marom? Even against Kadosh Yisroel.

[23] By thy avadim hast thou insulted Adonoi, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to marom harim, to the heights of Levanon, and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice pine trees thereof; and I will enter into its most remote height, and the ya'ar (forest) of its fruitful land.

[24] I have dug and drunk mayim, and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the streams of the besieged places.

[25] Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it, and of yemei kedem (days of old), that I have formed it? Now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps.

[26] Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and put to shame; they were as the esev of the sadeh, and as the green herb, as the khasir (grass) on the gagot (rooftops) is sun-scorched before it is grown up.

[27] But I know thy sitting, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against Me.

[28] Because thy rage against Me and thy insolence is come up into Mine ears, therefore I will put My hook in thy nose, and My Bit in thy sfatayim (lips), and I will turn thee back by the derech by which thou camest.

[29] And this shall be HaOt (the Sign) unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such that growth (the Sign) unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such that growth shall not come before it is grown up.

[30] And the remnant that is escaped of the Bais Yehudah shall yet again take shoresh (root) downward, and bear pri upward.

[31] For out of Yerushalayim shall go forth She'erit (Remnant) and they that escape out of Mt Tziyon; the zeal of Hashem Tzva'os shall accomplish this.

[32] Therefore thus saith Hashem concerning Melech Ashur, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot khetz (an arrow) there, nor come before it with mogen, nor cast a siege ramp against it.

[33] By the derech that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith Hashem.

[34] For I will defend this city, to save it, for Mine Own sake, and for the sake of Dovid Avdi.

[35] And it came to pass that night, that the Malach Hashem went forth, and struck down in the Machaneh Ashur a hundred and fourscore and five elef; and when they arose early in the boker, hinei, they were all pegarim mesim (dead corpses).

[36] So Sancheriv Melech Ashur departed, and went and returned, and dwelt in Nineveh.

[37] And it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the Bais Nisroch elohav, that Adramelech and Sarezer his banim cut him down with the cherev; and they escaped into Eretz Ararat. And Esar- Chaddon bno reigned in his place.

20 In those days was Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) sick unto mot (death). And HaNavi Yeshayah Ben Amotz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Hashem, Set thine bais and davened unto Hashem, saying,

[3] Remember now, Hashem, how I have walked before Thee in emes and with a lev shalem, and have done that which is hatov in Thy sight. And Chikiyahu (Hezekiah) wept with bekhi gadol (great weeping).

[4] And it came to pass, before Yeshayah was gone out from the middle courtyard, that the Devar Hashem came to him, saying,

[5] Shuv (return), and say to Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) the Nagid Ami, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Dovid Avicha, I have heard thy tefillah, I have seen thy tears;
hineni, I will heal thee; on Yom HaShelishi thou shalt go up unto the Beis Hashem.  
[6] And I will add unto thy days fifteen shanah; and I will save thee and this city out of the palm of Melech Asshur (Assyria); and I will defend this city for Mine Own sake, for the sake of Dovid Avdi.  
[7] And Yeshayah said, Take Avdi. And Yeshayah said, This Ot (Sign) that Hashem will heal me, and that I shall go up into the Beis Hashem on the Yom HaShelishi?  
[8] And Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) paid heed unto Yeshayah, and said unto him, What said these anashim? And from whence came they unto thee? And Chizkiyahu said, They are come from an eretz rekhokah (a far country), even from Babylon.  
[9] And he said, What have they seen in thine Bais (palace)? And Chizkiyahu answered, All the things that are in mine Bais (palace) have they seen; there is nothing among my ozterot (treasures) that I have not showed them.  
[10] And Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) answered, It is a simple matter for the tzel (shadow) to go forward eser ma'alot (ten steps), or go backward eser ma'alot?  
[11] And Yeshayah HaNavi cried out unto Haschem; and He brought the tzel (shadow) eser ma'alot backward, by which it had gone on the ma'alot Achaz (sundial of Ahaz).  
[12] At that time Berodach Baladan Ben Baladan Melech Bavel sent sefarim and a minchah unto Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah); for he had heard that Chizkiyahu had been ill.  
[13] And Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) paid heed unto them, and showed them kol Bais Nekhotoh (Treasure House), the kesef, and the zahav, and the spices, and the shemen hatov, and all the Bais Keli of his, and all that was found in his ozterot; there was nothing in his Bais (palace), nor in all his memshalet, that Chizkiyahu showed them not.  
[14] Then came Yeshayah HaNavi unto HaMelech Chizkiyahu, and said unto him, What said these anashim? And from whence came they unto thee? And Chizkiyahu said, They are come from an eretz rekhokah (a far country), even from Babylon.  
[15] And he said, What have they seen in thine Bais (palace)? And Chizkiyahu answered, All the things that are in mine Bais (palace) have they seen; there is nothing among my ozterot (treasures) that I have not showed them.  
[16] And Yeshayah said unto Chizkiyahu, Hear the Devar Haschem.  
[17] Hinei, the days come, that all that is in thine Bais, and that which Avotecha have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon; nothing shall be left, saith Hashem.  
[18] And of thy Banim that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt father, shall they take away; and they shall be sarisim in the Heikhal Melech Bavel.  
[19] Then said Chizkiyahu unto Yeshayah, Tov is the Devar Hashem which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if shalom and emes be in my days?  
[20] And the rest of the acts of Chizkiyahu, and all his gevurah, and how he made HaBerekhah (the Pool) and the Te'alah (Tunnel), and brought mayim into the city, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim of the Melachim of Yehudah?  
[21] And Chizkiyahu slept with his avot; and Menasheh bno reigned in his place.

Menasheh was twelve years old when he began to reign as melech, and reigned fifty and five years in Yerushalayim. And shem inmo was Cheftzi-Vah.  
[2] And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, after the t'atos of the Goyim, whom Hashem drove out before the Bnei Yisroel.  
[3] For he built up again the [idolatrous] high places which Chizkiyahu aviv had destroyed; and he reared up mizbechot for Ba'al, and made Asherah, as did Ach'av Melech Yisroel; and bowed down in worship to kol Tzava HaShomayim, and served them.  
[4] And he built mizbechot in the Beis Hashem, of which Haschem said, In Yerushalayim will I put Shmi (My Name).  
[5] And he built mizbechot for kol Tzava HaShomayim in the two khatzerot (courtyards) of the Beis Haschem.  
[6] And he made bno pass through the eish, and practiced sorcery, and witchcraft, and dealt with familiar spirits [i.e., he consulted mediums] and spiritists; he wrought much rah in the eyes of Hashem, to provoke Him to anger.  
[7] And he set a pesel HaAsherah he had made in the Beis [Haschem] of which Hashem said to Dovid, and to Shlomo bno, In this Beis, and in Yerushalayim, which I have chosen out of all Shivtei Yisroel, will I put Shmi (My Name) Iolam;  
[8] Neither will I make the regel Yisroel move any more out of ha'adamah (the land) which I gave their avot; only if they will be shomer to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the
torah that avdi Moshe commanded them. 

[9] But they paid heed not; and Menasheh seduced them to do rah more than did the Goyim whom Hashem destroyed before the Bnei Yisroel. 

[10] And Hashem spoke by His avadim the Nevi'im, saying, 

[11] Because Menasheh Melech Yehudah hath done these to'avot, hath done wickedly more than all that HaEmori did, which were before him, hath made Yehudah also to sin with his gillulim (idols); 

[12] Therefore thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Henini, I am bringing such ra'ah upon Yerushalayim and Yehudah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his oznayim shall tingle. 

[13] And I will stretch over Yerushalayim the measuring line of Shomron, and the plumbline of the Bais Ach'av; and I will wipe Yerushalayim as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down. 

[14] And I will forsake the She'erit of Mine nachalah, and deliver them into the yad of their oyevim; and they shall become a prey and a plunder to all their oyevim; 

[15] Because they have done that which was rah (evil) in My eyes, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their avot came forth out of Mitzrayim, even unto this day. 

[16] Moreover Menasheh was guilty of much shefach dahm of the innocent, till he had filled Yerushalayim from one end to another; besides his chattot wherewith he caused Yehudah to commit sin, in doing that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem. 

[17] Now the rest of the acts of Menasheh, and all that he did, and his chattot that he sinned, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yehudah? 

[18] And Menasheh slept with his avot, and was buried in the gan of his own Bais, in the gan of Uzza; and Amon bno reigned as melech in his place. 

[19] Amon was 22 years old when he began to reign as melech, and he reigned 2 shanim in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Meshulemet Bat Charutz of Yotvah. 

[20] And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, just as Menasheh aviv did. 

[21] And he walked in all the derech that aviv walked in, and served the gillulim that aviv served, and bowed down in worship to them; 

[22] And he forsook Hashem Elohei Avotav, and walked not in the Derech Hashem. 

[23] And the avadim of Amon plotted a kesher against him, and assassinated HaMelech in his own Bais (palace). 

[24] And the Am HaAretz slaughtered all them that had plotted a kesher against HaMelech Amon; and the Am HaAretz made Yoshiyah bno Melech in his place. 

[25] Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim L'Malkhei Yehudah? 

[26] And he was buried in his kever in the gan (garden) of Uzza; and Yoshiyah bno reigned as melech in his place. 

Yoshiyah was 22 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 31 shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Yedidah Bat Adayah of Botzkat. 

[2] And he did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, and walked in kol derech Dovid Aviv, and turned not aside to the yamin or smol. 

[3] And it came to pass in the 18th year of Melech Yoshiyah, that HaMelech sent Shaphan Ben Atzalyahu Ben Meshullam, the Sofer, to the Beis Hashem, saying, 

[4] Go up to Chilkiyahu the Kohen HaGadol, that he may count the kesef which is brought into the Beis Hashem, which the Shomrei HaSa'af (the Doorkeepers) have collected of the people; 

[5] And let them entrust it into the yad oseh hamelachah (hand of the master workmen), that have the mufkadim (oversight) of the Beis Hashem; and let them pay it to the workmen that wrought in the Beis Hashem, to repair and restore HaBeis, 

[6] Unto kharashim (craftsmen, artisans) and bonim (builders) and gederim (masons), and to purchase etzim (timber) and quarried stone to repair HaBeis. 

[7] Howbeit there was no accounting made with them of the kesef that was entrusted into their yad, because they dealt be'emunah (faithfully). 

[8] And Chilkiyahu the Kohen Haggadol said unto Shaphan the Sofer, I have found the Sefer to Sefer Ivri HaYamim; and Shaphan the Sofer came to HaMelech, brought HaMikdash word again, and said, Thy avadim have emptied out the kesef that was found in HaBeis [HaMikdash], and have entrusted it into the yad oseh hamelachah, that have the mufkadim of the Beis Hashem. 

[9] And Shaphan the Sofer came to HaMelech, brought HaMikdash word again, and said, Thy avadim have emptied out the kesef that was found in HaBeis [HaMikdash], and have entrusted it into the yad oseh hamelachah, that have the mufkadim of the Beis Hashem. 

[10] And Shaphan the Sofer showed HaMelech, saying, Chilkiyahu the Kohen hath delivered unto me a Sefer (Scroll). And Shaphan
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12 And HaMelech commanded Chilkiyah HaKohen, and Achikam Ben Shaphan, and Achi bor Ben Michayah, and Shaphan the Sofer, and Asayah Eved HaMelech, saying,

13 Go ye, inquire of Hashem for me, and for HaAm, and for kol Yehudah, concerning the Divrei HaSefer that is found; for gedolah is chamat Hashem that is kindled against us, because Avoteinu have not paid heed unto the Divrei HaSefer Hazeh, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14 So Chilkiyahu HaKohen, and Achikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asayah, went unto Chuldah the neviah, the wife of Shallum ben Tikvah, ben Charchas, Shomer HaBegadim; (now she dwelt in Yerushalayim in the Mishneh); and they spoke with her.

15 And she said unto them, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Tell the ish that sent you to me,

16 Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19 Because thine lev was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before Hashem, when thou hearest what I spoke against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a klah (curse), and hast torn thy garments, and wept before Me; I also have heard thee, saith Hashem.

20 Hineni, therefore, I will gather thee unto Avoteicha, and thou shalt be gathered into thy kevarot in shalom; and thine eyes shall not see kol hara'ah which I will bring upon this place. And they brought back word to HaMelech.

And HaMelech sent, and they gathered unto him kol Ziknei Yehudah and of Yerushalayim.

2 And HaMelech went up into the Beis Hashem, and kol ish Yehudah and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and kol Yehudah and all the Divrei HaSefer HaBrit which was found in the Beis Hashem.

3 And HaMelech stood by the Mizbe'ach Hashem, and cut HaBrit before Hashem, to walk after Hashem, and to be shomer mitzvot over His commandments and His edot and His chukkot with all their lev and all their nefesh, to carry out these Divrei HaBrit which were written in this Sefer. And kol HaAm stood under oath to HaBrit.

4 And HaMelech commanded Chilkiyah HaKohen HaGadol, and the Kohanei HaMishneh, and the Shomrei HaSaf, to bring forth out of the Heikhal Hashem all the kelim that were made for Ba'al, and for Asherah, and for all the Tzeva HaShomayim; and he burned them outside Yerushalayim in the fields of the Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beit-El.

5 And he did away with hakemarim (the idol priests), whom the Melachim of Yehudah had ordained to burn ketoret in the high places in the towns of Yehudah, and in the places around Yerushalayim; them also that burned ketoret unto Ba'al, to the shemesh, and to the yare'iach, and to the mazalot (constellations) and to all the Tzeva HaShomayim.

6 And he took out the Asherah from the Beis Hashem, outside Yerushalayim, unto the Kidron Valley, and burned it in the Kidron Valley, and ground it to powder, and cast its aphar upon the keverim of the Bnei HaAm.

7 And he tore down the batim (houses) of hakedeshim (the male and female cult prostitutes) that were in the Beis Hashem, where the nashim were weaving hangings for Asherah.

8 And he brought all the Kohanim out of the towns of Yehudah, and made tameh the high places where the kohanim had burned ketoret, from Geva to Beer Sheva, and broke down the high places at the she'arim (gates) that were at the entrance of the Sha'ar HaIr, which were on one's left at the Sha'ar HaIr.

9 Nevertheless the kohanim of the high places came not up to the Mizbe'ach Hashem in Yerushalayim, only they did eat of the matzot among their achim.
[10] And he made tameh Tophet, which is in the Gey of the ben Hinnom, that no ish might make his ben or his bat to pass through the eish to Molech.

[11] And he took away the susim that the Melachim of Yehudah had dedicated to the shemesh, at the entrance of the Beis Hashem, by the chamber of Natan-Melech the saris, which was in the colonnades, and set eish to merkevot hashenemesh.

[12] And the mizbechot that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Achaz, which the Melachim of Yehudah had made, and the mizbechot which Menasheh had made in the two khatzerot of the Beis Hashem, did HaMelech pull down, and remove them from there, and cast the aphar of them into the Kidron Valley.

[13] And the high places that were before Yerushalayim, which were on the right of the Har HaMashchit, which Shlomo Melech Yisroel had built for Ashtoret shikkutz Mo'av, and for Milcom toavat Bnei Ammon, and for Milcom toavat Bnei Ammon, and for Milcom toavat Bnei Ammon, and for Milcom toavat Bnei Ammon, the kohanim of the high places that were there upon the towns of Shomron, which the Melachim of Yisroel had made to provoke Hashem to anger, Yoshiyah removed, and did to them according to all the ma'asim that he had done in Beit-El.

[14] And he broke in pieces the two khatzerot of the Beis Hashem, by the chamber of Natan-Melech the saris, which the Melachim of Yisroel had made, and the mizbechot which Menasheh had made in the two khatzerot of the Beis Hashem, did HaMelech pull down, and remove them from there, and cast the aphar of them into the Kidron Valley.

[15] Moreover the mizbe'ach that was at Beit-El, and the high place which Ya'ar' am ben Nevat, who caused Yisroel to sin, had made, both that mizbe'ach and the high place did he break down, burn the high place, did grind it to powder, did burn the Asherah.

[16] And as Yoshiyah turned, he saw the keverim that were there in the har, and sent, and took the atzmot out of the keverim, and burned them upon the mizbe'ach, and made it tameh, according to the Devar Hashem which the Ish HaElohim preached, who proclaimed these words [See 1Kgs 13:1-2].

[17] Then he said, What tziyyun (monument, tombtone) is that that I see? And the anshei HaIr told him, It is the kever of the Ish HaElohim, which came from Yehudah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the mizbe'ach of Beit-El [see 1Kgs 13:1-3].

[18] And he said, Let him alone; let no ish disturb his atzmot. So they left his atzmot undisturbed, with the atzmot of the navi that came out of Shomron [see 1Kgs 13:11,31].

[19] And all the batim (houses, shrines) also of the high places that were in the towns of Shomron, which the Melachim of Yisroel had made to provoke Hashem to anger, Yoshiyah removed, and did to them according to all the masim that he had done in Beit-El.

[20] And he slaughtered all the kohanim of the high places that were there upon the mizbechot, and burned atzmot adam upon them, and returned to Yerushalayim.

[21] And HaMelech commanded kol HaAm, saying, Make Pesach unto Hashem Eloheichem, as it is written in the Sefer HaBrit Hashem, by the entrance of the merkevot hashemesh.

[22] Surely there was not kept such a Pesach from the days of the Shofetim that judged Yisroel, nor in all the days of the Melachim of Yisroel, nor of the Melachim of Yehudah; But in the eighteenth year of Melech Yoshiyah, wherein this Pesach was kept to Hashem in Yerushalayim.

[23] But in the eighteenth year of Melech Yoshiyah, wherein this Pesach was kept to Hashem in Yerushalayim.

[24] Moreover the mediums with familiar spirits, and the yidonim (spiritists); and the terafim, and the gillulim (idols), and all the shikkutzim that were seen in Eretz Yehudah and in Yerushalayim, did Yoshiyah put away, that he might confirm the Divrei HaTorah which were written in the Sefer that Chilkiai HaKohen found in the Beis Hashem.

[25] And like him was there no Melech before him, that turned to Hashem with all his lev, and with all his nefesh, and with all his me'od (strength), according to all the Torah Moshe; neither after him arose there any like him.

[26] Notwithstanding Hashem turned not from the fierceness of His af hagadol (great wrath), wherewith His anger was kindled against Yehudah, because of all the provocations with which Menasheh had provoked him.

[27] And Hashem said, I will remove Yehudah also out of My presence, as I have re- moved Yisroel, and will cast off this ir Yerushalayim which I have chosen, and the Beis of which I said, Shmi sham.

[28] Now the rest of the acts of Yoshiyah, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim of the Melachim of Yehudah?

[29] In his days Pharaoh Nekho Melech Mitzrayim went up against Melech Ashur to the river Euphrates; and Melech Yoshiyah went out against him; and he slaughtered him at Megiddo, when he saw him.

[30] And his avadim carried him in a mekavah dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Yerushalayim, and buried him in his own kever. And the Am HaAretz took Yehoachaz Ben Yoshiyah, and anointed him, and made him Melech in place of Aviv.

[31] Yehoachaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned
shloshah chodashim in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Chamutal Bat Yirmeyahu of Livnah.

32 And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that his Avot had done.

33 And Pharaoh Nekhoh put him in chains at Rivlah in Eretz Chamat, that he might not reign in Yerushalayim; and put HaAretz to an ogesh (tribute, fine) of 100 talents of kesef, and a talent of zahav.

34 And Pharaoh Nekhoh made Elyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech in the place of Yoshiyah Aviv, and changed shmo to Y’hoyakim, and took Yehoachaz away; and he went to Mitzrayim, and died there.

35 Y’hoyakim gave the kesef and the zahav to Pharaoh; but he taxed HaAretz to give the kesef according to the order of Pharaoh; he exacted the kesef and the zahav of the Am HaAretz of every one according to his tax assessment, to give it unto Pharaoh Nekhoh.

36 Y’hoyakim was 25 years old when he began to reign; and he reigned 11 shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Zevudah Bat Pedayah of Rumah.

37 And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that his Avot had done.

In his yamim Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel came up, and Yhoyakim became his evev (servant, vassal) shalosh shananim; then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And Hashem sent against him gedudim (soldiers of the army) of the Kasdim, and gedudim of Aram (Syria) and gedudim of Moav and gedudim of Bnei Ammon, and sent them against Yehudah to destroy it, according to the Devar Hashem, which He spoke by His avadim the Nevitim.

3 Surely at the command of Hashem came this upon Yehudah, to remove them out of His sight, for the chattot of Menasheh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the dahm hanaki (innocent blood) that he shed; for he filled Yerushalayim with dahm naki; which Hashem would not pardon.

5 Now the rest of the acts of Y’hoyakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the Sefer Divrei HaYamim of the Melachim of Yehudah?

6 So Yhoyakim slept with his Avot; and Y’hoyakhin bno reigned in his place.

7 And Melech Mitzrayim came not again out of his land; for Melech Bavel had taken from the Wadi Mitzrayim unto Nahar Euphrates all that belonged to Melech Mitzrayim.

8 Y’hoyakhin was 18 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Yerushalayim 3 chodashim. And shem immo was Nechushta Bat Elnatan of Yerushalayim.

9 And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that his Aviv had done.

10 At that time the avadim of Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel came up against Yerushalayim, and the Ir was besieged.

11 Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel came against the Ir, and his avadim did besiege it.

12 And Yhoyakih Melech Yehudah went out to Melech Bavel, he, and immo, and his avadim, and his sarim, and his sarism; and Melech Bavel took him in the 8th year of his reign.

13 And he carried off there all the ozerot of the Beis Hashem, and the ozerot of the Bais HaMelech, and cut in pieces kol kelei hazahav which Shlomo Melech Yisroel had made in the Heikhal Hashem, as Hashem had said.

14 And he carried away into the Golus all Yerushalayim, and all the sarim, and all the gibborei hachayil, even ten thousand Golus captives, and all the charash and masger (smiths, artisans); none remained, except the dalat am ha’aretz (poor people of the land).

15 And he carried away Yhoyakihin to Bavel, and the Em HaMelech, and the nashim of HaMelech, and his sarim, and the leading men of HaAretz, those he carried into the Golus from Yerushalayim to Babylon.

16 And all the anshei hachayil, even shivat alafim, and a thousand charash and masger, all that were gibborim for making milchamah, even them Melech Bavel took into the Golus to Babylon.

17 And Melech Bavel made Matanyah dodo (his Y’hoyakhin’s uncle) Melech in his place, and changed shmo to Tzidkiyahu (Zedekiah).

18 Tzidkiyau (Zedekiah) was twenty and one shanah when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Chamutal Bat Yirmeyahu of Livnah.

19 And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that his Aviv had done.

20 For through the anger of Hashem this came about in Yerushalayim and Yehudah, until He cast them out from His presence. And Tzidkiyahu (Zedekiah) rebelled against Melech Bavel.
And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month [see Zech 8:19], that Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel came, he, and all his army, against Yerushalayim, and encamped against it; and built siege works against it round about.

And HaIr remained under siege unto the eleventh year of Melech Tzidkiyah.

So they captured HaMelech, and brought him to Babylon.

And out of the Ir he took an officer that was set over the anshei hamilchamah, and five men of them that were royal advisers, which were found in the Ir, and the Sofer who was the chief officer in charge of conscripting the Am HaAretz, and threescore men of the Am HaAretz, that were found in the Ir;

And Nevuzaradan, captain of the guard, took Serayah the Kohen guard took Serayah the Kohen of royal blood, came, and served Melech Bavel; and it shall be well with you.

And all the army of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), that were surrounding the Ir; and HaMelech fled by the derech Hamilchamah fled by lailah by night.

And the army of the Kasdim pursued after HaMelech, and overtook him in the plains of Yericho; and there was no lechem for the people that were left in the Ir, and every bais hagadol he burned with eish [Tisha B’Av, see Jer 52:12].

And the pillars of bronze that were in the Beis Hashem, and the moveable stands, and the Yam Hanechoshet that was in the Beis Hashem, the Kasdim (Chaldeans) broke in pieces, and carried all the bronze to Babylon.

And the firepans [for incense], and the bowls, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basins, and all the klei HaMelech which Shlomo had made for the Beis Hashem, the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weight.

And he set fire to the Beis Hashem, and the Bais HaMelech (the palace), and all the batim (houses) of Yerushalayim, and every bais hagadol he burned with eish [Tisha B’Av, see Jer 52:12].

And the captains that were in the gate; and the keepers of the door; and the second kohen, and the three keepers of the door;

And Gedalyah took an oath to them, and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the avadim of the Kasdim; dwell in the land, and serve Melech Bavel; and it shall be well with you.

But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Yishmael ben Netanyah, whom Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel had left behind, even over them he made Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan ruler.

And as for the people that remained in Eretz Yehudah, whom Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel had left behind, even over them he made Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan ruler.

And when all the officers of the armies, they and their anashim, heard that Melech Bavel had made Gedalyah governor, there came to Gedalyah to Mizpah, even Yishmael ben Netanyah, and Yochanan ben Kareach, and Serayah ben Tanchumet the Netophati, and Ya’azanyah the ben of a Ma’achati, they and their men.

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along with the Yehudim and the Kasdim that were with him at Mitzpah.
[26] And kol haAm, both katon and gadol, and the officers of the armies, arose, and went to Mitzrayim; for they were afraid of the Kasdim.
[27] And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the Golus of Y'hoyakhin Melech Yehudah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Eveel-Merodach Melech Bavel in the year that he began to reign [562 B.C.E.]
did lift up the head of Y'hoyakhin Melech Yehudah out of the bais hakeleh;
[28] And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the kisse of the melachim that were with him in Babylon;
[29] And changed his prison garments; and he did eat lechem continually before him all the days of his life.
[30] And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the Melech, a daily portion for every day, all the days of his life.

YESHAYAH

The chazon (vision) of Yeshayah ben Amotz, which he saw concerning Yehudah and Yerushalayim in the yamim of Uziyahu, Yotam, Achaz, and Yechizkiyahu, melachim of Yehudah.
[2] Hear, O Shomayim, and give ear, O Eretz, for Hashem hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up banim, and they have rebelled against Me [i.e., willfully floated My authority. See Yeshayah 53:5,8].
[3] The ox knoweth his owner, and the donkey his master's manger; but Yisroel doth not know, My people doth not consider.
[4] Ah, goy choteh (sinful nation), a people weighed down with avon (guilt, iniquity), zera of evildoers, banim of corruption; they forsook Hashem, they have spurned the Kadosh Yisroel (the Holy One of Yisroel), they have turned their back on Him.
[5] Why, seeing that ye will be stricken again, will ye rebel stubbornly again? The kol rosh is sick, and the kol levav faint.
[6] From the sole of the regel even unto the rosh there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither soothed with shemen.
[7] Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with eish; your land, zarim devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by zarim.
[8] And the Bat Tziyon (i.e., Yerushalayim) is left as a sukkah in a kerem (vineyard), as a shack in a cucumber field, as an ir (city) under siege.
[9] Except Hashem Tzva'os had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Amora (Gomorrah).
[10] Hear the Devar Hashem, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the Torat Eloheinu, ye people of Amora (Gomorrah).
[11] To what purpose is the multitude of your zevakhim unto Me? saith Hashem; I am fed up of the olot (burnt offerings) of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the dahm of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.
[12] When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample khatzerai (My courts)?
[13] Bring no more futile minchot; ketoret is an abomination unto Me; Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) and Shabbos, the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure aven (wickedness) and atzarah (solemn convocation).
[14] Your Rosh Chodesh and your Mo'adim My Nefesh hateth; they are a burden unto Me; I am weary to bear them.
[15] And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many tefillah, I will not hear; your hands are full of dahmim.
[16] Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil;
[17] Learn to do good; seek mishpat, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the almanah.
[18] Come now, and let us reason together, saith Hashem; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
[19] If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of ha'aretz;
[20] But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the cherev; for the mouth of Hashem hath spoken.
[21] How is the Kiryah Ne'emannah (Faithful City, i.e., Yerushalayim) become a zonah (harlot)! It was full of mishpat; zedek lodged in it; but now murderers.
Thy kesef is become dross, thy wine mixed with mayim:
Thy sarim (princes) are rebellious, and companions of ganavim: every one loveth bribes, and followeth after rewards: they give no justice to the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the almanah come unto them.
Therefore saith HaAdon, Hashem Tzva’os, Avir Yisroel (the Mighty One of Yisroel), Ah, I will relieve Myself of Mine adversaries, and avenge Me of Mine enemies:
And I will turn My hand upon thee, and refine away thy impurities, and take away all thy alloy:
And I will restore thy shofetim as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning; afterward thou shalt be called, The Ir HaTzedek, the Kiryah Ne’emanah.
Tziyon shall be redeemed with mishpat, and those in her who make teshuvah with tzedakah.
And the destruction of the poshe'im and of the chote'im shall be together, and they that forsake Hashem shall be consumed.
For they shall be ashamed of the sacred oaks which ye have delighted in, and ye shall blush for the gannot (gardens) that ye have chosen.
For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no myim.
And the unquenchable fire of the apostate in the first chapter points to the unquenchable fire of Gehinnom in the last verse of the last chapter (66:24) and the loathesomeness of those there--Daniel 12:2.
And the strong shall be as tinder, and the maker of it [the idol] as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.
Moshiach-Servant (11:2; 42:1), is righteous (see 11:4-5 and 42:21; 51:5). The Moshiach-Servant, through the Doridic covenant, witnesses as a light to the Gentiles (9:6) to those outside the covenant (Isaiah 55:3). Job standing rejected and forsaken with mockers around him (Job 17:2) reminds the reader of the picture we have of the suffering Servant of the L-rd in Isaiah 53 or the mocked Doridic King in Psalm 22 (compare Job 27:4 to Isa. 53:9). In the midst of the false accusations, Job ‘holds fast to his righteousness’ (Job 27:6) and waits on the L-rd to vindicate him (Job 42:7-8). So the mocked sage who becomes a fool that the world curses and makes sport of is depicted in Isaiah 53. We have seen this picture before in that other image, the judge of Israel, Samson, being made sport of by the Philistines (Judg.16:25) or in the King of Israel, Dovid the sage, pretending to be mad before a similar scoffing Philistine audience (I Sm.21:13-15). When sages like Moshe or Dovid are nearly stoned by the people (Ex. 17:4; I Sm. 30:6) we see this reemerging picture of the rejected-yet-vindicated-as-righteous Sage of Israel. Significantly, the Son of Dovid is depicted as the sage par excellence in the life of Shlomo in I Kings. Then II Chronicles intensifies this portrait and gives Messianic prophetic significance to Dovid’s Son as the Moshiach Sage of Israel. Finally, Isaiah combines the two portraits of the sage found in Job and Shlomo and depicts the Doridic Servant of the L-rd as the mocked and rejected sage-counsellor (9:5-6) filled with the spirit of wisdom ‘(Isa. 11:2) who seems to labor ‘in vain’ but trusts his cause to the L-rd (Isa. 49:4) and, after mockery and rejection (Isa. 53:2-4), is finally vindicated by G-d as righteous (see Isa. 53:11-12). The Moshiach is the eternal Kohen who sprinkles the nations with a Cosmic Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) sacrifice. (Ps. 110:4; Zechariah 6:11-13; Isaiah 52:15; Lev. 16:14-17), just as the End He brings is depicted in Scripture as an End beginning with a Rosh Hashana-like Shofar (I Th 4:16). The Moshiach is the Sch HaElomim (the Lamb of G-d) provided from heaven as the redemption sacrifice in order that G-d’s people might be passed over and purchased for freedom from divine judgment, as Isaac was and as the nation of Israel was. G-d sent His Word and healed His people from the plagues of judgment He poured out on the heathen, G-d saved His people in order that they might make an exodus to new abundant life in accordance with His gracious covenant promise in the Moshiach (Gen. 32:8; Ps. 107:30; Isa. 53:5-6,10; Deut. 7:15; Isa 42:1,6-7; 40:3; 42:16; 43:19; 49:5-26). The words ‘son’ and ‘child’ are very important to Isaiah’s message. His own two sons are given portentous names (7:3; 8:1-3) and the conception of the second son in the womb of his prophetess-wife is divinely timed. In chps. 7-9, Isaiah refers to his own son but also to Dovid’s son, a son he calls ‘G-d with us’ and ‘Mighty G-d.’ Isaiah shows us a Deliverer who can rule the world (9:5-6), and yet he marvels at this personage being born as a humble child, just as a little child leads the rest of creation in the future kingdom—Isaiah 11:6. The future kingdom is
described in passages which include 2:1-4; 4:26; 11:6-9; 25:6-8; 35:1-10; 60:1-12. The future king of this glorious kingdom is described in passages which include 7:1-12; 32:1-26; 49:1-57; 61:1-11. The Moshiach is the Descendant of the Woman who will battle that Ancient Serpent, Satan (Gen. 3:15), called 'Leviathan the twisting serpent' in Isa. 27:1. On the Messianic Davidic dynasty—see MJ 7:14; Ro 1:3; Mt 1:1,16; Lk 3:23,31. The legal right to the throne came through the father—see Babylonian Talmud Baba Bathra 130a on Deut. 21:16. Also, see Ignatius’ Epistle to the Ephesians, “Miryam of the seed of David.” The Branch of the L-rd and of David is called ‘the Lrd’ in Mal.3:1 and Ps. 110:1, since Adon refers to Hashem in Deuteronomy 21:16. The Hebrew words Moshiach and Go’el found in the books of Judges and Ruth point to this Savior-Redeemer figure, the Moshiach. See Isaiah 49:26. Three kings serve as foils in Isaiah’s depiction of the Moshiach: Ahaz son of David, Hezekiah son of David (compare 7:4-17 and 27:1-7,21-35), and the Persian King Cyrus, called Mashiach (45:1), because he saves the Jewish people from the Babylonian Exile and sends them home to rebuild their land and Hashem’s Beis Hamikdash. About 734 B.C.E., Rezin King of Damascus (Syria) and Pekah King of Israel organized a coalition to rebel against Assyria. When Ahaz refused to join them and they invaded Judah (7:1), Ahaz appeased directly to Assyria for help, beginning the process of foreign invading armies and exile that would swallow his throne in 586 B.C.E. Assyria captured Damascus (732 B.C.E.) and Samaria (722); and Babylon (defeating Assyria) captured Jerusalem in 586 B.C.E. Isaiah warned Ahaz’s son and successor, Hezekiah about the coming Babylonian captivity (see 39:5-7 and 6:11-12). Isaiah also prophesied about the release from Exile and the return to the land (48:20f). For prophecies by Isaiah against the nations, see 13:1-14:23; 21:1-10; 43:14-15; chp. 46-47 (Babylon); 48:23-32 [Philistia see ch. 20 on Ashdod]; ch. 15-16 (Moab); 17:5-11 (Damascus); chp. 19-20 (Egypt); 21:11-12 (Edom); 21:13-17 (Arabia); ch. 23 (Tyre); 23:4,12 (Sidon); 10:5-19; 14:24-27; 37:33-35 (Assyria); 18:1-7 (Cush, Nubia south of Egypt); Isaiah was well aware of Deuteronomy 4:26-27 which says that sin will cause the people to be ‘utterly destroyed...and...only a small number of you will remain.’ Isaiah was also aware of the covenant reprisals in Deuteronomy 28:32-33,36-37,41,45-62. Therefore, when he begins to prophesy, he sees only a few survivors left after G-d’s scourge of judgment is finished (see 1:9; 10:22). Isaiah foresees that Assyria will be G-d’s rod of judgment (10:5) against Israel, though later G-d would destroy the Assyrian hordes as He did the oppressive Midianites in Judges 7:22-25 [see Isaiah 9:4; 10:24-27]. The fulfillment of these very prophecies, as well as 30:31 and 31:8, about the destruction of Assyria came in 701 B.C.E. [see 37:36-38] when the Assyrian army was supernaturally defeated. Later, the capital of Assyria, Nineveh, would be destroyed in 612 B.C.E., as Isaiah (31:8-9), Nahum, and Jonah had predicted. Isaiah also predicts the Babylonian captivity. (See Isaiah 39:5-7; 14:3-4.) It is important to keep the historical facts in mind, but, most importantly, that Moshiach provides first spiritual peace (Isa.53:5; Ro 5:1) before He provides world peace (Isa.9:5-7).

For hinei, HaAdon, Hashem Tzva’os, doth take away from Yerushalayim and from Yehudah supply and support, the whole supply of lechem, and the whole supply of mayim.


[3] The sar char mishim, the men of rank and yo’etz (counselor), and masters in art, and the expert engraver.

[4] And I will make nearim (lads) to be their sarim, and babes shall rule over them.

[5] And HaAm shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his re’a; the na’ar shall behave himself proudly against the zaken, and the base against the honorable.

[6] When an ish shall take hold of his brother of his bais avi, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our katzin, and let this ruin be under thy yad;

[7] In Yom Hahu shall he protest, saying, I am no curer of your ills; for in my bais is neither lechem nor simlah (clothing); make me not a Ketzin Am.

[8] For Yerushalayim is ruined, and Yehudah fallen; because their leshon and their deeds are against Hashem, to
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provokes the eyes of His kavod. [9] The show of their countenance doth testify against them; and they make known their chet like S'dom; they conceal it not. Oy to their nefesh! For they do ra'ah unto themselves.

|9| The show of their countenance doth testify against them; and they make known their chet like S'dom; they conceal it not. Oy to their nefesh! For they do ra'ah unto themselves.

|10| Say ye to the tzaddik, that it shall be tov with him; for they shall eat the p'ri of their deeds.

|11| Oy to the rasha! It shall be rah with him; for what his hands have wrought will be done to him.

|12| As for My people, children are their nogesim (taskmasters), and nashim rule over them. O My people, they which lead thee cause thee to go astray, misleading and swallowing up the Derech Orkhot (way of paths) of thee.

|13| Hashem hath stood to accuse, and standeth for Din (judging) the Amim (Nations).

|14| Hashem will enter into mishpat with the Ziknei Amo (Elders of His People), and the sarim thereof; for ye have eaten up the kerem (vineyard); the plunder of the oni is in your batim (houses).

|15| What mean ye that ye crush Ami, and grind the faces of the aniyim? saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os.

|16| Moreover Hashem saith, Because the Banot Tziyon are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and winking [flirtatious] eyes, walking and tripping along as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet [ankle rings];

|17| Therefore Adonoi will strike with a scab the kodkod (top of the head) Banot Tziyon, and Hashem will lay bare their nakedness.

|18| In Yom Hahu, Adonoi will take away the fine show of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their headbands, and their crescent necklaces,

|19| The earrings, and the bracelets, and the veils,

|20| The diadems, and the ankle chains, and the girdles, and the perfume bottles, and the lechashim (amulets),

|21| The taba'ot (rings), and nose rings,

|22| The machalatzot (festal robes), and the mantles, and the cloaks, and the charitim (money purses),

|23| The hand mirrors, and the sedinim (linen coverings), and the tzenifot (turbans), and the veils,

|24| And it shall come to pass, that instead of fragrance there shall be stench; and instead of a sash, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a rich cloak, a wrapping of sak (sackcloth); and branding instead of yofi (beauty).

|25| Thy men shall fall by the cherev, and thy gevurah in milchamah.

|26| And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon ha'aretz.

|27| Now will I sing of my beloved a shirat dodi [touching His kerem (vineyard). My beloved had a kerem (vineyard) in a very fruitful hill;

|28| And He dug it up, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a yekev (winepress) therein; and He looked that it should bring forth anavim (grapes), and it brought forth b'ushim (wild grapes).

|29| And in Yom Hahu (that day) sheva nashim (seven women) shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own lechem, and wear our own clothes; only let us be called by thy shem, to take away our disgrace.

|30| In Yom Hahu shall the Tzemach Hashem [Offshoot, Son] be beautiful and glorious [See the Tzemach Dovid/Hashem 1Y 1:7], and the pri ha'aretz shall be the ga'on (pride) and glory for them that are escaped [see the word shev'ar remnant, Isaiah 11:10-11] of Yisroel.

|31| And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Tziyon, and he that remaineth in Yerushalayim, shall be called kadosh, even every one that is hakatuv lachayyim (recorded for life....Yom Haatzma'ut theme, see Shemot 32:32; Tehillim 69:28; Daniel 12:1; Malachi 3:16) in Yerushalayim:

|32| And He dug it up, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a yekev (winepress) therein; and He looked that it should bring forth anavim (grapes), and it brought forth b'ushim (wild grapes).

|33| And now, O inhabitants of Yerushalayim, and Ish Yehudah, judge, now, between Me and My kerem (vineyard). [4] What could have been done more to My kerem (vineyard), that I have not done in it? Why, when I looked that it should bring forth anavim, brought it forth b'ushim?

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And now then; I will tell you now what I will do to my kerem (vineyard): I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be grazed upon; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trampled down; And I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned, nor cultivated; but there shall come up briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no matar (rain) upon it.

For the Kerem Hashem Tzva'os is Bais Yisroel, and the Ish Yehudah are the planting of His delight; and He looked for mishpat (justice), but, hinei, mishpach (bloodshed, rapaciousness); for tzedakah, but, hinei, tzidkat tzaddikim (righteousness); and for shochad (bribe), and take them! Which justify the rasha among the ashei chayil to mix shechar; and clever in their own sight!

Therefore as the eish (fire) consumes the dry grass, so their shoresh shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have cast away the Torat Hashem Tzva'os, and spurned the word of the Kadosh Yisroel.

Therefore is the Af Hashem kindled against His people, and He hath stretched forth His yad against them, and hath struck them down; and the mountains did tremble, and their nevilah were like refuse in the streets. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His yad is stretched out still.

And He will lift up a banner to the distant Goyim, and will whistle for him at the ketzeh ha'aretz; hinei, they shall come with speed swiftly;

None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the exor of their loins be loosed, nor the thong of their sandals be broken;

Whose khitzim (arrows) are sharp, and all their bows bent, the hoofs of their susim are sharp, and all their bows are bent.

None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the exor of their loins be loosed, nor the thong of their sandals be broken;

Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions; yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the teref, and shall carry it away safe, and shall come with speed swiftly;

And He will lift up a banner to the distant Goyim, and will whistle for him at the ketzeh ha'aretz; hinei, they shall come with speed swiftly;
And one cried unto another, and said, Kadosh, Kadosh, is Hashem Tzva’os; kol ha’aretz is full of His kavod. [4] And the doorposts shook at the voice of him that cried, and the Beis [Hamikdash] was filled with smoke. [5] Then said I, Oy (Woe) is me! For I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for mine eyes have seen HaMelech, Hashem Tzva’os. [6] Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his yad, which he had taken with the tongs from off the Mizbe’ach: [7] And he laid it upon my mouth. And I heard the voice of Adonoi, saying, Hinei, this go on in the yamim of Achaz ben Uziyahu, Melech Yehudah, that Retzin Melech Aram (Syria), and Pekach ben Remalyahu Melech Yisroel, went up toward Yerusalayim to war against her, but could not prevail over her. [8] Also I heard the voice of Adonoi, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us? Then said I, Hineinu; send me. [9] And He said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see indeed, but perceive not. [10] Make the lev HaAm hazeh stubborn, and make their ears stopped up, their eyes heavy; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their lev. And have a spiritual turnaround conversion, and be healed. [11] Then cried I, Adonoi, ad mosai (how much longer [will this go on]? And He answered, Until the towns be wasted without inhabitant, and the batim (houses) are without man, and the ground be utterly desolate, a wilderness, [12] And Hashem have removed men far away, and there be many forsaken places within the land. [13] But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall be given up to destruction, like the terebinth and like the oak, when they are felled, leave [as a remnant] a root-stump: so the root-stump shall be the zera kodesh.

T.N. This next chapter is possibly the most important in the Bible and is dealt with in The Translator to the Reader.

And it came to pass in the yamim of Achaz ben Yotam ben Uziyahu, Melech Yehudah, that Retzin Melech Aram (Syria), and Pekach ben Remalyahu Melech Yisroel, went up toward Yerushalayim to war against her, but could not prevail over her. [2] And it was told the Bais Dovid, saying, Aram (Syria) is allied with Ephrayim. And his lev was shaken, and the lev of his people, like the trees of the forest are shaken with the wind. [3] Then said Hashem unto Yeshayah, Go forth now to meet Achaz, thou, and Shereyashuv (A Remnant Will Return) thy ben, at the end of the aqueduct of the Upper Pool on the road to the Fuller’s Field; [4] And say unto him, Take heed, and stay calm; fear not, neither be fainthearted because of the two stubs of these smoking firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Retzin and Aram (Syria), and of the ben Remalyahu; [5] Or because Aram (Syria), Ephrayim, and ben Remalyahu, have plotted your ruin, saying, [6] Let us go up against Yehudah, and trouble it, and let us divide it for ourselves, and set a melech in the midst of it, even ben Tavél; [7] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. [8] For the rosh of Aram (Syria) is Damascus, and the rosh of Damascus is Retzin; and within threescore and five shanah shall Ephrayim be broken, that it be not a people. [9] And the rosh of Ephrayim is Shomron, and the rosh of Shomron is ben Remalyahu. If ye will not stand in emunah, then you shall not stand at all. [10] Moreover, Hashem spoke again unto Achaz, saying, [11] Ask thee an ot (sign) of Hashem Eloheicha; ask it either in the deepest depths or in the highest heights. [12] But Achaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt Hashem. [13] And he (Yeshayah) said, Hear ye now, O Bais Dovid; Is it a small thing for you to weary anashim, but will ye weary my G-d also? [14] Therefore Hashem Himself shall give you an ot (sign); Hinei, HaAlmah (the unmarried young virgin) shall conceive, and bear Ben, and shall call Shmo Immanu El (G-d is with us) [See extensive commentary in The Translator To The Reader, page vii]. [15] Curds and honey shall he eat at the time that he knows to refuse the rah, and choose the tov. [16] For before the na’ar (boy) shall understand to refuse the rah, and choose the tov, the admah (land) will be desolate, of whose two melachim thou art afraid. [17] Hashem shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon the Bais of thy father, yamim such as have not come since the yom when Ephrayim departed from Yehudah [2Kgs 15:29; 16:9]; even Melech Ashur (Assyria).
Moreover Hashem said unto me, Take thee a gillayon gadol (great slab), and write on it with cheret enosh concerning Maher Shalal Chash Baz (The Spoil Speeds, the Booty Hastens ; i.e., the coming Assyrian defeat of Syria and Israel is imminent and a life of this son of Isaiah is a prophetic time line. See verse 4 below).

[12] And I took unto me edim ne'emanim (faithful witnesses) to record, Uriyah the kohen, and Zecharyah ben Yerevechayahu.

[13] And I went unto the neviah; and she conceived, and bored ben. Then said Hashem to me, Call shmo Maher Shalal Chash Baz.

[14] For before the na'ar shall have da'as to cry, Avi, or Immi, the chayil Damascus and the spoil of Shomron shall be carried off before Melech Ashur.

[15] Hashem spoke also unto me again, saying,

[16] Forasmuch as HaAm hath refused the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and delight in [alliance with] Retzin and Ben Remalyahu;

[17] Now therefore, hinei, Adonoi shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by Melech Ashur, the head, and the hair of the legs; and it shall also consume the beard.

[18] And it shall come to pass in that yom, that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep;

[19] And it shall come to pass in that yom, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand kesef, it shall even become briers and thorns.

[20] And all thorns, and upon all water holes.

[21] And it shall come to pass in that yom, that every place shall be for pasturing of cattle, and for the treading place of seh.

[22] And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of chloov that they shall give, he shall eat cream; for thickened milk and devash shall every one eat that is left in the land.

[23] And it shall come to pass in that yom, that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep;

[24] With arrows and with bows shall men come there; because kol ha'aretz shall be for briers and thorns.

[25] And on all hills that were hoed with a hoe, thou shall not come there for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for pasturing of cattle, and for the treading place of seh.

[26] Forasmuch as HaAm HaZeh refuseth the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and delight in [alliance with] Retzin and Ben Remalyahu;

[27] Now therefore, hinei, Adonoi bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even Melech Ashur, and all his kavod; and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks;

[28] And he shall swirl into Yehudah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of Thy eretz, O Immanu El.

[29] Exasperate yourselves, O ye Anim (Nations), and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries; gird yourselves for battle, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves for battle, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

[30] Consult etzah (counsel, plan), and it shall come to naught; speak the davar, and it shall not stand; for Immanu El (G-d is with us).

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Davar HaZeh, it is because there is no shachar (dawn, light) in them.

|21| And they [i.e., the unbelivers, contrasted with those in v. 13] shall roam about therein, hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse by their melech and Elohay, and look upward.

|22| And they shall look unto eretz; and, hinei, zarah and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

[9:1:23)] Nevertheless there will be no gloom in her in anguish. In Et HaRishon (the former time) He brought into contempt Artzah Zevulun and Artzah Naphtali, but acharon (afterward, in the future) did bring to honor Derech HaYam (Way to the Sea, land between Sea of Galilee and the Mediterranean), beyond Yarden, in the Galil HaGoyim.

The people that walked in choshech have seen an Ohr gadol; they that dwell in the eretz talmavet, upon them hath the Ohr dawned.

|2| To turn aside the needy from their rights, and to withhold mishpat from the yetomim; that achan (teacher of lies, false teacher) is the tail.

|3| And what will ye do in the Yom Pekuddah (Day of Atonement)? For the me’ashrei HaAm HaZeh (leaders of this people) cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

|16| Therefore Adonoi shall have no joy in their bocherim, neither shall have mercy on their yetomim and almanot; for every one is a chanef (gdless, hypocritical) and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh nevah (folly). For all this His anger is not turned away, but His yad is upraised still.

|17| For wickedness burneth like eish; it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall smoke upward like the lifting up of ashan (smoke).

|18| Through the Evrat Hashem Tzva’os (Wrath of Hashem of Hosts) is the land darkened, and HaAm shall be ma’acholet eish (food for fire); no ish shall spare his brother.

|19| And they grab on the yamin (right hand), and are still hungry; and shall eat on the smol (left hand), and they shall not be satisfied; they shall eat every ish the basar of himself, and an ish shall not be satisfied; they shall roam about eretz; and, hinei, zarah and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

|10| Therefore Hashem shall strengthen the adversaries of Retzin against him, and spur on his enemies; that say in the ga’avah (pride) and haughtiness levav (of heart),

|9| The levenim (bricks) are fallen down, but we will rebuild with cut stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will replace them with cedars.

|11| The Syrians from the east, and the Pelishtim from the west; and they shall eat every ish the basar of himself, and an ish shall not be satisfied; they shall roam about eretz; and, hinei, zarah and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

|12| For HaAm turneth his yad to do wickedness; and an evildoer, and every achan (teacher of lies, false teacher) is the tail.

|1| And I will gather to me my bocherim, and will cause them to return to HaAm; neither shall I give them up to their yetomim and almanot; for every one is a chanef (gdless, hypocritical) and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh nevah (folly). For all this His anger is not turned away, but His yad is upraised still.

|2| And I will turn aside the needy from their rights, and to withhold mishpat from the yetomim, only that the decrees of oppression; to turn aside the needy from their rights, and to withhold mishpat from the yetomim.

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and in the desolation which shall come from afar? To whom will ye flee for ezrah (help)? And where will ye leave your kavad (glory, riches)?
4 Without Me they shall bow down over the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His yad is upraised still.
5 O Ashur, the rod of Mine anger, in whose yad is the match of My wrath.
6 I will send him against a Goy Chanef, and against the people of My wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the plunder, and to tread them down like the chomer chutzot (mire of the streets).
7 But he intendeth not so, neither doth his mind so consider; but it is in his lev to make an end of Goyim not a few.
8 For he saith, Are not my sarim altogether melachim?
9 Is not Calno like Damascus? Is not Arpad like Shomron like Yerushalayim; I will punish the work upon Mt Tziyon and on Yerushalayim, I will punish the fruit of the proud lev of Melech Ashur, and the tiferet of his haughty eyes.
10 Just as my yad hath found the mamelechot ha'elil, whose pesilim (molten images) did excel them of Yerushalayim and of Shomron;
11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Shomron and her atzabim (images), so do to Yerushalayim and her atzabim (images)?
12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when Adonoi hath performed His whole work upon Mt Tziyon and on Yerushalayim, I will punish the fruit of the proud lev of Melech Ashur, and the tiferet of his haughty eyes.
13 For he saith, By the ko'ach of my yad I have done it, and by my chochmah; for I have binah; and I have removed the boundaries of the nations, and have plundered their treasures, and like the mighty I have subdued those on thrones;
14 And my yad hath found like a ken (nest) the riches of the nations; and like one gathereth beitzim (eggs) that are left, have I gathered kol ha'aretz; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the beak, or peeped.
15 Shall the garzen (axe) boast itself against Him that cuts therewith? Or shall the masor (saw) magnify itself against Him that useth it? As if the shevet (rod) should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the matteh (staff) should lift up itself, as if it were not etz.
16 Therefore shall HaAdon Hashem Tzva'os send among his fat ones leanness; and instead of his kavod there will be kindled a burning like the blazing of eish.
17 And the Ohr Yisroel shall become an eish, and His Kadosh a flame; and shall burn and consume its thistles and its thorns in Yom Echad; and its thistles and thorns in Yom Yom Echad shall be kindled a burning like the blazing of eish.
18 And shall consume the kavod of his forest and his fertile land, even to nefesh and basar; and shall be as a sick man wasting away.
19 And the remnant of the etz of his forest shall be few, that a na’ar could record them.
20 And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that the remnant of Yisroel, and such as are escaped of Bais Ya’akov, shall no longer lean upon the kavod of Bais Ya’akov, unto El Gibbor [See Isaiah 9:5(6)].
21 The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Ya’akov, unto El Gibbor [See Isaiah 9:5(6)].
22 For though thy people Yisroel be like the chol hayam, only a remnant of them shall return; destruction is decreed, overwhelming tzedakah.
23 For Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os shall carry out kalah (destruction) decreed, even upon the kol ha’aretz.
24 Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os, O My people that dwell in Tziyon, be not afraid of Ashur; if he strike thee with the shevet, and lift his matteh against thee, in the manner of Mitzrayim.
25 For yet a very little while, and the za’am (anger, indignation) shall pass, and Mine wrath turn for their destruction.
26 And Hashem Tzva’os shall stir up a shot (whip) for him as when He struck down Midyan at the Tzur Orev; and as His matteh was over the yam, so shall He raise it after the manner of Mitzrayim.
27 And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his ol from off thy neck, and the ol shall be broken from fatness.
28 He comes to Ayat, passes through Migron; he hath left his supplies; They are crossing the pass; they have taken up their lodging at Geva; Ramah is afraid; Givat-Sha’ul has fled.
29 Lift up thy voice, O Bat-Gevim; Listen O Layish, O Gevim gather themselves to flee.
30 Lift up thy voice, O Bat-Gevim; Listen O Layish, O poor Anatot.
31 Madmenah hurries away; the inhabitants of Gevim gather themselves to flee.
32 As yet shall he remain at Nov this very day; he shall shake his fist against the Har Bat Tziyon, the Givat Yerushalayim.
33 Hinei, HaAdon Hashem Tzva’os, shall chop the bough with great power; and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down; the haughty shall be
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[7] And the parah (cow) and the dov (bear) shall feed together; their yeladim shall lie down together; and the aryeh shall eat teven (straw) like the ox.

[8] And the yonek (sucking infant) shall play on the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his yad in the viper's mouth.

[9] They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Har Kodesh; and Hashem shall cover the sea.

[10] And in Yom HaHu there shall be a She'ar (Remnant) of His people, which shall stand for a she'ar (banner) for the peoples; to Him [Moshiach] will the Goyim seek; and His menucha (resting place) shall be kavod.

[11] And it shall come to pass in Yom HaHu, that Adonoi shall set His yad again the second time to recover the She'ar (Remnant) of His people, which shall be left [as survivors], from Assyria, and from Mitzrayim, and from Patros, and from Kush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Chamat, and from the islands of the sea.

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[13] The kinah (envy, jealousy) also of Ephrayim shall depart, and the adversaries of Yehudah shall be cut off; Ephrayim shall not envy Yehudah, and Yehudah shall not harass Ephrayim.

[14] But they shall swoop down upon the shoulders of the Pelishtim toward the west; they shall plunder them of the east together; they shall lay their yad upon Edom and Moav; and the Bnei Ammon shall obey them.

[15] And Hashem shall utterly destroy the leshon Yam Mitzrayim (tongue of the Red Sea); and with His scorching Ruach shall He shake His Yad over the Nahar [i.e., Euphrates River], and shall break it into seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

[16] And there shall be a mesillah (highway) for the she'ar (remnant) of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; just as it was for Yisroel in the Yom that he came up out of Eretz Mitzrayim.

11 And there shall come forth a Khoter (Branch) out of the Geza (Stem, Stock) of Yishai, and a Netzer (Branch) which shall bear fruit of his roots:

[2] And the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem shall rest upon Him, the Ruach of Chochmah and Binah, the Ruach of Etzah (Counsel [see Isaiah 9:5]) and Gevurah, the Ruach of Da'as and of the Yir'at Hashem;

[3] And His delight shall be in the Yir'at Hashem: and He shall not judge after the sight of His eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of His ears:

[4] But with tzedek shall He judge the needy, and reprove with mishor (equity, justice) for the anvei eretz: and He shall strike the earth with the shevet of His mouth, and with the Ruach of His lips shall he slay the reshah.

[5] And tzedek shall be the ezor (belt) of His loins, and emunah (faithfulness) the ezor of His waist.

[6] The ze'ev (wolf) also shall dwell with the keves, and the namer (leopard) shall lie down with the gedi (young goat); and the egel and the lion whelp and the fatling together; and a na'ar shall lead them.

12 And in Yom Hahu thou shalt say, Hashem, I will praise Thee; though Thou wast angry with me, Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.

[2] Hinei, El is my Yeshuah (Salvation); I will trust, and not be afraid; for Hashem G-d is my strength and my zemirah; He also has become my Yeshuah (Salvation).

[3] Therefore with sasson shall ye draw mayim out of the wells of Yeshuah (Salvation).

[4] And in Yom Hahu shall ye say, Hodu LaHashem, call upon Shmo, declare His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that Shmo is exalted.

[5] Sing unto Hashem; for He hath done glorious things; let this be known b'chol ha'aretz.

[6] Cry out and shout for joy, thou inhabitant of Tziyon; for gadol is Kadosh Yisroel in the midst of thee.
13 The massa (burden) of Bavel (Babylon), which Yeshayah Ben Amotz did see. 
[2] Lift ye up a nes upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the yad, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 
[3] I have commanded My Mekuddash, I have also summoned My Gibbor for Mine anger, even them that rejoice in My highness. 
[4] The noise of a hamon (multitude) in the harim (mountains), like as of an Am Ray; a tumultuous noise of the namelechot (kingdoms) of Goyim gathered together; Hashem Tzva’os mustereeth the Tzava (army) of the milchamah (battle, war). 
[5] They come from an eretz merchak (a far country), from the end of Shomayim, Hashem, and the weapons of His indignation, to destroy Kol HaAretz. 
[6] Wail ye; for the Yom Hashem is karov (near); it is near, it is not slow, neither shall it teshuvah; nor shall it sleep; neither shall the Arab ro'im rest their flock there. 
[7] Therefore shall kol yadayim (all hands) fall weak, and kol levav enosh shall melt; and kol og (eyes) shall be darkened in not give their ohr (light); the constellations thereof shall be darkened in its rising and the yarei'ach shall not cause its ohr to shine. 
[8] And they shall be afraid; pangs and chavalim (pains) shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain like a woman that travaileth in childbirth; one shall be aghast at his re’a; their faces shall be like flaming visages. 
[9] Hinei, the Yom Hashem cometh, cruel both with wrath and charon af (fierce anger), to lay the land desolate; and He shall destroy the chattaim (sinners) thereof out of it. 
[10] For the kokhavim of Shomayim and the constellations thereof shall not give their ohr (light); the shemesh shall be darkened in its rising and the yarei'ach shall be darkened in not give its ohr (light); the constellations thereof shall be darkened in not give their ohr (light); the shemesh shall be darkened in its rising and the yarei'ach shall not cause its ohr to shine. 
[11] And I will punish the tevel (world) for raah, and the resha’im for their avon (iniquity); and I will cause the ga’on (arrogance) of the proud to cease, and will lay low the ga’avah (pride) of the tyrant. 
[12] I will make enosh more rare than rare gold; even adam than the gold of Ophir. 
[13] Therefore I will shake Shomayim, and HaAretz (the Earth) shall move out of her makom (place), in the evrat Hashem Tzva’os, and in His Yom Charon Af. 
[14] And it shall be like deer chased, and like tzon not gathered; each ish turning to his people, and each fleeing to his own land. 
[15] Every one that is found gathered (shall be pierced through, see Zech 12:10 for this same word and Moshiach); and every one that is caught shall fall by the cherev. 
[16] Their olelim (infants) also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their batim (houses) shall be looted, and their nashim ravished. 
[17] Hineni, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard kesef; and as for zahav, they shall not delight in it. 
[18] Their keshatot (bows) also shall tear ne’arim (young men) to pieces; and they shall have no rachamim on the pri beten (fruit of the womb); their eyes shall not pity banim. 
[19] And Babylon, the jewel of kingdoms, the tiferet gaon Kasdim, shall be as when Elohim overthrew Sdom and Amora (Gomorrah). 
[20] Lo lanetzach (not ever) shall it be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in ad dor vador; neither shall the Arab pitch ohol there; neither shall the ro’im rest their flock there. 
[21] But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their batim (houses) shall be full of owls; and ostriches shall dwell there, and demons shall dance there. 
[22] And the wild beasts shall howl in their strongholds, and jackals in their heichalot (palaces) of oneg (delight); and her (Babylon’s) time is karov (near, at hand) to come, and her days shall not be prolonged. 

14 For Hashem will have compassion on Ya’akov, and will yet choose Visroel, and set them in their own adamah (land); and the ger (alien) shall be joined with them, and they shall unite themselves to the Bais Ya’akov. 
[2] And the nations shall take them, and bring them to their makom (place, home); and Bais Yisroel shall possess them as an inheritance in the Admat Hashem (Land of Hashem) for avadim and shifchot; and they shall take their captors captive; and they shall rule over their oppressors. 
[3] And it shall come to pass in the day that Hashem shall give thee rest from thy etzev (sorrow), and from thy rogez (turbmoil), and from the avodah hakashah (hard bondage) wherein thou wast made to serve, 
[4] That thou shalt take up this mashal against Melech Bavel, and say, How hath the nogesh (oppressor) ceased! How hast fury ceased! 
[5] Hashem hath broken the matteh (rod) of the resha’im (wicked), and the shevet (sceptre) of the moshlim (rulers). 
[6] Which struck the peoples in wrath with
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makkat bilti sarah
(a continual stroke), which
ruled the Goyim in anger,
with unrestrained aggression.
[7] Kol ha'aretz is at rest, and
is quiet; they break forth into
rinnah (joyful shouts).
[8] Indeed, the cypress trees
rejoice over thee, and the
cedars of Lebanon, saying,
Since thou art laid down, no
hakoret ([forest] cutter) is
come up against us.
[9] Sheol from beneath is
astir for thee to meet thee at
thy coming; it stirreth up the
refa'im for thee, even all the
attudei aretz (he-goat world
leaders); it hath raised up
from their kise'ot (thrones) all
the melachim of the Goyim.
[10] Kullam (all of them)
shall speak and say unto thee,
Art thou also become weak as
we? Art thou become like unto
us?
is brought down to Sheol, and
the noise of thy nevalim
(harps); the rimmah (grave-
worm) is spread out under
thee, and the tola'at (worm)
covers thee.
[12] How art thou fallen from
Shomayim, O Heilel Ben
Shachar (Bright One of the
Dawn, Day Star, Lucifer)! How
art thou cast down to the
earth, thou which hast laid
low the Goyim!
[13] For thou hast said in
thine lev, I will ascend into
Shomayim, I will exalt my
kisse above the kokhavim
(stars) of El (G-d); I will sit also
upon the har mo'ed (mount
of assembly), on yarketei
Tzafon (on the heights of
Tzafon);
[14] I will ascend above the
heights of the clouds; I will
make myself like Elyon (the
Most High).
[15] Yet thou shalt be
brought down to Sheol, to the
lowest depths of the bor (pit).
[16] They that see thee shall
gaze at thee, and consider
thee, saying, Is this the ish
(man) that made ha'aretz to
tremble, that did shake
mamlechot (kingdoms);
[17] That made the tevel
(world) like a midbar (desert),
and overthrew the towns
thereof; that would not release
his prisoners to go home?
[18] Kol melachim (all kings)
of the Goyim, even all of them,
lie in kavad, every one in his
own bais (house, i.e., tomb).
[19] But thou art cast out of
thy kever like a rejected netzer
(branch, see Mt 2:23); and
your raiment is those that are
slain, thrust through with a
cherev, that go down to the
stones of the bor (pit); as a
peger (corpse) trodden under
feet.
[20] Thou shalt not be joined
with them in kevurah (burial),
because thou hast destroyed
thy land, and slab thy people;
the zeroa of ra'im (evildoers)
shall never be renowned.
[21] Prepare the matbe'ach
(slaughterhouse) for his banim
(for the avon (iniquity) of their
avot; that they do not rise, nor
inherit eretz, nor cover the
surface of the tevel (earth)
with towns.
[22] For I will rise up against
them, saith Hashem Tzva'os,
and I will cut off from Bavel
the shem, and she'ar
(remainder), and offspring,
saith Hashem.
[23] I will also make it a
possession for the hedgehog,
and swamps of mayim; and I
will sweep it with the mat'ate
(broom) of shmad
(destruction), saith Hashem
Tzva'os.
[24] Hashem Tzva'os hath
sworn, saying, Surely as I have
intended, so shall it come to
pass; and as I have purposed,
so shall it stand;
[25] That I will break Ashur
(the Assyrian) in My land, and
upon My harim (mountains)
trample him under foot; then
shall his yoke depart from off
them, and his burden be
removed from off their
shekhem (shoulder).
[26] This is the etzah (plan)
that is purposed upon kol
ha'aretz; and this is the Yad
(hand) that is stretched out
over kol HaGoyim (all the
nations).
[27] For Hashem Tzva'os
hath purposed, and who shall
annul it? And His Yad is
stretched out, and who shall
turn it back?
[28] In the year of the mot
HaMelech Achaz came this
massa (burden, oracle);
[29] Rejoice not thou, all ye
of Peleshet (Philistia), because
the shevet (rod) of him that
struck thee is broken; for out
of the sherei nachash
(snake's root) shall spring up
a viper, and its pri (fruit) shall
be a fiery flying serpent.
[30] And the bechorei dalim
(the firstborn of the poor ones)
shall eat, and the eyovim
(needy ones) shall lie down in
safety; and I will kill thy
shoresh (root) with ra'av
(famine), and it shall slay thy
she'erit (remnant, survivors).
[31] Wail, O sha'ar (gate);
howl, O ir; all ye of Peleshet,
melt away; for there shall
come from the tzafon (north)
an ashan (smoke), and none
shall be a straggler in his
ranks.
[32] What shall one then
answer the malachim
(messengers) of the nation?
That Hashem hath
established Tziyon, and the
afflicted of His people shall
take refuge in her.
The massa (burden) of Moav.

Because in the lailah (night) Ar of Moav is destroyed, and brought to silence; because in the lailah Kir of Moav is destroyed, and brought to silence;

He is gone up to the [idol] temple, and to Divon, the [idolatrous] high places, to weep: Moav shall howl over Nevo, and over Medva; on all their rosh shall be shaved heads, and every zakan (beard) cut off.

In their chutzot (streets) they shall gird themselves with sackcloth; on their rooftops, and in their rechovot (open areas), every one shall wail, falling down with weeping.

And Cheshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard even unto Yachatz; therefore the loins of Moav shall shake; his nefesh shall be faint within him.

My lev shall cry out for Moav; his fugitives shall flee unto Tzoar, and Eglat-Shelishiyah; for by the Ascent of Luchit with bekhi (weeping) shall they go up; for on the Derech Choronayim they shall raise up a lament because of destruction.

For the waters of Nimrim shall be dried up; for the khatzir (grass) is withered away, the desheh (vegetation) faileth, yerek (green) there is none,

Therefore the possessions they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the Nakhal HaAravim (Ravine of Willows).

For the cry is gone all around the borders of Moav; the outcry thereof unto Eglayim, and the wailing thereof unto Be'er Elim.

For the waters of Dimon shall be full of dahm; for I will bring more upon Dimon, aryeh (lion) upon him that escapeth of Moav, and upon she'erit adamah (the remnant of the land).

Send ye the lamb to the Mosheh-Eretz, from Sela by way of the midbar, unto Har Bat Tziyon.

For it shall be, that, as an oph noded (wandering bird) cast out of the ken (nest), so the Banot Moav shall be at the fords of the Arnon.

Give us etzah (counsel, advice); make pelilah (decision, justice); cast thy tzel as the lailah in the midst of tzahorayim; hide the fugitives; betray not him that is refugee.

Let fugitives of Moav dwell with thee; be thou a seter (shelter, hiding place) to them from before the shoded (destroyer); for the oppressor is at an end, shod (destruction) ceaseth, the aggressors are consumed out of HaAretz.

And in chesed shall the kisse be established; and sitting upon it in emes in the Ohel Dovid, a Shofet seeking mishpat, and hastening tzedek.

We have heard of the ga’on Moav; he is very proud; even of his ga’avah (haughtiness), and his ga’on, and his insolence; but his boasts shall not be so.

Therefore shall Moav wail for Moav, everyone shall wail; for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy katzar has fallen away.

My heart shall lament like a kinnor (harp) for Moav, and mine inmost being for Kir Charesh.

And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moav is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his mikdash (sanctuary) to pray; but he shall not prevail.

This is the Davar that Hashem hath spoken earlier concerning Moav.

But now Hashem hath spoken, saying, Within shalosh shanim, as the shenei sachir (years of a hired man), and the kavod Moav shall be degraded, with all that hamon harav (great multitude); and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

The massa (burden) of Damascus. Hinei, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a heap of ruins.

The cities of Aroer are deserted; they shall be for adarim (flocks), which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

The fortified city also shall cease from
Ephrayim, and the mamlechah from Damascus, and the remnant of Aram (Syria); they shall be like the kavod Bnei Yisroel, saith Hashem Tzva’os.

4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the kavod Ya’akov shall fade, and the fatness of his basar shall waste away.

5 And it shall be as when the katzir (reaper, harvester) gathereth the standing grain, and reapeth the heads of grain with his zera; and it shall be as when one gleaners heads of grain in the Emek Rephaim.

6 Yet a remnant of gleanings shall be left in it, as the beating of a zayit (olive tree), two or three olives in the rosh of the uppermost olive branch, four or five in the poriyyah (fruitful) olive branches thereof, saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel.

7 At that day shall ha’adam look to Oseihu (his Maker), and his eyes shall have respect to Kadosh Yisroel.

8 And he shall not look to the mizbechot, the ma’aseh of his hands, neither shall respect that which his etzbe’ot (fingers) have made, either the Asherim or the incense altars.

9 In that day shall their strong cities be like abandoned places in the choresh (thicket), or like branches they abandoned before the Bnei Yisroel; and there shall be desolation.

10 Because thou hast forgotten the G-d of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the Tzur of thy Ma’oz; therefore shalt thou plant delightful plants, and shalt set them with zemorat zar (foreign vines).

11 In the day thou shalt set out thy plants to make them grow, and in the boker shalt thou bring thy zera to blossom; but the katzir (harvest) shall be a heap in the day of sickness and of incurable pain.

12 Oy to the multitude of amim rabbim, which make an uproar like the roaring of the seas; and to the uproar of nations, that make a roar like the roar of mighty waters.

13 The nations shall roar like the roaring of mayim rabbim; but He shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the motz (chaff) of the harim, and like whirling dust before the storm.

14 And hinei at erev, terror; and before boker, he [that terrorizes] is no more. This is the chelek of them that loot us, and the goral (lot) of them that plunder us.

18 Oy to the Eretz Tziltzal Kenafayim (Land of Whirring Wings, i.e., Ethiopia), which is beyond the rivers of Kush;

2 That sendeth envoys by the yam, even in vessels of gomeh (papyrus) upon the mayim, saying, Go, ye swift malachim, to a Goy (nation) tall and smooth of skin, to an Am Norah far away on the other side; a Goy powerful and treading down under foot, whose land the neharim (rivers) divide, even at the makom (place) of the Shem Hashem Tzva’os, Har Tziyon.
And the Mitzrayim will I give over into the yad adonim kasheh (power of hard taskmasters); and a fierce melech shall rule over them, saith HaAdon Hashem Tzva’os.

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And the mayim shall roll back from the yam, and the Nile shall be parched and dried up.

And the neharot (streams, canals) shall turn foul; and the moats shall be emptied and dried up; the reeds and rushes shall wither.

The bare places by the Nile, by the mouth of the Nile, and everything sown by the Nile, shall wither, be blown away, veinenu (and be no more).

The dayagim (fishermen) also shall mourn, and all they that cast hooks into the Nile shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the mayim shall languish.

Moreover they that work in pishtan (flax), and they that weave fine linen, shall be in despair.

And its foundations shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sachir (wages) shall be agmei nefesh (grieved).

Surely the sarim of Tzoan are fools, the etzah (advice) of the wise counselors of Pharaoh is become senseless; how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the Ben Chachamim, the Ben Malchei Kedem?

Where are they? Where are thy chachamim? And let them tell thee now, and let them know what Hashem Tzva’os hath planned against Mitzrayim.

The sarim of Tzoan are become fools, the sarim of Noph are deceived; they have also led Mitzrayim astray, even they that are the mainstay of the tribes thereof.

Hashem hath poured a ruach iv'im (spirit of dizziness) in the midst thereof, causing Mitzrayim to go astray in every ma’aseh thereof, as a shikkor staggereth in his vomit.

Neither shall there be any ma’aseh for Mitzrayim, which the head or tail, branch or stalk, may do.

In that day shall Mitzrayim be like nashim; and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the yad Hashem Tzva’os, which He shaketh against it.

And Admat Yehudah shall be a terror unto Mitzrayim, every one that maketh mention of Yehudah shall be afraid in himself, because of the etzah (plan) of Hashem Tzva’os, which He hath determined against it.

In that day shall there be a mizbe’ach to Hashem in the midst of Eretz Mitzrayim, and a matzevah at the border thereof to Hashem.

And it shall be for an ot (sign) and for an ed (witness) unto Mitzrayim, and He shall be entreated of them and shall heal them.

In that day shall there be a mesillah (highway) out of Mitzrayim to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Mitzrayim, and the Mitzrayim shall worship with the Assyrians.

In that day shall Yisroel be the third with Mitzrayim and with Assyria, even a brocha in the midst of ha’aretz;

Whom Hashem Tzva’os shall bless, saying, Baruch Ami Mitzrayim, Ma’aseh Yadai Assyria, and Yisroel Mine nachalah.

In the year [711 B.C.E.] that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon Melech Ashur sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it; At the same time spoke Hashem by Yeshayah Ben Amotz, saying, Go and remove the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy sandal from thy regel. And he did so, going arom (naked, stripped) and barefoot.

And Hashem said, Just as Avdi Yeshayah hath walked arom and barefoot shalosh shanim for an ot and mofet against Mitzrayim and Kush; So shall Melech Ashur (Assyria) lead away captive Mitzrayim and Golus-exiled Kush, ne’arim and zekenim, arom (naked) and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Mitzrayim and Kush:

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And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Kush their expectation, and of Mitzrayim their tiferet (glory, boast).

And He shall be entreated of them and shall heal them.

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in that day, Hinei, such is our expectation, where we fled for ezrah (help) to be delivered from Melech Ashur; and how shall we escape?

The massa (burden) concerning the Midbar Yam (desert by the sea). As sufot (whirlwinds) in the Negev sweep through; so it cometh from the midbar, from eretz nora’ah.

|2| A chazut kashah (harsh vision) is declared unto me; the boged (traitor) dealeth treacherously, and the shoded (destroyer) destroyeth. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all the groaning she [Babylon] caused have I made to cease.

|3| Therefore are my loins filled with pain; tzirim (pangs) have taken hold upon me, as the tzirim (pangs) of a woman in labor; I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

|4| My lev panted, fearfulness seized upon me; the neshef (twilight) of my longing hath become unto me as kharadah (shuddering horror).

|5| They are setting the shulchan, spreading the tzafit (dining carpet), to eat, to drink; arise, ye sarim (princes), and anoint the mogen.

|6| For thus hath Adonoi said unto me, Go, post the metzapeh (watchman), let him report what he seeth. When he sees riders with a pair of parashim, donkey riders and camel riders, then he pays heed diligently with great care;

|8| And the one seeing cried out, Adoni, I stand continually on the mitzpeh (watchtower) in the daytime, and I am set in my mishmeret (guard duty) kol halailot (every night),

|9| And, hinei, here cometh a merkavah with a man, a pair of parashim. And he answered and said, Bavel (Babylon) is fallen, is fallen; and all the pesilim (images) of her elohim (g-ds) hath been shattered on the ground.

|10| O my threshed [people], and the grain of my goren (threshing floor); that which I have heard of Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel, have I declared unto you.

|11| The massa (burden) of Dumah [Edom]. One calleth to me out of Seir [Edom], Shomer (watchman), what of the lailah? Shomer, what of the lailah?

|12| The shomer said, The boker cometh, and also the lailah; if ye will inquire, inquire ye; shuvu (return), come.

|13| The massa (burden) concerning Arabia. In the ya’ar (forest) of Arabia shall ye encamp O ye caravans of Dedanim.

|14| The inhabitants of Eretz Tema brought mayim to him that was tzameh (thirsty), they met with their lechem him that fled.

|15| For they fled from the charavot (swords), from the drawn cherev, and from the bent keshet (bow), and from the grievousness of milchamah (war).

|16| For thus hath Hashem said unto me, Within a shanah (year), according to the way a year is counted by a sakhir (hireling, hired servant), all the kavod of Kedar shall end;

|17| And the remainder of the mispar (number) of archers, the gibborim (mighty men) of the Bnei Kedar, shall be few; for Hashem Elohei Yisroel hath spoken.
Ye made also a mikveh (reservoir) between the two walls for the mayim of the Old Pool; but ye have not looked unto the Maker thereof, neither had respect unto her Yotzer from long ago.

And in that day did Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os call to weeping, and to wailing, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth;

And hinei sasson and simchah, slaughter of bakar and ritual slaughter of tzon, eating basar, and drinking yayin; let us eat and drink; for makhar we shall die.

Thus saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os, Go, get thee unto this sochen (steward) even unto Shevna, which is over the Bais (palace), and say,

What hast thou here? And whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a kever here, as he that heweth him out a kever on high, and that carveth a mishkan for himself in the rock?

Hinei, Hashem will throw thee out, gever, and will surely seize thee.

He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a kadoor (ball) into a wide country; there shalt thou die, and that carveth a mishkan for himself in the rock?

The massa (burden) of Tzor. Howl, ye oniyyot (ships) of Tarshish; for your stronghold is destroyed.

Pass through thy land like the Nile, O Bat Tarshish; there is no more restraint.

He stretched out His Yad over the yam, He shook the mamlakhot (kingdoms); Hashem hath given a commandment against Kenaan, to destroy her ma’azim (fortresses).

And He said, Thou shalt no more exult, O thou oppressed Betulah, Bat Tzidon; arise, pass over to Kittim [Cyprus]; there also shalt thou have no rest.

Behold, Eretz Kasdim (land of Chaldeans); this people was not, till the Assyrian made it for wild creatures; they raise up the siege towers thereof, they destroyed the palaces thereof; and turned her to ruin.

Howl, ye oniyot Tarshish; for your stronghold is destroyed.
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|15| And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tzor shall be forgotten shivim shanah, according to the yamim of melech echad; after the end of shivim shanah shall Tzor sing as a zonah.
|16| Take a kinnor, go about the Ir, thou zonah that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many shir, that thou mayest be remembered.
|17| And it shall come to pass at the end of shivim shanah, that Hashem will visit Tzor, and she shall return to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the mamlakhot HaAretz upon the face of ha’adamah.
|18| And her gain and her hire shall be kodesh to Hashem; it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her [Tzor’s] earnings shall be for them that live before Hashem, to eat sufficiently, and for choice clothing.

Hinei, Hashem maketh Ha’Aretz empty, and maketh it waste, and ruineth her face, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

[2] And it shall be, as with HaAm, so with the kohen; as with the eved, so with his adomim; as with the shufcha (maid), so with her gevirah (mistress); as with the koneh (buyer), so with the mokher (seller); as with the malveh (lender) so with the loveh (borrower); as with the nosheh (creditor), so with the one owing him.

[3] HaAretz shall be utterly emptied, and utterly plundered; for Hashem hath spoken this davar (word).

[4] HaAretz mourneth and fadeth away, the tevel (world) languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty Am HaAretz do languish.

[5] HaAretz also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed torot, changed chok (ordinance), broken the Brit Olam.

[6] Therefore hath the curse devoured Eretz, and they that dwell therein are guilty; therefore, the inhabitants of her [the earth] are diminished, and few enosh (humankind) left.

[7] The tirosh (new wine) faileth, the gefen languisheth, all the simchei-lev (merryhearted) do sigh.

[8] They shall not drink yayin with a shir (song); shechar (liquor, strong drink) shall be bitter to them that drink it.

[9] The city of tohu is broken; every bais is shut up, that no man may come in.

[10] In the Ir is left simchah; the mirth of HaAretz is banished.

[11] There is a crying for yayin in the streets; all simchah is darkened, the joy of the kinnor (harp) ceaseth.

[12] In the Ir is left desolation, and the sha’ar is stricken with ruination.

[13] When thus it shall be in the midst of HaAretz among the nations, there shall be as the shaking of a zayit (olive tree), and as the olelot (gleanings) when the grape harvest is done.

[14] They shall lift up their kol (voice), they shall sing for the Gaon (Glory) of Hashem, they shall shout from the yam.


[16] From the uttermost part of HaAretz have we heard zemirot (songs), even glory to the Tzaddik (Righteous One). But I said, My wasting away, my wasting away, Oy li (woe unto me)! The bogedim (traitors) have dealt treacherously; the bogedim have dealt very treacherously.

[17] Pachad (fear), and the pachat (pit), and the pachat (prison, dungeon), and after all the arubot (windows [see Gen 7:11]) from on high are opened, and the Mosedei Eretz (foundations of the Earth) do shake.

[18] And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the pachat shall fall into the pachat; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pachat shall be caught in the pachat; for the peysha (pitfall, snare), are upon thee, O inhabitant of HaAretz.

[19] HaAretz shall stagger to and fro like a shikkor (drunkard), and shall shake like a melunah (watchman’s hut); and the peysha (transgression) thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

[20] And it shall come to pass in yom hahu (that day), that Hashem shall visit [in punishment] the Tzeva HaMarom (Host on High, Pagan deities), and the melachim of ha’adamah (kings of the earth) upon ha’adamah (the earth).

[21] And they shall be gathered together, as asir (prisoners) are gathered in the bor (dungeon, pit), and shall be shut up in the masger (prison, dungeon), and after many yamim they shall be visited [in punishment].

[22] Then the levannah (moon) shall be disgraced, and the chamah (sun) ashamed, when Hashem Tzva’os
shall reign in Har Tziyon, and in Yerushalayim, and before His Zeikenim gloriously.

Hashem, Thou art Elohai; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Shimecha; for Thou hast done peleh [See Isaiah 9:5(6)]; Thy etzot (plans) of old are emunah omen (perfect faithfulness).

For Thou hast made an Ir a heap; a fortified city, a ruin; the stronghold of the zarim (foreigners) to be rebuilt never more.

Therefore even the am oz (strong people) shall glorify Thee, the city of the ruthless Goyim shall fear Thee.

For Thou hast been a ma'oz (refuge) to the poor, a ma'oz to the evyon in his tzoros, a makheseh (shelter, cover) from the zerem (shower, storm, downpour), a tzel (shade) from the chorev (heat), when the ruach of the ruthless ones is like a zerem (shower, storm, downpour) against a wall.

Thou shalt silence the tumult of zarim, as the chorev in a dry place; even the chorev by the tzel (shadow) of a cloud; the zemir (battle song) of the ruthless ones shall be brought low.

And in Har Hazeh [i.e., Mt Tziyon] shall Hashem Tzva'os make unto kol HaAmim a fat mishteh (feast), a mishteh (feast) of finest, aged wines, of finest meats, of the best wines of finest vintage.

And He will destroy in Har Hazeh the pnei hallot (the face of the covering, the [death] shroud) cast over all people, and the masseikah (overspreading veil) over Kol HaGoyim.

He will swallow up HaMavet (death) lanetzach (forever); and Adonoi Hashem will wipe away tears from off kol panim; and the kherpah (shame, disgrace) of His people shall He take away from off kol ha'aretz; for Hashem hath spoken it.

And it shall be said in Yom HaHu, Hinei, this is Eloheinu; we have waited for Him, and He will save us; this is Hashem; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and have simcha in His Yeshuah (Salvation).

For in Har Hazeh shall Hashem rest, and Moav shall be trodden down under Him, even as straw is trodden down in dung.

And He shall spread forth His hands in the midst of them, just as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim; and He shall bring down their ga'avah (pride) together with the arvot (cleverness) of their hands.

And the fortification of thy high chomot (walls) shall He bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the aphar (dust).

In that day shall this shir (song) be sung in Eretz Yehudah; We have an Ir Oz (a city of strength); Yeshuah (salvation) is that which He makes [its] chomot (walls) and outer wall.

Open ye the She'arim, that the Goy Tzaddik (right-with-G-d people) which is shomer emunim (keeping faith) may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in shalom shalom, whose yetzer (mind-set) is stayed on Thee; because he trusteth in Thee.

Trust ye in Hashem forever; for in G-d Hashem is Tzur Olamin;
over us; but by Thee only do we keep Thy Shem in remembrance.

[14] They are mesim (dead ones), they shall not live; they are refa'im (dead ones) [see Job 26:5], they shall not rise; therefore Thou hast visited and destroyed them, and made all their zekher (memory) to perish.

[15] Thou hast increased the Goy (nation, people), Hashem, Thou hast increased the Goy; Thou hast gained glory; Thou hadst extended all the borders of the Eretz.

[16] Hashem, in tzoros have they visited Thee, they davened a lachash (whisper) when Thy musar (chastening) was upon them.

[17] Like a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, in travail, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in Thy sight, Hashem.

[18] We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth ruach (wind); we have not wrought as it were brought forth ruach (wind); we have been in pain, we have been with child, Hashem.

[19] Thy mesim (dead men, see also Dan 12:2) shall live, together with my nevelah (dead bodies, corpses) shall they arise. Awake and sing for joy, ye that dwell in apher (dust); for Thy tal (dew) is like the orot tal (morning dew), and Eretz shall give birth to refa'im (dead ones).

[20] Come, My people, enter thou into thy chederim, and shut thy delatot behind thee; hide thyself for a little rega (moment, while), until the za'am (wrath, indignation [of G-d]) has passed.

[21] For, hinei, Hashem goeth forth from His Makom (place, home) to punish the avon (iniquity) of inhabitants of ha'aretz; ha'aretz also shall disclose her dahm, and shall no more cover over her slain.

27 In Yom Hahu Hashem with His cherev hakashah v'hagedolah vhachazakah (terrible and great and strong sword) shall punish Leviathan the Nachash bari'ach (fleeing serpent), even Leviathan that Nachash akallaton (crooked serpent); and He shall slay the Tanin (serpent, devouring sea monster) that is in the sea.

[2] In Yom Hahu sing ye about her, A kerem (vineyard) of fruitfulness.

[3] I Hashem do watch over her, I will water it continually; lest any harm it, I will guard it lailah vayom.

[4] Chemah (wrath, fury) is not in Me; but if there were briers and thorns set against Me in milchamah, I would march through it, I would burn it together.

[5] Or let him [the enemy of My vineyard, the "brier" or "thorn"] take hold of My ma'oz (stronghold, protection) that he may make shalom with Me; yes, he shall make shalom with Me.

[6] He shall cause them that come of Ya'akov to take root; Yisroel shall blossom and bud, and fill with fruit the face of the tevel.

[7] Hath He struck it [Israel], as He struck down those that struck it? Or is it [Israel] slain like the slaying of them that are slain by Him?

[8] In measure, in the sending [of Yehudah] away [in the Golus], Thou dost contend with her. By His hard wind He removes her in the Yom Kadim (day of the east wind).

[9] By this therefore shall kapporah be made for the avon Ya'aakov; and this is full fruitage to take away [Yehudah]s chattat; when He maketh all the stones of the [heathen] mizbe'ach like chalk stones crushed to pieces, the Asherim poles and pagan incense altars shall arise no more.

[10] Yet the Ir Betzurah (fortified city) shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a midbar; there shall the egel graze, and there shall it lie down, and strip bare the branches thereof.

[11] When the bouughs thereof are dry, they shall be broken off; the nashim come, and set them on fire; for it is a people of no understanding; therefore He that made them will not have compassion on them, and He that formed them will show them no favor.

[12] And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that Hashem shall thresh from the flowing Nahar (i.e., Euphrates River) unto the Wadi Mitzrayim, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye Bnei Yisroel.

[13] And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that the shofar gadol shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in Eretz Ashur (Assyria), and those of the Golus of Eretz Mitzrayim, and shall worship Hashem in the Har HaKodesh in Yerushalayim.

28 Hoy (woe, doom) to the ataret ge'ut (crown of pride), to the shikkorei Ephrayim (drunkards of Ephrayim), whose glorious beauty is a fading tzitz (flower), which are on the rosh of the verdant gev (valley) of them that are overcome with yayin! 

[2] Hinei, Adonoi hath one, chazak and strong,
which as a tempest of barad (hail) and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty mayim overflowing, shall cast them down to haaretz with the yad. 

[3] The ataret ge'ut (crown of pride), the shikkorei Ephrayim, shall be trodden under foot; 
[4] And the glorious beauty, which is at the rosh of the verdant gey, shall be a fading tzitz, and as the bikkurah (first ripe fruit) before kayitz (summer); which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his palm he eateth it up. 

[5] In that day shall Hashem Tzva'os be for an ataret of glory, and for a wreath tiferet, unto the remnant of His people, 

[6] And for a ruach mishpat to him that sitteth in mishpat, and for gevurah to them that turn back the milchamah at the gate. 

[7] But they also have gone astray through yayin, and through strong drink are out of the way; the kohen and the navi have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up with yayin, they are out of the way through strong drink; they go astray from the vision, they stumble in rendering decisions. 

[8] For all shulchanot are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no makom (place) clean. 

[9] Whom shall He teach da'as? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are just weaned from cholov, and just drawn from the breasts. 

[10] For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; sham (here) a little, and sham (there) a little; 

[11] For with stammering safah (lips) and with lashon acheret (another tongue, different tongue) will He speak to HaAm Hazeh. 

[12] To whom He said, This is the menuchah (rest) wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not listen. 

[13] But the Devar Hashem was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; sham a little, and sham a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken captive. 

[14] Therefore hear the Devar Hashem, ye scoffing anashim, that rule HaAm Hazeh which is in Yerushalayim. 

[15] Because ye have said, We have cut a brit with mavet, and with Sheol are we in agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made kazav our refuge, and under sheker have we hid ourselves; 

[16] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem, Hineni, I lay in Tziyon for a foundation an even (stone), a pinnat yikrat (a tried stone), an even bochan (a stone), an even bochan (a tried stone), a pinnat yikrat (a precious cornerstone), a sure foundation; the ma'amim (believer) shall not panic. 

[17] Mishpat also will I make as the measuring line, and tzedakah to be the plumbline; and the barad shall sweep away the refuge of kazav, and the mayim shall overflow the hiding place. 

[18] And your brit (covenant) with mavet shall be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. 

[19] As often as it goeth forth it shall seize you; for boker by boker shall it pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be a terror just to understand the message. 

[20] For the matztza (bed, mattress) is shorter than one can stretch himself on it; and the blanket narrower than that he can wrap himself in. 

[21] For Hashem shall rise up as in Har Peratzim, He shall be in wrath as in the valley of Giveon, that He may do His ma'aseh, His zar ma'aseh (strange work, foreign work); and bring to pass His avodah, His nochriyah avodah. 

[22] Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your chains be made chazak; for I have heard from Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os a destruction, even determined upon kol ha'aretz (the whole earth). 

[23] Give ye ozen, and hear my voice; pay heed, and hear my speech. 

[24] Doth the plowman plow kol hayom to sow? Doth he keep turning and breaking the clods of his adamah? 

[25] When he hath made level the surface thereof, doth he sow the dill, and scatter the cumin, and plant in rows about upon the cumin; but the dill is not properly. 

[26] Doth the plowman plow kol hayom to sow? Doth he keep turning and breaking the clods of his adamah? 

[27] For the dill is not threshed with a threshing sledge, neither is an ofan agalah (cart wheel) rolled about upon the cumin; but the dill is beaten out with a rod, and the cumin with a club. 

[28] Grain for lechem must be ground; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the gilgal (wheel) of his agalah (cart, wagon); nor grind it with his parash.
Hoy (woe, doom) to Ariel [i.e., Yerushalayim], to Ariel, the city where Dovid dwelt! Add ye shanah to shanah; let chaggim (feasts) cycle around.

29 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and it shall be unto me as Ariel (altar hearth) [see Ezekiel 43:15].

And I will besiege thee all around, and will lay siege against thee with towers, and I will raise metzurot (siegeworks) against thee.

And thou shalt be brought low, and shalt speak me'retz (out of the ground), and thy speech shall whisper out of the aphan, and thy voice shall be, like an ov (medium’s that has a familiar spirit), out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the aphan.

Moreover the multitude of thy foes shall be as motz (chaff) that in passing bloweth away; indeed, it shall be at an instant suddenly.

Thou shalt be visited [in punishment] by Hashem Tzeva’os with ra’am (thunder), and with earthquake, and a kol gadol, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring eish.

And the multitude of kol HaGoyim that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her metzadah, and that besiege her, shall be as a chalom (dream) of a chazon lailah (night vision).

It shall even be as when a hungry man hath a chalom, and, hinei, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his nefesh is empty; or as when a thirsty man hath a chalom, and, hinei, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, hinei, he is faint, and his nefesh still thirsts; so shall the multitude of kol HaGoyim be, that fight against Har Tziyon.

Pause, and wonder? Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunken, but not with yavin; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

For Hashem hath poured out upon you the ruach tirdemah (spirit of deep sleep), and hath closed your eynayim; namely, that of the nevi’im and your heads, you seers, hath He covered.

And the whole vision is become unto you as the devarim of a sefer that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, now; and he saith, I am not able; for it is sealed; And the sefer is delivered to him with that the sefer has no da’as, saying, Read this, now; and he saith, I cannot read this. With sefer I have no da’as.

Therefore Adonoi says, Forasmuch as this people draw near Me with their peh, and with their sfatayim do draw near Me with their peh, and their fear toward Me is mitzvat hashem meummadah (human commandments taught by rote).

Therefore, hineni, I will again do an astonishing work among this people, even a marvellous work and a peleh (wonder); for the chochmah of their chachamim shall perish, and the binah (understanding) of their sages shall vanish.

Hoy (woe, doom) unto them that go to great depths to hide their etzah (plan) from Hashem, and their ma’asim are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? And who knoweth us?

Surely you have things that strive for avon are cut off;

That make an adam an offender with a devar, and lay a snare for the mokhiach (reprover, defender) in the sha’ar (gate, court), and turn aside the tzaddik from justice.

Therefore thus saith Hashem, who redeemed Avraham, concerning Bais Ya’akov, Ya’akov shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now grow fearfully pale.

But when he seeth his banim, the ma’aseh of Mine hands, in his midst, they shall set apart as kodesh Shmi (My Name), and set apart as kodesh the Kadosh Ya’akov, and shall fear the Elohei Yisroel.

They also that erred in ruach shall know binah (understanding), and
Hoy (woe, doom) to the banim sorerim (obstinately rebellious children), saith Hashem, that take etzah, but not from Me; and in their plans weave a web, but not of My Ruach, that they may heap up chattat upon chattat;

|2| That walk to go down into Mitzrayim, and have not inquired at My mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the tzel (shadow) of Mitzrayim!

|3| Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the refuge in the tzel of Mitzrayim your humiliation.

|4| For his sarim were at Tzoan, and his malachim (envoys) came to Chanes.

|5| They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be an ezer (help) nor profit, but a shame, and also a cherpah.

|6| The massa (burden) of the beasts of the Negev; into the eretz tzarah and anguish, from which come the lion and lioness, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young donkeys, and their otzarot (treasures) upon the humps of gemalim (camels), to a people that shall not profit them.

|7| For the Mitzrayim shall be hevel (vain) in help, and to no purpose; therefore have I called her concerning this, Rahab Sits Idle.

|8| Now go, write it before them on a luach (tablet), and inscribe it on a sefer, that it may be for a yom acharon lad ad olam;

|9| That this is a rebellious people, deceitful banim, banim that will not hear the torah of Hashem;

|10| Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us nekholot (right things), speak unto us chalakot (smooth things), prophesy machatallot (deceits, illusions);

|11| Get you off the derech, turn aside out of the orach (path), cause Kadosh Yisroel to cease from before us.

|12| Therefore thus saith Kadosh Yisroel, Because ye despise this davar, and trust in oshek (oppression) and waywardness, and rely thereon;

|13| Therefore this avon shall be to you as a cracking breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high chomah (wall), whose breaking cometh suddenly in an instant.

|14| And whose collapse is as the breaking of the clay jar of yotzerim (pottery makers) that is broken in pieces; it shall not be spared; so that there shall not be found among its fragments a shard to take eish from the fire, or to take mayim therewith out of the cistern.

|15| For thus saith Adonoi Hashem Kadosh Yisroel; In shuvah (returning) and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your gevurah (strength); but ye would not.

|16| But ye said, No; for we will flee upon sus; therefore shall ye flee; and, We will ride off upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

|17| Elef echad shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five shall ye flee; until ye be left as a pole upon the top of the har, and as a nes (banner, flag) on a hill.

|18| And therefore will Hashem wait, that He may be gracious unto you, and therefore will He be exalted, that He may have rachamim upon you; for Hashem is Elohei Mishpat; Ashrei are all they that wait for Him.

|19| For a people shall dwell in Tziyon at Yerushalayim; thou shalt weep no more; He will be very gracious unto thee at the sound of thy cry; when He shall hear it, He will answer thee.

|20| And though Adonoi give you the lechem tzar (bread of trouble), and the mayim lachatz (waters of affliction), yet shall not thy morim (teachers) hide themselves any more, but thine eynayim shall see thy morim;

|21| And thine oznayim shall hear a davar behind thee, saying, This is the derech (road), walk ye on it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

|22| Ye shall defile also the covering of thy peselim of kesef, and the clothing of thy massekhot (cast idols) of zahav; thou shalt throw them away like a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee from here.

|23| Then shall He send the matar of thy zera (seed), that thou shalt sow the adamah therewith; and lechem of the increase of the adamah, and it shall be rich and plenteous; in that day shall thy mikneh feed in broad pastures.

|24| The oxen likewise and the young donkeys that work the adamah shall eat mash fodder, which hath been spread with the winnowing fork and with the winnowing fan.

|25| And there shall be upon every high har, and upon every soaring hill, springs and streams of
mayim in the day of the great slaughter, when the migdalim (towers) fall.

Moreover the ohr of the levanah (moon) shall be as the ohr of the chamah (sun), and the ohr of the chamah shall be sevenfold, as the ohr of shivat hayamim (seven days), in the day that Hashem bindeth up the hurt of His people, and healeth the stroke of His wound.

Hinei, the Shem of Hashem cometh from afar, burning is His anger, and heavy is His cloud; His safatayim (lips) are full of indignation, and His lashon is like a devouring eish; And His Ruach, like an overflowing stream, shall reach half-way to the tzavar (neck), to sift the Goyim with the sieve of shav (vanity, futility); and there shall be a misleading bridle bit in the jaws of the people.

Ye shall have the Shir (song), as in the night when the chag is set apart as kodesh; and simchat levav, as when one goeth with a chalil (flute) to come to the Har Hashem, to the Tzur Yisroel.

And Hashem shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and shall cause the lowering of His zero’a to be seen, with the indignation of His anger, and with the flame of a devouring eish, with smashing, and tempest, and even barad (stones of hail, hailstones).

For through the voice of Hashem shall the Assyrian be crushed, which struck with a shevet (rod).

And in every place where the matteh (rod) of punishment shall pass, which Hashem shall lay upon him [Ashur], it shall be with tambourines and kinnorot; and in milchamot (battles) of brandishing will He fight against them.

For Tophet [i.e., the place where humans are sacrificed to Molech in Gey Hinnom] is ordained of old; indeed, for Melech [Molech] it is prepared. He hath made it deep and wide; the fire pit thereof is eish and much wood; the nishmat Hashem (breath of Hashem), like a stream of gofrit (brimstone, burning sulfur), doth kindle it [see Isa 66:24].

Woe to them that go down to Mitzrayim for ezrah (help); and rely on susim, and trust in merkavot, because they are many; and in parashim, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Kadosh Yisroel, neither seek Hashem!

Yet He also is chacham (wise), and will bring rah (disaster), and will not call back His devarim; but will arise against the Bais Mere'im (house of evildoers), and against the ezrat po’alei aven (the help of them that work iniquity).

Now the Mitzrayim are adam, and not El (G-d); and their susim basar, and not ruach. When Hashem shall stretch out His yad, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is helped shall stumble, and they all shall come to an end together.

For thus saith Hashem unto me, Just as the aryeh (lion) and the young lion roars over his prey, when a multitude of ro'im (shepherds) is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their clamor, nor disturb himself because of the noise of them; so shall Hashem Ts’va’os come down to fight for Mt Tziyon, and for the givah (hill) thereof.

As tzipporim (birds) flying, so will Hashem Ts’va’os defend Yerushalayim; defending also He will deliver it; and passo’ach (passing over) He will preserve it.

Shuuv (turn ye, return) unto Him from Whom the Bnei Yisroel have deeply revolted.

For in that day every ish shall cast away his ellim of kesef, and his ellim of zahav, which your own hands have made unto you as a chet.

Then shall the Assyrian fall by a cherev, not of an ish (man); and a cherev not adam (of mortals) shall devour him; so he shall flee from before the cherev, and his bochrim shall become forced laborers.

And his rock shall pass away in magor (terror), and his sarim shall desert the nes (battle flag) in panic, saith Hashem, Whose fire is in Tziyon, and His furnace in Yerushalayim.

See, a Melech shall reign in tzedeck, and sarim shall rule in mishpat (justice).

And an ish shall be as a sheltering hiding place from the ruach (wind), and a seter (refuge) from the tempest; as streams of mayim in a dry place, as the tzel (shadow) of a great rock in a weary land.

And the eynayim of them that see shall no longer be closed, and the oznayim of them that hear shall pay heed.

The levayim also of the rash shall understand da’as, and the lashon of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
[5] The naval (foolish person) shall be no more called noble, nor the scoundrel said to be honorable.
[6] For the naval will speak foolishness, and his lev will work evil, to practise khonef (hypocrisy), and to utter to'ah (error, perversity) against Hashem, to leave unsatisfied the nefesh of the ra’av (hungry), and he will cause the drink of the tzameh (thirsty) to fail.
[7] The schemes also of the schemer are ra’im (evil ones); he deviseth zimmot (wicked schemes) to destroy the poor with words of shoker, even when the eyyon (needy) speaketh mishpat (justly).
[8] But the noble maketh plans that are noble; and by noble things shall he stand.
[9] Rise up, ye nashim that are complacently at ease; hear my voice, ye banot at ease; give ozen unto my speech.
[10] Days and a shanah, then shall ye tremble, ye careless; for the grape harvest shall fail, the harvest of fruit shall not come.
[11] Tremble, ye nashim that are complacently at ease; shake, ye complacent ones; strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.
[12] They shall mournfully beat upon their breasts, for the fruitful fields, for the fruitful gefen (vine).

33 Hoy (woe, doom) to thee that destroyest, and thou wast not destroyed; and dealst treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously as a boged (traitor, treacherous person) with thee! When thou shalt cease to destroy, thou shalt be destroyed; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously as a boged with thee.

[13] Upon the admat Ami (land of My People) shall come up kota (thorns) and briers; indeed, upon all the batim (houses) of joy in the city of merriment.
[14] Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the Ir shall be abandoned; the citadel and stronghold shall be ruins ad olam, a delight of wild donkeys, a pasture of adarim (flocks);
[15] Until the Ruach [Hakodesh] be poured upon us from on high, and the midbar become a carmel (fruitful field), and the carmel become a ya’ar (forest).
[16] Then mishpat shall dwell in the midbar, and tzedakah live in the carmel.
[17] And the ma’aseh (work) of tzedakah (righteousness) shall be shalom; and the effect of tzedakah quietness and assurance ad olam (forever).
[18] And my people shall dwell in a nayach shalom (a habitation of peace) and in secure mishkenot (dwellings), and in quiet menuchot (resting places);
[19] When it shall hail, coming down on the ya’ar (forest); and the Ir shall be utterly brought down in a low place [of humiliation].
[20] Blessed are ye that sow in a low place [of humiliation].

[21] But the sons of ha’aretz (humankind). Ha’aretz mourneth and languisheth; Levanon is ashamed and shriveled; Bashan and Carmel shake off their foliage.
[22] Hashem, be gracious unto us; we have waited for Thee; be Thou their zero’a in the bekarim (mornings), our Yeshuah (salvation) also in the time of tozor.
[23] The mesillot (highways) lie in ruins, the wayfaring man ceaseeth; he hath annulled the brit (covenant), he hath despised the towns, he regardeth no enosh (humankind).
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[25] Now will I arise, saith Hashem; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up Myself. Ye shall conceive chaff, and shall pounce upon them.
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[31] At the noise of the tumult the peoples fled; at the lifting up of Thyself the Goyim were scattered.

[32] And your shalal (booty, plunder, gain) shall be gathered like the gathering of the locusts; as the swarm of grasshoppers shall men pounce upon them.
[33] Hashem is exalted; for He dwelleth on high; He hath filled Tziyon with mishpat and tzedakah.
[34] And He shall be the emunah (faithfulness, stability) of thy times, a rich store of Yeshuah (salvation), chochmah, and da’as; the yirat Hashem is his oztar (treasure).
[35] Behold, his valiant ones shall cry in the street; the malachei shalom shall weep bitterly.
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[41] And your shalal (booty, plunder, gain) shall be gathered like the gathering of the locusts; as the swarm of grasshoppers shall men pounce upon them.
[15] He that walketh in tzedakot, and speaketh meisharim (right things), he that despiseth the gain of extortionst, that guards his palms from accepting shochad (bribe[s]), that stoppeth his ozen from hearing of dahm, and shutteth his eynayim from seeing rah;

[16] He shall dwell on high; his metzadot shall be the rocky fortress; his lechem shall be given him; his mayim shall be unfailing.

[17] Thine eynayim shall see Melech in His yafel (beauty); they shall behold tz’va that is very far off.

[18] Thine lev shall ponder terror. Where is the sofer (scribe)? Where is he who weights [for Assyrian tax collection]? Where is he that counts the migdalim (towers)?

[19] Thou shalt no longer see Count the migdalim (towers)?

[17] Thy riggings are loosed; for Hashem is our Adir (stronghold).

[20] Look upon Tziyon, the city of our appointed times, festivals; thine eynayim shall see Yerushalayim a quiet naveh, an ohen that shall not be taken down; not one stake thereof shall ever be pulled up, neither shall any of the ropes thereof be broken.

[21] But there Adir Hashem will be unto us a makom (place) of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall a mighty ship pass thereby.

[22] For Hashem is our Shofet, Hashem is Mechokkeinu (our Lawgiver), Hashem is Malkeinu; Hu yoshieinu (He will save us).

[23] Thy riggings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the nes (sail); then is the shalal (spoil, plunder) of a great plunder divided; the pisechim (lame ones) take the plunder.

[24] And the inhabitant [of Yerushalayim] shall not say, I am ill; the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their avon.

34 Come near, ye Goyim, to hear; and pay heed, ye peoples; let ha’aretz hear, and all that is therein; the tevel (world), and all things that come forth of it.

[2] For the ketzef Hashem (wrath of Hashem) is upon kol HaGoyim, and His chemah (wrath) is upon kol HaGoyim.

[3] Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stench shall go up out of their pegarim (corpses), and the harim shall be drenched with their dahm.

[4] And kol Tz’va HaShomayim (all the host of heaven) shall be dissolved, and the Shomayim shall be rolled up like a sefer; and all their tz’va shall fall, like the aleh (leaf) falleth from the gefen, like that falling from the te’enah (fig tree).

[5] For My cherev shall be satiated in Shomayim; hinei, it shall come down upon Edom, and shall descend on the Am (people) of My Cherem (ban of destruction) in mishpat.

[6] The Cherev Hashem (Sword of Hashem) is filled with dahm, it is gorged with chelev, and with the dahm of lambs and goats, with the chelev of the kidneys of rams; for Hashem hath a zevach in Botzrah, and a tevach gadol in Eretz Edom.

[7] And the re’emim (wild oxen) shall fall with them, and the bull calves with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with dahm, and their aphar (dust) enriched with chelev.

[8] For it is the Yom Nakam L’Hashem (Day of Vengeance unto Hashem), and the Shnat Shillumim (Year of Retributions) for the cause of Tziyon.

[9] And the streams thereof [i.e., of Edom] shall be turned into zefet (pitch, tar), and the aphar (dust) thereof into gofrit (burning sulfur), and the land thereof shall become burning zefet (pitch, tar).

[10] It shall not be quenched lailah vyomam; the ashan (smoke) thereof shall go up l’olam (forever); from dor to dor it shall lie desolate; none shall pass through it l’etzach netzachim.

[11] But the desert owl and the screech owl shall possess it; even the yanshuf (great owl) and the orev (raven) shall dwell in it; and He shall stretch out upon it the measuring line of tohu, and the plumbline of vohu [See Genesis 1:2].

[12] For the nobles thereof there shall be nothing to call a maluchah (kingdom) and all her sarim shall come to naught.

[13] And sirim (thorns) shall come up in her citadels, nettles and brambles in the strongholds thereof; and it shall become the habitation of jackals, and the abode for banot ya’anah (ostriches).

[14] The tziyyim (martens) shall also encounter iyyim (wild cats), and a sa’ir (wild goat) calls to its companion, and lilit (night creature) dwells there and finds for itself a manoach (place of rest).

[15] There shall the kipoz (bittern) nest, and lay eggs, and hatch
and care for young under her
tzel; there shall the dayyot
(kites, vultures) also be
gathered, every one with its
mate.

|16| Search ye out in the
Sefer Hashem, and read; no
one of these creatures shall
fail, none shall lack her mate;
for My mouth hath
commanded, and His Ruach
hath gathered them.

|17| And He hath cast the
goral (lot) for them, and His
Yad hath made the land
assignment unto them by
measuring line; they shall
possess it ad olam, from dor to
dor shall they dwell therein.

The Midbar
(desert) and the
Tziyyah (dry land)
shall be glad over them
[the
redeemed of Hashem, see
35:9]; and the Aravah shall
rejoice, and blossom like the
khavatzelet (lily).

|2| It shall bloom
abundantly, and rejoice even
with gilat (rejoicing) and
rannein (joyous singing); the
kavod haLevanon (glory of
Lebanon) shall be given unto
her (the Aravah), the hadar
(majesty) of Carmel and
Sharon; they [i.e., the desert
dry land in v.1]
shall see
the Kavod Hashem (glory of
Hashem), and the Hadar
Eloheinu (majesty of our G-d).

|3| Make ye the weak hands
chazak (strong), and steady
the birkayim (knees) koshlot
(feeble ones [knees] that give
way, i.e., of those of the Golus
returning to G-d in Tziyon).

|4| Say to them that are of a
fearful lev, Be strong, fear not;
hinei, Eloheichem (your G-d)
will come with nakam
(vengeance), even Elohim
gemul (divine retribution); He
will come and save you.

|5| Then the eyes of the
ivrim (blind people)
shall be opened, and the
ears of the chereshim
(deaf ones) shall be
unstopped.

|6| Then shall the piseiach
(lame) leap like the deer, and
the leshon (tongue) of the
illem (the mute, the people
unable to utter speech) sing
for joy; for in the midbar shall
mayim break forth, and
streams in the Aravah.

|7| And the sharav (burning
sand) shall become an agam
(pool, lake, pond) and the
thirsty land, springs of mayim;
in the habitation of jackals,
where each [jackal] lay, shall
be khatzir (grassland) as well
as reeds and gomeh (papyrus,
bulrushes).

|8| And a maslul (highway)
shall be there, and a derech
(road), and it shall be called
The Derech HaKodesh (The
Holy Road); the tameh
(unclean, impure person [see
Isa 26:7]) shall not pass along
it, inasmuch as it shall be for
them; that is, the Holech
Derech (Walker of the Road,
[i.e., whoever is the 
Redeemed Wayfarer on the Derech
HaKodesh], even evilim
(morally bad foolish people)
shall not go astray thereon.

|9| No aryeh (lion) shall be
there, nor any peritz chayyot
(ravenous, dangerous,
ferocious of [wild] beasts) shall
go up thereon, it shall not be
found there; but the Ge’ulim
(redeemed people) shall walk
there;

|10| And the Peduyei
Hashem (ransomed ones of
Hashem) shall return, and
come to Tziyon with songs and
simchat olam (everlasting joy)
upon their heads; they shall
obtain sasson (joy) and
simchah (gladness), and
sorrow and sighing shall
flee away.

Now it came to
pass in the
fourteenth shanah
of Melech Chizkiyah, that
Sancheriv Melech Ashur came
up against all the fortified
cities of Yehudah, and
captured them.

|2| And Melech Ashur sent
Rav Shakeh from Lachish to
Yerushalayim unto Melech
Chizkiyah with a large army.

|3| Then came forth unto him
Elyakim Ben Chilkiah, who
was over the Bais (palace), and
Shevna the Sofer, and Yoach
Ben Asaph, the Mazkir
(secretary).

|4| And Rav Shakeh said
unto them, Say ye now to
Chizkiyah, Thus saith the
HaMelech Hagadol, Melech
Ashur, What bitachon
(confidence) is this wherein
thou trustest?

|5| I say, Your etzah (counsel)
and gevurah (strength) for
milchamah (war) are only
devor sefatayim [words of the
lips, empty words]; now on
whom dost thou trust, that
thou rebellest against me?

|6| But if thou say to me, We
trust in Hashem Eloheinu;
is it not He, whose high places
and whose mizbechot
Chizkiyah hath taken away,
and said to Yehudah and to
Yerushalayim, Ye shall
worship before this Mizbe’ach?

|8| Therefore give pledges,
now, to adoni HaMelech
Ashur, and I
will give thee two thousand susim, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them.  
[9] How then wilt thou turn away the face of one officer of the least of the avadim of adoni, and put thy trust on Mitrayim for chariots and for parashim?  
[10] And am I now come up without Hashem against this land to destroy it? Hashem said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.  
[11] Then said Elyakim and Shevna and Yoach unto Rav Shakeh, Speak now, thee, to thy avadim in Aramit (Aramaic); for we understand it; and speak not to us in Yehudit (Hebrew), in the ears of the people that are on the chomah.  
[12] But Rav Shakeh said, Is it to adoneicha and to you that adoni has sent me to speak these words? Hath he not sent me to the anashim that sit upon the chomah, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine with you?  
[13] Then Rav Shakeh stood, and cried with a kol gadol in Yehudit, and said, Hear ye the words of HaMelech Hagadol, the Melech Ashur.  
[14] Thus saith HaMelech, Let not Chizkiyah deceive you; for he shall not be able to save you.  
[15] Neither let Chizkiyah make you trust in Hashem, saying, Hashem will surely save us; this city shall not be given into the Melech Ashur.  
[16] Pay heed not to Chizkiyah; for thus saith HaMelech Ashur, Make a brocha with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his gefen, and every one of his te'enah and drink ye every one the waters of his own bor;  
[17] Until I come and take you away to an eretz like your own eretz, an eretz dagan and tirosh, an eretz lechem and kramim (vineyards).  
[18] Beware lest Chizkiyah mislead you, saying, Hashem will save us. Hath any of the elohei HaGoyim delivered his land out of the yad Melech Ashur?  
[19] Where are the elohei Chamat and Arpad? Where are the elohei Sepharvayim? And have they saved Shomron out of my yad?  
[20] Who are they among all elohim of these lands, that have saved their land out of my yad, that Hashem should save Yerushalayim out of my yad?  
[21] But they held their peace, and answered him not a davar; for the mitzvat HaMelech was saying, Answer him not.  
[22] Then came Elyakim Ben Chilkiyah, that was over the Bais, and Shevna the Sofer, and Yoach Ben Asaph, the Mazkir, to Chizkiyah with their begadim torn, and told him the words of Rav Shakeh.  
[23] And it came to pass, when HaMelech Chizkiyah heard it, that he tore his begadim, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the Beis Hashem.  
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of the Ir of Sepharvayim,
Hena, and Ivah?

|14| And Chizkiyahu received
the sefarim (letters) from the
yad hamalachim, and read it;
and Chizkiyahu went up unto
the Beis Hashem, and spread
it before Hashem.

|15| And Chizkiyahu davened
unto Hashem, saying,
|16| Hashem Tza'os, Eloheihem, Elohei
Yisroel, that dwellest between
the keruvim, Thou art
HaElohim, even Thou alone,
of kol mamlechot ha'aretz;
Thou hast made Shomayim
and HaAretz.

|17| Incline Thine ear,
Hashem, and hear; open
Thine eyes, Hashem, and see;
and hear all the words of
Sanecheriv, which he sent to
insult the Elohim Chai.

|18| Truly, Hashem, the
melachim of Ashur have laid
waste all the countries and
lands,
|19| And have cast eloheihem
into the eish; for they were no
elohim, but the ma'aseh yedei
adam, etz and even (stone); therefore
they have destroyed them.

|20| Now therefore, Hashem
Eloheinu, save us from his
yad, that kol mamlechot
ha'aretz may know that Thou
art Hashem, even Thou only.

|21| Then Yeshayah Ben Amoz
sent unto Chizkiyahu,
saying, Thus saith Hashem
Elohei Yisroel, Whereas thou
hast davened to Me against
Samecheriv Melech Ashur;

|22| This is the davar which
Hashem hath spoken
concerning him; The Betulat
Bat Tziyon, hath despised
thee, and laughed thee to
scorn; the Bat Yerushalayim
hath shaken her head at thee.

|23| Whom hast thou insulted
and made gidduf against? And
against whom hast thou raised
thy voice, and lifted up
thine eyes marom? Even
against Kadosh Yisroel.

|24| By thy avadim hast thou
insulted Adonoi, and hast
said, By the multitude of my
chariots am I come up marom
harim, to the heights of
Levanon; and I will cut down
the tall cedars thereof, and the
choice pine trees thereof;
and I will enter into its most
remote height, and the ya'ar
(forest) of its fruitful land.

|25| I have dug, and drunk
mayim; and with the sole of
my feet have I dried up all the
streams of the besieged places.

|26| Hast thou not heard long
ago, how I have done it; and of
yemei kedem (days of old),
that I have formed it? Now
have I brought it to pass, that
thou shouldest be to lay waste
fortified cities into ruinous
heaps.

|27| Therefore their
inhabitants were of small
power, they were dismayed
and put to shame; they were
as the esev of the sadeh, and
as the green herb, as the
khatzir (grass) on the gagot
(rooftops) is sun-scorched
before it is grown up.

|28| But I know thy sitting,
and thy going out, and thy
coming in, and thy rage
against Me.

|29| Because thy rage against
Me, and thy insolence, is come
up into Mine ears, therefore
will I put My hook in thy nose,
and My bit in thy sfatayim
(lips), and I will turn thee back
by the derech by which thou
camest.

|30| And this shall be HaOtt unto
thee, Ye shall eat this
year such as growth of itself;
and the second year that
which springeth from the
same; and in the third year
sow ye, and reap, and plant
kramim (vineyards), and eat
the fruit thereof.

|31| And the remnant that is
escaped of the Bais Yehudah
shall again take shoresh (root)
downward, and bear pri
upward;

|32| For out of Yerushalayim
shall go forth She'et (remnant)
and they that escape out of Mt Tziyon;
the zeal of Hashem Tza'os shall
accomplish this.

|33| Therefore thus saith
Hashem concerning Melech
Ashur, He shall not come into
this city, nor shoot khetz (an
arrow) there, nor come before
it with mogen, nor cast a siege
ramp against it.

|34| By the derech that he
came, by the same shall he
return, and shall not come
into this city, saith Hashem.

|35| For I will defend this city
to save it for Mine Own sake,
and for the sake of Dovid
Avdi.

|36| Then the Malach
Hashem went forth, and
struck down in the Machaneh
Ashur a hundred and
fourscore and five
elef; and when they arose early
in the boker, hinei, they were
all pegarim mesim (dead
corpses).

|37| So Sanecheriv Melech
Ashur departed, and went and
returned, and dwelt in
Nineveh.

|38| And it came to pass, as
he was worshiping in the Bais
Nisroch eloahov, that
Adramelech and Saretzer, his
banim, cut him down with the
cherov; they escaped into
Eretz Ararat; Esar Chadon
bro reigned in his place.

|39| In those days was
Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) sick
unto death. And HaNavi
Yeshayah Ben Amoz came
unto him, and said unto him,
Thus saith Hashem, Set thine
yad hamalachim, and read it;
and he read it before him.

|40| And Chizkiyahu
whispered in the ear of the
malach, saying, fashioned
are thy hands, that thou shouldest
save Mine Own sake?

|41| For Mine Own sake shall
I deliver thee; and for the sake
of Dovid my servant, whom I
loved.

|42| And Hashem went forth,
and struck Ashur, even shem and
ziyyon into ruinous heaps.

|43| And Ashur the great
city, wherein are the choicest
people, is destroyed; and the
forests thereof are cut down.

|44| And all Ashur shall be
flung into the ha'aretz; and
its name shall be no more.

|45| And they shall build
up Zion, and they shall plant
Jerusalem.

|46| And they shall plant
trees beside the waters of
Jerusalem; they shall plant
palm trees in the midst of her;
her waters shall be fresh; and
pillars shall come out round about
it; and all of it shall be for
the habitation of the house of
Israel.

|47| And there shall be..

|48| And the Lord Hashem will
a flower shall spring forth
unto Zion, and a song
shall come up, and everlasting
honor shall be
established.

|49| For this is the davar
which Hashem hath spoken
behinenu.

|50| The vision of Shaul
Hashem.

|51| In those days was
Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) sick
unto death. And HaNavi
Yeshayah Ben Amoz came
unto him, and said unto him,
Thus saith Hashem, Set thine
yad in order; for thou shalt
die, and not live.

|52| Then Chizkiyahu
(Hezekiah) turned his face
upward, and davened unto Hashem,
[3] And said, Remember now, Hashem, I beseech thee, how I have walked before Thee in emes and with lev shalem, and have done that which is tov in Thy sight. And Chizkiyahu (Hezekiah) wept with bekhi gadol (great weeping).

[4] Then came the Devar Hashem to Yeshayah, saying,

[5] Go, and say to Chizkiyahu, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Dovid Avicha, I have heard thy tefillah; I am oppressed; go surety for me. And I will recover thee to evet, and is sent into the Golus Melech Yehudah, when he had been ill, and was recovered who had heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.

[2] And Chizkiyahu was glad about them, and showed them the Bais Nekhotoh (Treasure House), the kesef, and the zahav, and the spices, and the shemen hatov, and all the Bais Keli of his, and all that was found in his otzerot; there was nothing in his Bais, nor in all his nemechalet, that Chizkiyahu did not show them.

[3] Then Yeshayah HaNavi came unto HaMelech Chizkiyahu, and said unto him, What said these anashim? And from where came they unto thee? And Chizkiyahu said, They are come from etrez rechokah (a far country) unto me, even from Babylon.

[4] Then he said, What have they seen in thine Bais? And Chizkiyahu answered, All that was in mine Bais have they seen; there is nothing among my otzerot (treasures) that I have not showed them.

[5] Then said Yeshayah to Chizkiyahu, Hear the Devar Hashem Tzivos; in all his memshalet, that there is nothing among my otzerot; there was found in his otzerot; there was nothing in his Bais, nor in all his nemechalet, that Chizkiyahu did not show them.

[6] And I will deliver thee and this Ir unto the house of Melech Ashur (Assyria); and I will defend HaIr Hazot.

[7] And this shall be HaOt (the Sign) unto thee from Hashem, that Hashem will do this thing that He hath spoken;

[8] Hineni, I will bring again the ozaim (boil, inflamed spot), that he had been ill, and was recovered.

[9] The writing of Chizkiyahu Melech Yehudah, when he had been ill, and was recovered from his illness:

[10] I said in the cutting short of my yamim, I shall go to the Sha'arei Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder of my life; He would have cut me off from me like ohel ro'i; As an oreg (weaver) I rolled up my life; He would have cut me loose from the roll; from yom even to lailah wilt Thou make an end of me.

[11] I said, I shall not see Hashem, even Hashem, in the Eretz HaChayyim; I shall behold adam no more with the inhabitants of the world.

[12] Mine dwelling is pulled up, and is sent into the Golus from me like ohel ro'i; As an oreg (weaver) I rolled up my life; He would have cut me loose from the roll; from yom even to lailah wilt Thou make an end of me.

[13] I waited until boker, that, like an ari (lion), so will He break all my atzmot; from yom even to lailah wilt Thou make an end of me.

[14] Like a swallow or a crane, so did I chirp; I did moan like a yonah; mine eyes grew weak from looking heavenward; Adonoi, I am oppressed; go surety for me. And I will recover thee to evet, and is sent into the Golus Melech Yehudah, when he had been ill, and was recovered who had heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.

[15] What shall I say? He hath both promised me, and Himself hath done it; I shall walk quietly all my shanot in the mar (bitterness) of my nefesh.

[16] Adonoi, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my ruach; so Thou recovered me to health, and made me to live.

[17] Hinei, for shalom (peace) did I have great bitterness; for Thou hast in love to my nefesh delivered it from the shachat (pit) of destruction; for Thou hast cast all my chatta'im behind Thy back.

[18] For Sheol cannot thank Thee, mavet can not praise Thee; they that go down into the bor (pit) cannot hope for Thy emes. The living, the living, he is the bor (pit) cannot hope for Thy emes.

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[20] Hashem will save me; therefore will we sing with stringed instruments kol yemei chayyeinu (all the days of our life) in the Beis Hashem.

[21] For Yeshayah had said, Let them take a cake of te'enim, and apply it upon the shechin (boil, inflamed spot), and he shall recover.

[22] Chizkiyahu also had said, What is the Ot (Sign) that I shall go up to the Beis Haikhal Melech Bavel.

[23] At that time Merodach Baladan Ben Baladan Melech Bavel sent sefarim (letters) and a minchah (gift) to Chizkiyahu; for he had heard that he had been sick, and had recovered.

[24] And Adonoi was glad about them, and showed them the Bais Nekhotoh (Treasure House), the kesef, and the zahav, and the spices, and the shemen hatov, and all the Bais Keli of his, and all that was found in his otzerot; there was nothing in his Bais, nor in all his nemechalet, that Chizkiyahu did not show them.

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[8] Then Chizkiyah said to Yeshayah, Tov is the Devar Hashem which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be shalom and emes in my days.

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye My people, saith Eloheichem.

[2] Speak ye to the lev Yerushalayim, and preach unto her, that her tzava'a (time of hard service, warfare) is ended, that her avon (iniquity) is nirtzah (punitively paid for, pardoned); for she hath received of the Yad Hashem kiflayim (double) in payment for all her chattot.


[4] Every gey (valley) shall be raised up, and every har and givah (hill) shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places bikah (plain, valley);

[5] And the kavod Hashem shall be revealed, and all basar shall see it together; for the mouth of Hashem hath spoken.

[6] The voice said, Preach. And he said, What shall I preach? All basar is khatzir (grass), and all the chesed (constancy) thereof is as the tzitz (flower, blossom) of the sadeh;

[7] The khatzir (grass) withereth, the tzitz (flower, blossom) falleth; because the Ruach of Hashem bloweth upon it; surely the people is khatzir (grass).

[8] The khatzir withereth, the tzitz falleth; but the Devar Eloheinu shall stand forever.

[9] O Mevaseret Tziyon (O Herald, Preacher of Besorah [Good News, Gospel] Tziyon, O Lady Evangelist Tziyon), get thee up into the har gavo'ah (high mountain); O Mevaseret Yerushalayim (O Herald, Preacher of Besorah [Good News, Gospel] Yerushalayim, O Lady Evangelist Yerushalayim), lift up thy voice with ko'ach; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the towns of Yehudah, Hinei Eloheichem!

[10] Hinei, Adonoi Hashem will come with chazak, and His zero'a [Moshiah, see Isaiah 53:1] shall rule for Him; hinei, His sachar (reward) is with Him, and His pe'ullah (work, recompense, retribution, penal reward [for His enemies]) before Him.

[11] He shall feed His Eder (lamb) upon the rock; He shall gather the tela'im (lambs) with His zero'a, and carry them in His kheyk, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

[12] Who hath measured the mayim in the hollow of His Hand, and meted out Shomayim with a handbreadth, and enclosed the apher ha'aretz in a measure, and weighed the harim (mountains) in scales, and the gev'aot (hills) in a balance? [See Prov 30:4.]

[13] Who hath directed the derech tevunot (way of understanding, intelligence)?

[14] With whom did He take counsel, and who gave Him binah, and taught Him in the orakh mishpat, and taught Him da'as, and showed Him the derech tevunot (way of understanding, intelligence)?

[15] Surely the Goyim are like a drop in a bucket, and are accounted as dust of the scales; surely He taketh up the achar ha'aretz (foundations of the earth)?

[16] Who hath measured the ha'aretz (foundations of the earth)?

[20] He that is so impoverished that He hath no terumah chooseth an etz that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a charash chacham (skilled craftsman) to prepare a pesel, that shall not topple.

[21] Have ye not known? Have ye not heard? Hath it not been told you from the beginning? Have ye not understood from the mosedot ha'aretz (foundations of the earth)?

[22] It is He that sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are like chagavim (grasshoppers); that stretcheth out Shomayim like a curtain, and spreadeth them out like an ohel to dwell in;

[23] That bringeth the roznim (rulers) to nothing; He maketh the Shoftei Eretz like tohu.

[24] Indeed, they shall not be planted; indeed, they shall not be sown; indeed, their stem shall not take root ba'aretz (in the ground); and He shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the se'arah (storm wind) shall take them away like the kash (straw, stubble, chaff).

[25] To whom then will ye liken Me, or shall I be equal? saith the Kadosh.

[26] Lift up your eyes marom (on high, i.e., into the heavens), and behold. Who hath created [T.N. This chp needs to be seen also in light of Ac chp 2 and Jerusalem’s Besurah HaGeulah proclaimed there.]
these things, that bringeth out their tzeva'a (host, legions) by mispar (number); He calleth them all b'shem (by name) because of the abundance of His power and the might of His ko'ach; not one [star] is missing.

[27] Why sayest thou, O Ya'akov, and speakest, O Yisroel, My derech is hid from Hashem, and my mishpat is passed over and disregarded by Elohai?

[28] Hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard, that the Elohei Olam, Hashem, Boreh Ketzot HaAretz (Creator of the ends of the earth), fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His tevunah (understanding, intelligence).

[29] He giveth ko'ach to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth power.

[30] Even the ne'arim (youths) shall faint and grow weary, and the bochurim shall utterly fall;

[31] But they that wait upon Hashem shall renew their ko'ach; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not grow weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Keep silence before Me, O iyim (islands); and let the people renew their ko'ach (strength); let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together for mishpat (judgment, i.e., G-d's tribunal)

[2] Who awakened the just one [Korosh, Cyrus 44:28] from the mizrach (east), called him to His raglayim, gave the Goyim before him, and made him ruler over melachim? He gave them as the conqueror's cherev, and as windblown kash (chaff, stubble) to his [the conqueror's] keshet (bow).

[3] He [the conqueror] pursued them, and passed on in shalom; even by the orach (path) that his feet do not even come.

[4] Who hath wrought and done it, calling forth the dorot from the beginning? I Hashem, the Rishon (First), and with the Acharonim (Last ones); I am He.

[5] The iyim [islands] saw it, and feared; the ketzot ha'aretz (ends of the earth) trembled; they approached and came near.

[6] They helped everyone his re'a; and everyone said to his brother, chazak!

[7] So the charash (craftsman) encouraged the tzoref (goldsmith), and he that smootheth with the patish (hammer) encouraged him that strikes the anvil, saying, of the soldering, tov hu; and he fastened it with nails, so that it should not topple.

[8] But thou, Yisroel, art Avdi, Ya'akov whom I have chosen, the zera Avraham Ohavi (My friend).

[9] Thou whom I have taken hold of from the ketzot ha'aretz, and called thee from the farthest borders thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art Avdi; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.

[10] Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am Eloheicha; I will help thee; indeed, I will uphold thee with My yamin tzedek.

[11] Surely, all they that were raging against thee shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing; and the anshei rivecha (they that strive with thee) shall perish.

[12] Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even the anshei matzutecha (them that contended with thee); the anshei matzutecha (they that war against thee) shall be as nothing, and as a thing of naught.

[13] For I Hashem Eloheicha will take hold of thy yamin (right hand), saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

[14] Fear not, thou tolaat (worm) Ya'akov, and ye men of Yisroel; I will help thee, saith Hashem, and thy Go'el (Redeemer), the Kadosh Yisroel.

[15] Hinei, I will make thee a new sharp threshing iron having pifiyyot (blades); thou shalt thresh the harim, and beat them small, and shalt make the gevot (hills) as motz (chaff).

[16] Thou shalt winnow them, and the ma'ach shall carry them away, and the se'arah shall scatter them; and thou shalt rejoice in Hashem, and shalt glory in Kadosh Yisroel.

[17] When the aniyim and evyonim seek mayim, and there is none, and their leshon faileth for tzama (thirst), I Hashem will hear them, I the Elohei Yisroel will not forsake them.

[18] I will open neharot on the hilltops, and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the midbar a pool of mayim, and the dry land sources of mayim.

[19] I will plant in the midbar the cedar, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the etz shemen; I will set in the Aravah the cypress, and the fir, and the box tree together;

[20] So that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the Yad Hashem hath done this, and the Kadosh Yisroel hath created it.
[21] Present your case, saith Hashem; bring forth your strong arguments for proof, saith Melech Yaakov.

[22] Let them bring them forth, and tell us what shall happen; let them tell the rishonot (former things), what they are, that we may consider them, and know the acharit (latter end, final outcome) of them; or declare us things to come.

[23] Tell the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are elohim; indeed, do tov, or do rah, that we may be afraid, and terrified.

[24] See, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought; a toevah (abomination) is he that chooseth you.

[25] I have awakened one [Koresh, Cyrus] from the tzafon (north), and he shall come; from the rising of the shemesh shall he call upon My Shem; and he shall come upon rulers as upon mortar, and as the yotzer (potter) treadeth clay.

[26] Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? And from beforehand, that we may say, He was in the right? Indeed, there is none that telleth, indeed, there is none that preacheth, indeed, there is none that heareth your words.

[27] The rishon shall say to Tziyon, Hinei, behold them; and I will give to Yerushalayim mevaser (one that bringeth good news).

[28] For I beheld, and there was no ish; even among them, and there was no Yo'etz (counselor), that, when I asked of them, could answer a word.

[29] See, they [the idols] are all aven (wickedness); their ma'asim are nothing; their molten images are ruach and tohu.

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[42] Here is Avdi [Moshiach, see Zech 3:8; Isa 52:13], whom I uphold; Mine Bachir (Elect One, Chosen One), in whom My nefesh delighteth; I have put My Ruach [Hakodesh] upon Him; He [Moshiach] shall bring forth mishpat to the Goyim.

[2] He [Moshiach] shall not cry out, nor lift up His kol (voice), nor cause it to be heard in the street.

[3] A bruised reed shall He [Moshiach] not break, and a smoking wick shall He not quench; He shall bring forth mishpat according to emes.

[4] He [Moshiach] shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He establish mishpat ha'aretz, and the iyim shall wait for His (Moshiach's) torah [1 Th 4:12].

[5] Thus saith HaEl Hashem, Boreh HaShomayim, and the One stretching them out; He that spread out ha'aretz, and that which cometh out of it as produce; He that giveth neshamah (soul) unto HaAm upon it, and ruach to them that walk thereon [See 1 Th 5:23 OJBC]:

[6] I Hashem have called Thee in tzedek, and will take hold of Thine yad, and will keep Thee, and give Thee [Moshiach] for a Brit (Covenant, Mt 26:28) of the Am (People), for an Ohr Goyim;

[7] To open the einayim ivrot (blind eyes), to bring out the captives from confinement, and them that sit in choshech out of the bais keleh (dungeon, prison).

[8] I am Hashem; that is Shmi; and My kavod will I not give to another, neither My tehillah (praise) to pesilim.

[9] Hinei, the rishonot (former things) are come to pass, and chadashot (new things) do I declare; before titzmachnah (they spring forth; Tzemach) I tell you of them.

[10] Sing unto Hashem a shir chadash (new song), and His tehillah from the ketzeh ha'aretz, ye that go down to the yam, and all that is therein. You iyim (islands), and the inhabitants thereof.

[11] Let the midbar and the towns thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the rosh harim.

[12] Let them give kavod unto Hashem, and declare His tehillah in the iyim.

[13] Hashem shall go forth like a Gibbor, He shall arouse kina (zeal) like an ish milchamah; He shall shout, indeed, raise a war cry; He shall prevail against His oyvim.

[14] I have meolam held My peace; I have been quiet, and refrained Myself; now will I cry out like a travailing woman; I will lay waste and devour at once.

[15] I will lay waste harim and geva'ot (hills), and dry up all their esev (vegetation); and I will make the neharot into aaron, and I will dry up agamim (pools, lakes).

[16] And I will bring the ivrim (blind) by a derech that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known; I will make choshech into ohr before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

[17] They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in pesel, that say to the masekhah (molten images), You (plural) are eloheinu (our g-ds).

[18] Hear, ye chereshim (deaf people); and look,
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ye ivrim (blind people) that ye may see.

[19] Who is ivver (blind), but Avdi (Yisroel)? Or chersh (deaf), like meshullam (the one committed) [to Me] and ivver like the Eved Hashem [i.e., Yisroel].

[20] Seeing rabbit, but thou observest not; opening the ozmayim, but he heareth not.

[21] Hashem is well pleased unto His torah. And He that formed Ya'akov, And He that wrought in Ya'akov to a chadashah (new thing); and the strength of the fury of His anger, and the melekh (king).

[22] But this is Am (People) robbed and looted; they are all of them snared in holes, or hidden in batei kela'im (dungeons): they are for plunder, and none delivereth; for loot, and none saith, Give it back!

[23] Who among you will give ozen (ear) to this? Who will pay heed and hear for the time to come?

[24] Who gave Ya'akov as loot, and Yisroel to ones plundering? Did not Hashem, He against Whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in the darkhei HaShem, and the strength of the fury of milchamah; and it consumed it, it laid it not to lev.

[25] Therefore He hath poured upon it the chemah (burning heat) of His anger, and the strength of the fury of milchamah; and it hath set him on fire round about, yet it knew not; and it consumed it, yet it laid it not to lev.

But now thus saith Hashem that created thee, O Ya'akov, And He that formed thee, O Yisroel, Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy shem; thou art Mine.

[2] When thou passest through the mayim, I will be with thee; and through the neharot, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the eish, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

[3] For I am Hashem Eloheicha, the Kadosh Yisroel, thy Moshi'a: I gave Mitzrayim for thy kofer (ransom), Kush and Seva in exchange for thee, and I am El.

[4] Since thou wast precious in My sight, thou hast been honored, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give thee: in exchange for thee, and people in exchange for thy nefesh.

[5] Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy zera from the ma'arav (west); and thy zera from the ma'arav (east), and gather thee: I will bring thy zera from the ketzeh ha'aretz; and the ostriches; because they shall honor Me, the jackals that ye have called thee by thy shem; thou art Mine.

[6] I will say to the tzafon (north), Give them up; and to the teiman (south), hold not back; bring My banim from afar, and My banot from the ketzeh ha'aretz.

[7] Even every one that is called by My Shem, whom I have created and I have made.

[8] Bring forth the Am Ivver that have eyes, and the chersh (deaf) that have ozmayim. Let kol HaGoyim be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled; who among them can declare this, and show us rishonot (former things)? Let them bring forth their edim (witnesses), that they may be vindicated: or let them hear, and say, It is emes.

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[10] Ye are My edim (witnesses), saith Hashem. And Avdi whom I have chosen; so that ye may know and believe Me, and understand that Ani Hu (I am He); before Me there was no El formed, neither shall there be after Me.

[11] I, even I, am Hashem; and apart from Me there is no Moshi'a.

[12] I have declared, and have saved, and I have proclaimed, when there was no zar (foreign) [g-d] among you; therefore you plural [plural] are My edim (witnesses), saith Hashem, that I am El.

[13] Yes, before the yom was, Ani Hu (I am He); and there is none that can deliver out of My Yad; I work, and who shall reverse it?

[14] Thus saith Hashem, your Go’el, the Kadosh Yisroel; For your sake [see Isaiah 45:4] I have sent to Babylon, and I shall bring down the fugitives, all of them, even the Kasdim (Chaldeans), whose shout of joy is in the ships.

[15] I am Hashem, your Kadosh, the Boreh Yisroel, your Melech.

[16] Thus saith Hashem, which maketh a derech in the yam, and a path in the mayim azzim (mighty waters);

[17] Which drew out the merkavah and sus, the army and warrior; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, they are quenched like a wick.

[18] Remember ye not the rishonot (former things) neither consider kadmoniyyot (the things of old).

[19] Hineni, I am doing a chadashah (new thing); now tizmach (it shall spring forth; Tzomach); shall ye not perceive it? I will even make a derech in the midbar, and neharot in the desert.

[20] The animal of the wild shall honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give mayim in the midbar, and neharot in the desert, to give drink to My People, My Bachir.
Yet now hear, O Ya'akov Avdi; and Yisroel, whom I have chosen.
[2] Thus saith Hashem that made thee, and formed thee from the beten (womb), Who will help thee; Fear not, O Ya'akov, Avdi; and thou, Yeshurun, whom I have chosen.
[3] For I will pour mayim upon him that is thirsty, and flowing streams upon the yabashah [Gn 1:9]; I will pour out My Ruach [Hakodesh] upon thy zera, and My brocha upon thine offspring:
[4] Vtzamechu (and they shall spring up; Tzemach) as among khatzir, as willows by the streams of mayim.
[5] One shall say, I belong to Hashem; and another shall call himself by the shem of Ya'akov; and another shall write [in witness] with thy yad, Hashem's, and surname himself by the shem Yisroel.
[6] Thus saith Hashem Melech Yisroel, and His Go'el, Hashem Tzva'os; I am the Achoron; and apart from Me there is no Elohim. 
[7] And who is like Me, who can preach as I do? Let him declare thy chattot. I, even I, am He that declareth to thee long ago, and have shown thee in order before Me, since I made it known and set it out:
[8] Fear ye not, neither be afraid; have not I proclaimed to thee long ago, and have made it known? Ye are even My edim. Is there Eloah apart from Me? And there is no Elohim. Acharon; and apart from Me, Rishon, and I am the Hashem Hashem's, and surname myself by the shem Yisroel. 
[9] They that make a pesel are all of them tohu; and their chamudim (favorite craftsmen), they are only adam; let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.
[10] The charash barzel (ironsmith) with his ma'atzad (chisel) both worketh in the red-hot coals, and formeth it with hammers, and forgeth it with his zeroa ko'ach and also, he is hungry, and his ko'ach faleth; he drinketh no mayim, and grows faint.
[11] The charash tzva'os (carpenter) stretcheth out his measuring line; he marketh it out with sere (red chalk); he worketh it with planes, and he marketh it out with a compass, and maketh it after the tavnit ish (pattern of a man), according to the tiferet adam; that it may stay inside the bais (idolatrous cult shrine).
[12] He heweth down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he secureth for himself among the atzei ya'ar (trees of the forest); he planteth a pine, and geshem nourisheth it.
[13] Then shall it be for an adam to burn; for he will take thereof, and warm himself; and also, he kindleth it, and baketh lechem; and also he maketh el (g-d), and boweth down in worship to it; he maketh it a pesel, and falleth down unto it.
[14] He burneth half thereof in the eish; with the other half thereof he eateth basar; he roasteth roast meat, and is satisfied; and also, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I perceive ur (flame)!
[15] And the shererit thereof he maketh el, even his pesel; he falleth down unto it, and boweth down in worship to it, and davenos unto it, and saith, Save me; for thou art Eli!
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| 44 | They have no da’as nor binah; for their eyes [the eyes of the idol people] are smeared over, that they cannot see; and their levavot, that they cannot understand. | 45 | Thus saith Hashem, to His Moshiaf, to Koresh (Cyrus), whose yamin (right hand) I have taken hold of, to subdue Goyim before him; and the loins of melachim I ungird, to open before him the double doors and the she’arim (gates), that they may not continue shut; | 5 | I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; |
| 5 | And none considereth in his lev, neither is there da’as nor tevunah (understanding, intelligence) to say, I have burned half of it in the eish; and, also I have baked lechem upon the hot coals thereof; I have roasted basar, and eaten it; and shall I make the rest thereof to’evah? Shall I bow down to the bul etz (product of a tree, i.e., a block of wood)? | 6 | That confirmeth the davar of His eved, and fulfilleth the etza (prediction) of His malachim; that saith to Yerushalayim, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the towns of Yehudah, Ye shall be rebuilt, and I will raise up the ruins thereof; |
| 6 | Thus saith Hashem, thy po’al (work) hath no foolishness; that turneth back chachamim, and maketh their da’as (knowledge, science) soothsayers) into madmen; | 7 | That saith of Koresh (Cyrus), He is Ro’i (My Shepherd), and shall accomplish all My pleasure; even saying to Yerushalayim, Thou shalt be rebuilt; and to the Heikhal, Thy foundation shall be laid. |
| 7 | That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy naharot; | 8 | For the sake of avdi Elohei Yisroel. |
| 8 | And none considereth in his lev, neither is there da’as nor tevunah (understanding, intelligence) to say, I have burned half of it in the eish; and, also I have baked lechem upon the hot coals thereof; I have roasted basar, and eaten it; and shall I make the rest thereof to’evah? Shall I bow down to the bul etz (product of a tree, i.e., a block of wood)? | 9 | Thus saith Hashem, to His Moshiaf, to Koresh (Cyrus), whose yamin (right hand) I have taken hold of, to subdue Goyim before him; and the loins of melachim I ungird, to open before him the double doors and the she’arim (gates), that they may not continue shut; |
| 9 | I made Eretz, and I made it, when I was weary; and it was created. | 10 | And I will give thee the ozarot choshech, and hidden riches of mistarim (secret places) that thou mayest know that I, Hashem, Who call thee by thy shem (name), am Elohei Yisroel. |
| 10 | Woe unto him that saith of ari (clay) say to the Yotzer of it, What art Thou making? Or Thy po’al (work) hath no handles? |
| 11 | Thus saith Hashem, Kadosh Yisroel, and its Yotzer, Will ye ask Me of otiyyot (things to come, future things) concerning My banim, and will ye command Me regarding the po’al of My hands? |
| 11 | I have aroused him [Cyrus] in tzedek, and I will make straight all the darkhei of him; he shall rebuild my city, and he shall release of the Golus of Mine, not for |
| 12 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; | 13 | I have commanded. |
| 13 | Thus saith Hashem, Kadosh Yisroel, and its Yotzer, Will ye ask Me of otiyyot (things to come, future things) concerning My banim, and will ye command Me regarding the po’al of My hands? |
| 14 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; | 15 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; | 16 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; |
| 16 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; | 17 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; |
| 17 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; | 18 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; |
| 18 | I made Eretz, and I created adam upon it; I am Hashem, and there is none other, there is no Elohim besides Me; I equipped thee, though thou hast not known Me; | 19 | That they may know from the rising of the shemesh, even to the ma’arav (west, setting place of the sun), that there is none apart from Me. I am Hashem, and there is no other [Elohim]. |
| 19 | For the sake of avdi Elohei Yisroel. | 20 | That saith of Koresh (Cyrus), He is Ro’i (My Shepherd), and shall accomplish all My pleasure; even saying to Yerushalayim, Thou shalt be rebuilt; and to the Heikhal, Thy foundation shall be laid. |
| 20 | That saith of Koresh (Cyrus), He is Ro’i (My Shepherd), and shall accomplish all My pleasure; even saying to Yerushalayim, Thou shalt be rebuilt; and to the Heikhal, Thy foundation shall be laid. | 21 | Remember these things, O Yaakov and Yisroel; for thou art avdi; I have formed thee; thou art an eved to Me; O Yisroel, do not forget Me! | 21 | Remember these things, O Yaakov and Yisroel; for thou art avdi; I have formed thee; thou art an eved to Me; O Yisroel, do not forget Me! |
| 21 | That saith of Koresh (Cyrus), He is Ro’i (My Shepherd), and shall accomplish all My pleasure; even saying to Yerushalayim, Thou shalt be rebuilt; and to the Heikhal, Thy foundation shall be laid. |
| 22 | That saith of Koresh (Cyrus), He is Ro’i (My Shepherd), and shall accomplish all My pleasure; even saying to Yerushalayim, Thou shalt be rebuilt; and to the Heikhal, Thy foundation shall be laid. | 22 | I have swept away thy peysha’im like a cloud, and like an anan, thy chattot; Shuva elai ki gealticha (return, like an anan, thy chattot; Shuva elai ki gealticha (return, like an anan, thy chattot; |
| 22 | I have swept away thy peysha’im like a cloud, and like an anan, thy chattot; Shuva elai ki gealticha (return, like an anan, thy chattot; Shuva elai ki gealticha (return, like an anan, thy chattot; | 23 | Sing for joy, O ye harim, O ya’ar (forest), and earth; break forth into singing, done it; shout, ye depths of the Shomayim; for Hashem hath redeemed Yaakov, and Yisroel My Elohei Yisroel. |
| 23 | Sing for joy, O ye harim, O ya’ar (forest), and earth; break forth into singing, done it; shout, ye depths of the Shomayim; for Hashem hath redeemed Yaakov, and Yisroel My Elohei Yisroel. |
| 24 | Thus saith Hashem, thy po’al (work) hath no foolishness; that turneth back chachamim, and maketh their da’as (knowledge, science) soothsayers) into madmen; | 25 | That annuls the otot of earth) by Myself; |
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price nor reward, saith Hashem Tzva’os.
|14| Thus saith Hashem, The toil of Mizrayim, and merchandise of Kush and of the Seva’im (Sabeans, those from Seba in Arabia), men of tall stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall cast themselves down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely El (G-d) is with thee; and there is none other, no other Elohim.
|15| Verily Thou art El (G-d) that hidest Thyself, O Elohei Yisroel, Moshia.
|16| They shall be put to shame, and also confounded, all of them; they shall go to confusion together that are charashei tzirim (crafters of images, idols).
|17| But Yisroel shall be saved in Hashem with a Teshuah Olamim (an everlasting salvation); ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded ad olamei ad (for all eternity).
|18| For thus saith Hashem Borei HaShomayim hu HaElohim Yotzer ha’aretz and Borei HaEretz hu Elohei Moshi’a, Elohei Yisroel.

46 Bel boweth down, Nevo stoopeth low, their atzabim (idols) were upon the beasts, and upon the behemah; your litters were heavy laden; they are a massa (burden) to the weary beast.

|12| They stoop, they bow down together; they [Bel and Nevo, gds of Babylon] could not save the massa (burden), but their own selves are gone to shew (captivity, Golus).
|13| They make them to passe; I have purposed it, I will indeed bring it to pass; I have spoken it, I will确实 bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.
|14| Pay heed unto Me, ye abirei lev (stubborn of heart), that are far from tzedakah; I bring near My tzedakah; it shall not be far off, and My Teshuah (Salvation) shall not tarry; and your gray hair will I carry you; I have made, and I will carry; even I will carry, and will deliver you.
|15| Lemi (to whom) will ye compare Me, and make Me equal, and liken Me, that we may be comparable?
|16| They lavish zahav out of the bag, and weisef on the scale, and hire a tozero (goldsmith); and he maketh it El (G-d); they fall down, yes, they bow down in worship.
|17| They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him up in his place, and he standeth; from his makom shall he not move; yes, though one shall cry out unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his tzors.
|18| Remember this, and stand firm; bring it again to lev (heart, mind), O ye poshe'im (rebelling, transgressing ones).
|19| Remember the rishonot (former things) me’olam (of old); for I am El (G-d); and there is not another [G-d]; Elohim, and there is none like Me.
|20| Making known acharim (end-times things) from reshit (the beginning), and mikedem (from ancient times) the things that have not yet happened, saying, My etza (counsel, purpose, plan) shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure; Calling a bird of prey from the mizrach (east), the ish that executeth My etza (counsel, purpose, plan) from a far country; yes, I have spoken it, I will indeed bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.
|21| Pay heed unto Me, ye abirei lev (stubborn of heart), that are far from tzedakah; I bring near My tzedakah; it shall not be far off, and My Teshuah (Salvation) shall not tarry; and your gray hair will I carry you; I have made, and I will carry; even I will carry, and will deliver you.
I will place Teshuah in Tziyon for Yisroel Tife’arti (My Glory).

Go down, and sit in the aphar, O Betulat Bat Bavel, sit on the ground; there is no kisse, O Bat Kasdim (Chaldeans); for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2 Take the millstones, and grind meal; uncover thy tzammah (hair, tresses) lift up thy shohvel (train, skirt), bare the thigh, pass over the neharot.

3 Thy ervat (nakedness) shall be exposed, yes, thy cherpah (shame, reproach) shall be seen; I will take nakam (vengeance) and I will not be as adam when I meet thee.

4 Go’aleinu, Hashem Tzva’os Shmo, Kadosh Yisroel.

5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into choshech, O Bat Kasdim (Chaldeans); for thou shalt no more be called, Geveret Mamllachot (The Lady of Kingdoms).

6 I was angry with My people, I have profaned Mine nachalah, and given them into thine yad; thou didst show them no rachamim (mercy); upon the zaken (ancient, old) hast thou very heavily laid thy ol (yoke).

7 And thou saidst, I shall be a Geveret adolah (Lady forever): so that thou didst not lay these things to thy lev, neither didst remember her [Babylon’s] acharit (latter end, moment), in yom echad, shechol (the loss of children), and almon (widowhood); they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy kashefanut (sorceries, witchcraft) and for the otzamah (great abundance) of thine khavaram (spells, magic, enchantments).

8 Thou hast trusted in thy ra’ah (wickedness); thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy chochmah and thy da’as, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine lev, I am, and none else beside me.

9 Therefore shall ra’ah come upon thee; thou shalt not know its shachar (dawn, from whence it riseth); and tragedy will befall thee; thou shalt not be able to make kofer (ransom) to ward it off; tho’ kofer (kofer) to ward it off; thou shalt not be able to make kofer (ransom) to ward it off; and shoaah (catastrophe) shall come upon thee pitom (suddenly), which thou shalt not foresee or know.

10 Stand now with thine khavaram (spells, magic, enchantments), and with the multitude of thy kashefanut (sorceries, witchcraft) wherein thou hast toiled from thy nehir; perhaps thou shalt be able to succeed, perhaps thou mayest cause terror.

11 Thou art wearied in the terror.

12 Thou hast heard, look at them. For they call themselves of the Ir HaKodesh, and lean themselves upon Elohei Yisroel; but not in emes, nor in tzedakah.

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lest thou shouldest say, Hinei, I knew them.

[8] Thou hearest not; thou hadst no da’as; from of old, thine ozen (ear) was not opened; for I knew that thou wouldest deal as a boged opened; for I knew that thou had no da’as; from of old, |8| Thou heardest not; thou hadst no da’as; from of old,


[10] Hinei, I have refined thee, but not as kesef; I have chosen thee in the furnace of oni (affliction).

[11] For Mine own sake, even for Mine own sake will I do it; for how can I allow Chillul Hashem? And I will not give Mine kavod unto another.

[12] Pay heed unto Me, O Ya’akov and Yisroel, My called; My kavod unto another.

[13] Mine Yad hath loved him [i.e., Cyrus], he will do His chafetz (pleasure, will) on Babylon, and His yadim shall be on the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

[14] All ye, assemble yourselves, and listen. Which among them [the pesilim, idols] hath declared these things? Hashem hath loved him [i.e., Cyrus], he will do His chafetz (pleasure, will) on Babylon, and His yadim shall be on the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

[15] I, even I, have spoken; indeed, I have called him [i.e., Cyrus]; I have brought him, and He shall make his derech successful.

[16] Come ye near unto Me, hear ye this; I have not spoken baseter (in secret) merosh (from the first); from the time that it takes place, there am I; and now Adonoi Hashem, and His Ruach [Hakodesh], hath sent Me [Moshiach, the Eved Hashem; see Isaiah 42:1; see Hashem’s Kedushah HaMoshulleshet here].

[17] Thus saith Hashem, thy Go’el, the Kadosh Yisroel; I am Hashem Eloheicha thy Melamed (Teacher) of doing that which profiteth, thy Madrikh (Guide, Instructor) in the Derech that thou shouldst go.

[18] O if only thou hadst paid heed to My mitzvot! Then had thy shalom been like a nahar, and thy tzedakah as the waves of the yam;

[19] Thy zera also had been like the chol (sand), and those that come out of thy loins like me’otav (sands of the sea thereof); his shem should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.

[20] Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Kasdim (Chaldeans), with a voice of joyful singing declare ye, preach this, send it forth even to the ketzeh ha’aretz; say ye, Hashem hath redeemed His Eved Ya’akov.

[21] And they thirsted not when He led them through the deserts; He caused the mayim to flow out of the Tzur for them; He split the Tzur also, and the mayim gushed out.

[22] There is no shalom, saith Hashem, unto the resha'im.

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Listen, O iyim (islands), unto Me [Moshiach]; and pay heed, ye nations afar off; Hashem hath called Me from the beten (belly, womb) [See Isaiah 7:14; Gn 3:15; Ps 22:9f; Mic 5:1-2] from the inward parts of immi He remembered My Shem.

[2] And He hath made My mouth like a sharpened cherev; in the tzel (shadow) of His Yad hath He concealed me, and Made me a polished arrow; in His quiver hath He hid Me;

[3] And said unto Me [Moshiach, i.e., the She’erit of the She’erit, the true and worthy Israel and also the King who personifies the People], Thou art Avdi, O Yisroel, Thou in Whom I glorify Myself.

[4] Then I [Moshiach] said, I have toiled in vain, I have spent My ko’ach for tohu, and hevel; yet surely My mishpat is with Hashem, and My peulah with Elohai.

[5] And now, saith Hashem My Ya’avim from the beten to be Eved of Him, to bring back Ya’akov to Him, so that Yisroel would be gathered to Him; so shall I (Moshiach) be honored in the eyes of Hashem, and Elohai shall be My oz [strength].

[6] And He said, It is too small a thing that Thou shouldst be Eved to Me to raise up the Shivtei Ya’akov, and to bring back the Netzurei Yisroel (Preserved of Israel, the She’erit); I will also give Thee for Ohr Goyim, that Thou mayest be My Yeshuah (Salvation) unto the ketzeh ha’aretz.

[7] Thus saith Hashem, the Go’el Yisroel, and His Kadosh, to Him of despised nefesh [See 53:11,3], to Him whom the Goy (Nation, i.e., Israel; see Isaiah 53:3,8] abhorreth, to the Eved Moshelemin: Melachim shall see and arise, Sarim also shall worship [32:15], because of Hashem Who is Ne’eman and the Kadosh Yisroel, that hath chosen Thee.

[8] Thus saith Hashem, In a time of [My] ratzon (favor) have I answered Thee [Moshiach], and in a Yom Yeshuah have I helped Thee; and I will preserve Thee, and give Thee for a Brit Am [See Jer. 31:31-34; Mk 14:24 OJBC] to raise up Eretz, to reapportion desolate nechalot (inheritances; Josh chp 13-21).
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Which is also his namesake, depicted as a new Yehoshua, previous verse the Moshiach is [Yeshayah 49, 50].

Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold; all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith Hashem, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with jewelry and put them on like a kallah.

For thy ruins and thy desolate places, and the eretz of thy devastation, shall even now be too narrow for the inhabitants [of Tzayon returned from the Golus], and they that devoured thee shall be far away.

Furthermore, the Bnei Shikkulayich (the Children of thy Bereavement, i.e., the sons born while the Mother was bereaved of other children lost) shall say again in thine ozayim, The makom is too cramped for me; geshah (fall back, make room, give place) to me that I may dwell.

Then shalt thou say in thine lev, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I am forsaken by My avroth? Wherefore I was left a lone survivor; these, where were they? Where did they come from?

Thus saith Hashem, Where is the Sefer Keritut (Bill of Divorce) by which I sent your Em (Mother) away? Or which Nosheh (Creditor) of Mine is it to whom I have sold you [into slavery]?

I Hashem am thy Moshi'a and thy Go'el, the Avir Ya'akov (Mighty One of Jacob).

Shall the malko'ach (plunder, prey, booty) be taken from the gibbor; shall the shevi tzaddik be delivered?

But thus saith Hashem, Even the Shevi gibbor shall be taken, and the malko'ach of the aritz (the fierce, the tyrant) shall escape; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy banim.

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own basar; and they shall be shikkor (drunk) with their own dahan, as with asis (new wine); and kol basar shall know that I Hashem am thy Moshi'a and thy Go'el, the Avir Yaakov (Mighty One of Jacob).

Thus saith Hashem, Where is the Sefer Keritut (Bill of Divorce) by which I sent your Em (Mother) away? Or which Nosheh (Creditor) of Mine is it to whom I have sold you [into slavery]?

Behold, for your avonot (iniquities) have ye been sold, and for your peysha'im (rebellions) was your Em sent away.

Why, when I came, was there no ish (man [at all] to respond)? When I called, was there none to answer? Is My Yad too short, that it cannot redeem? Or have I no ko'ach (power) to save? Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the yam (sea), I make the neharot (rivers) a midbar (desert); their dag (fish) stink, because there is no mayim, and die of tzama (thirst).

I clothe Shomayim with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

Adonoi Hashem hath given Me [Moshiach]; see 2Sm.7:5; Zech.3:8 and Isa 52:13 the leshon limmudim (learned tongue of disciples; see 8:16), that I should wait for Me.
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Pay heed to Me, ye that pursue tzedek, ye that seek Hashem; look unto the Tzur from where ye are cut, and to the quarry from where ye were hewn.

[2] Look unto Avraham Avichem, and unto Sarah that gave birth to you; for I called him as one alone, and put a brocha on him, and made him many.

[3] For Hashem shall comfort Tziyon; He will comfort all her ruins; and He will make her midbar like Eden, and her ruins like the Gan (Garden) of Hashem; sasson and simchah shall be found therein, todah, and the kol zimrah (the sound of singing).

[4] Pay heed unto Me, O My people; and give ear unto Me, O My Nation; for torah shall go forth from Me, and I will set at rest My mishpat as Ohr Amim (Light for the Nations).

[5] My tzedek is near; My mishpat as Ohr Amim (Light for the Nations) will set at rest, and Mine zero’a shall judge the Amim; the iyim shall wait upon Mine zero’a; the iyim shall wait upon Me, and on Mine zero’a [Moshiach; See 53:1] shall they trust.

[6] Lift up your eyes to Shomayim, and look upon ha’aretz beneath; for Shomayim shall vanish like ashan (smoke), and ha’aretz shall wear out like a beged, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner; but My Yeshuah (Salvation) shall be l’olahm, and My tzedakah shall not be dismayed.

[7] Pay heed unto Me, ye that know tzedek, Am torati velibam (the People with My torah in their heart); fear ye not the cherpat enosh (the reproach, reviling of man) neither be ye afraid of their giddufot (insults, scorn).

[8] For the ahsh (moth) shall eat them up like a beged, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but My tzedakah shall be l’olahm, and My Yeshuah (Salvation) l’odor dorim (from generation to generation).

[9] Awake, awake, clothe thyself with oz, O zero’a Hashem [Moshiach; see Isaiah 53:1]; awake, as in the yemei kedem, in the dorot olamim. Art thou not it that hath cut Rachav to pieces, and pierced Tannin [See 27:1].

[10] Art thou not the One Who hath dried the yam, the waters of the tehom rabbah; that hath made the depths of the yam a derech for the ge’ulim (redeemed ones) to cross over?

[11] Therefore the Redeemed of Hashem shall return, and come with singing unto Tziyon; and simchat olam shall be upon their rosh; they shall obtain sasson and simchah; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

[12] I, even I, am He that comforteth you. Who art thou, that thou shouldest fear enosh that shall die, and ben adam which shall be made as khatzir (grass); Art thou Hashem Osecha [thy Maker], that hath stretched out Shomayim, and laid the foundations of Eretz; and thou art terrified tamid (constantly), kol hayom, because of the fury of the oppressor when he is ready to destroy? And where is the fury of the oppressor?

[13] And forgettest Hashem Osecha [thy Maker], that hath stretched out Shomayim, and laid the foundations of Eretz; and thou art terrified tamid (constantly), kol hayom, because of the fury of the oppressor when he is ready to destroy? And where is the fury of the oppressor?

[14] The tzoeh (the one stooped [in the Golus]) hasteneth that he may be
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Awake, awake; clothe thyself with thy strength, O Tziyon; put on thy garments of splendor, O Yerushalayim, Ir HaKodesh; for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the arel (uncircumcised) and the tameh (unclean).

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For thus saith Hashem, Ye have sold yourselves for nothing; and your geulah (redemption) shall be without kefes.

For thus saith Adonoi Hashem, My people went down at first into Mitzrayim to sojourn there; and lately the Assyrian oppressed them.

Now therefore, what have I here, saith Hashem, that My people is taken away for nothing? They that rule over them mock them, saith Hashem; and all day long they lie at the rosh of all the streets, like a wild bull in a net; they are full of the chamat (famine) and cherev; with thee the arel (uncircumcised) and the tameh (unclean).

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Then shall lift up the kol (voice); with the kol together shall they shout for joy; for they shall see it with their own eyes, when Hashem returns to Tziyon.

But I am Hashem Eloheicha Who stirsh up the yam, whose waves roar; Hashem Tzva'os Shmo.

And I put My words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the tzel (shadow) of Mine yad, that I may set Shomayim in place, and lay the foundations of Eretz, and say unto Tziyon, Thou art My people, Hinei, I have taken the yad of kol banim that she hath reared. Is there any that taketh her by the yad; neither is there any that guideth her; neither is there any that taketh her by the yad of kol banim that she hath reared.

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break forth into joy, sing together, ye ruins of Yerushalayim; for Hashem hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Yerushalayim.

Hashem hath made bare His zera (seed) [see Yeshayah 53:1] in the eyes of Kol HaGoyim; and all the ends of ha'aretz shall see the Yeshuat Eloheimu.

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Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the Zer’oa Hashem [Yeshayah 52:10] revealed?

[2] For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a Shoresh (Root, Shoresh Yishai, Moshiach, Yeshayah 11:10, Sanhedrin93b) out of a dry ground; he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire [Chaggai 2:7] him.

[3] He is despised and chadal (rejected by men); a man of sorrows, and acquainted with suffering; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

[4] Surely he hath borne our sufferings, and nasah (carried [Yayikra 16:22; Yeshayah 53:12]) our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, [i.e., like a leper is stricken] smitten of G-d, and afflicted (by knowledge of him)

[5] But he was pierced [Yeshayah 54:9; Zecharyah 12:10 Sukkah 32a, Tehilliim 22:17 Targum Hashivim] for our transgressions, he was bruised mei’avonoteinu (for our iniquities); the musar (chastisement) (that brought us shalom [Yeshayah 54:10] was upon him [Moshiach]; and at the cost of his (Moshiach’s) chaburah (stripes, lacerations) we are healed.

[6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own derech (way; see Prov 16:25); and Hashem hath laid on him [Moshiach] the avon (iniquity, the guilt that separates from G-d) of us all.

[7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a seh (lamb; see Shemot 12:5) to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

[8] He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who of his generation declared? For he was cut off [Daniel 9:26; Vayikra 17:10] out of Eretz Chayyim [this refers to the mot of Moshiach Ben David, see v.12] mipesha ami (for the transgression of my people [Yarosei]) –negam (plague of Ps 91:10) lamo (fell) on him [i.e., Moshiach; in light of Ps 11:7 and Job 22:2 we are warranted in saying the suffix is a singular, ’him,’ not ’them’).

[9] And he made his kever (grave) with the resha’im, and with the oisher (rich man; see Mt 27:57-60) bemotayv (in his deaths, intensive plural should be translated singular, death); because he had done no chamas (violence), neither was any mirmah (deceit) in his mouth.

T.N. We stray as sheep; we return in Moshiach as children (zero); the Techiyas HaMoshiach (Resurrection of Moshiach) predicted in v. 10 [Dead Sea Scrolls Isaiah Scroll says Moshiach will see the light of life]; see also the Targum HaShivim.

[10] Yet it pleased Hashem to bruise him; He hath put him to suffering; when Thou shalt make his nefesh an asham offering for sin, he (Moshiach) shall see zera (see Psalm 16 and Yn 1:12 OJBC), He shall prolong his yamim (days) and the chefetz Hashem (pleasure, will of Hashem) shall prosper in his [Moshiach’s] hand.


[12] Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his nefesh unto mavet (death); and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he nasah [Lv 16:22, carried] (like the Yam Kippur scapegoat) the sin of many, and made intercession [did the work of a mafiga, intercessor] for the transgressors [see Lk 23:34 OJBC].

Sing, O akarah (barren woman) [i.e., Yerushalayim emptied out by the Golus that Isaiah sees coming], thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and shout for joy, thou that didst not travail with child; for rabbim bnei shome’mah (more are the children of the desolate woman [i.e. referring to those of Jerusalem making aliyah from the Golus so that Moshiach’s Kehilah can come forth at Jerusalem–Ac 2:41]) than the bnei be’ulah (children of the married woman; i.e., Jerusalem as the Sarah at first barren then greatly fruitful; see Gn 17:16), saith Hashem [see Ga.4:27 OJBC].

[2] Enlarge the makom (place, living area) of thy ohel, and let them stretch forth the
curtains of thine mishkenot (tents); spare not, lengthen thy cords, and thy stakes make chizzuk (stronger);
[3] For thou shalt spread out on the yamin (right hand) and on the smol (left); and thy zera shall inherit the Goyim (the shame of thy youth), and shalt not remember any more thy cherpat almenut (reproach of widowhood).
[5] For thy Oseh (Maker) is thine ba'al (husband); Hashem Tzva'os Shmo; and thy Go'el is Kadosh Yisroel; The Elohei Kol HaAretz He is called.
[6] For Hashem hath called thee back, thou who art like an isha forsaken and atzuvat ruach (grieved in spirit) as a cast off eshet ne'urim (wife of one's youth), saith thy G-d.
[7] For a rega katon (small moment) have I abandoned thee; but with rachamim gedolim will I gather thee back.
[8] With a little wrath I hid My face from thee for a rega (moment); but with chesed thou shall not suffer disgrace; for thou shalt forget the boshet almenut (reproach of widowhood).
[10] O thou afflicted one, tempest-tossed and unconsolated, hinei, I will lay thy stones of glistening colors, and lay thy yesod (foundation, i.e., figuratively of post-Exilic Jerusalem's foundation) with sapphires.
[12] And I will make thy battlements of rubies, and thy she'arim (gates) of carbuncles, and all thy walls of avnei chefetz (precious stones).
[13] And all thy banim shall be taught of Hashem; and the shalom of thy banim shall be rav (great).
[14] In tzedakah (righteousness) shall thou be established; thou shalt be far from oshek (oppression, tyranny); for thou shalt not fear; and thou shalt be far from mechitah (terror); for it shall not come near thee.
[15] Indeed, if attacking they stir up strife, it is not from Me; whosoever shall gather together against thee, yipol (he shall fall) for thy sake.
[16] See, I have created the charash (ironsmith, blacksmith) that fanneth the red-hot coals in the eish (fire), the one forging a keli (an instrument) for his ma'aseh (work); and I have created the mashchit (destroyer, waster, spoiler) to destroy.
[17] No keli (weapon, instrument) that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every leshon (tongue) that shall rise against thee in mishpat (judgment, accusation) tarshi'i (thou shalt condemn, prove false, refute, prove wrong). This is the nachalat avdei Hashem (the heritage of the servants of Hashem), and their tzedakah (righteousness, vindication) is from Me, saith Hashem.

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55 Come, kol tzameh (all ye who are thirsty), come ye to the mayim and he that hath no kesef; come ye, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy yayin and cholov without kesef and without mekhir (price, cost).
[2] Why do ye spend kesef for that which is not lechem? And your labor for that which satisfeth not? Pay heed diligently unto Me, and eat ye that which is tov, and let your nefesh delight itself in deshen (the best food, the fat of the land).
[3] Incline your ozen, and come unto Me; hear, and your nefesh shall live; and I will make with you a Brit Olam, even the chasdei Dovid hane'emanim [see Ac 13:34 OJBC].
[5] Behold, thou shalt summon a Goy (People) that thou knowest not, and Goy that knew not thee shall run unto thee I'ma'an (for the sake of) Hashem Eloheicha and for Kadosh Yisroel; for He hath glorified thee.
[6] Seek ye Hashem while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is karov (near);
[7] Let the rasha forsake his derech, and the ish aven his machshevot; and let him return unto Hashem, and He will have rachamin upon him; and to Eloheinu, for He will abundantly pardon.
[8] For My machshevot are not your machshevot, neither are the darkhei (ways) of you the darkhei of Me, saith Hashem.
[9] For as Shomayim is higher than ha'aretz, so are the darkhei of Me higher than the darkhei of you, and My
machtshevet than your machtshevet.

[10] For as the geshem cometh down, and the sheleg (snow) from Shomayim, and returneth not to there, but watereth ha’aretz, and maketh it yield forth zhitmitcha (and sprout, spring up; Tsemach), that it may give zera to the zore’a (sower), and lechem to the eater;

[11] So shall My Davar (the Word of Hashem) be that goeth forth out of My mouth; He shall not return unto Me reikam (empty, void) but He [the Davar Hashem, see Yn 1:1, 14] shall do that which I please, and He [the Davar Hashem] shall accomplish the purpose whereto I sent Him.

[12] For ye shall go out with simcha, and be led back with shalom; the harrim and the gev’ot (hills) shall break forth into singing before you, and the myrtle; and it shall be to the eater; simcha, and be led back with shalom; the harim and the mishkevot (couches, chambers) shall be called Bais upon Mine Mizbe’ach; for Zevakhim shall be accepted within My chomot a yad vashem tov better than of vashem tov, the Golus, and the golim, and the sarisim.

[4] For thus saith Hashem: V’hitzmicha (and even much better), Tzemach Tzion and the Brit; and, even much better. 57

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Thus saith Hashem, Be shomer over mishpat, and do tzedakah (righteousness); for My Yeshuah (salvation) is near to come, and My tzedakah to be revealed.

[2] Ashrei enosh that doeth this, and the ben adam that layeth hold on it; that is shomer Shabbos avoiding chillul Shabbos, and is shomer to keep his yad from doing kol rah.

[3] Neither let the ben hanekhar, that hath joined himself to Hashem, speak, saying, Hashem hath utterly separated me from His people; neither let the saris say, See, I am an etz yavesh (dry tree).

[4] For thus saith Hashem unto the sarisim that are shomer Shabbos over My Shabbatot, and choose the things that please Me, and hold fast to My Brit;

[5] Even unto them will I give Mine Bais [HaMikdash] within My chomot a yad vashem tov better than of banim and of banot; I will give them a Shem Olam, that shall not be yikaret (cut off).

[6] Also the bnei hanekhar, that join themselves to Hashem to minister unto Him, and Tahavah es Shem Hashem, to be His avadim, every one that is shomer Shabbos avoiding chillul Shabbos, and holding fast to My Brit;

[7] Even them will I bring to Mine Mizbe’ach; for Mine Bais shall be called Bais Tefillah (House of Prayer for All Nations).

[8] Thus says Adonoi Hashem, Who gathereth the Nidchei Yisroel (the outcasts of Israel, i.e., those being separated me from His people; neither let the saris say, See, I am an etz yavesh (dry tree).

[9] All ye animals of the wild, come to devour, yes, all ye animals in the ya’ar (forest).

[10] His tzof (watchmen, sentinels, neviim) are ivrim (blind); they all lack da’as, they are all kelavim ile tamim (mute watchdogs) that cannot bark; lying around dreaming, they love to slumber [See Yn 10:16; Ezek 3:17 by contrast].

[11] Yes, they are kelavim azei nefesh (hungry dogs) never satisfied, and they are roim (shepherds) with no da’as; they all look to their own way [See Isa 53:6], every one having his end fixated on his own gain.

[12] Come ye, say they, I will get yayin, and we will fill ourselves with shechar (strong drink); and makhar (tomorrow) shall be like this day, and gadol yeter me’od (and even much better).

The tzaddik perisheitho, and no ish layeth it to lev; and anshei chesed are taken away, none considering that the tzaddik is taken away from the ra’ah (evil, calamity) to come.

[2] He shall enter into shalom; they shall rest in their mishkevet (couches, i.e., tombs), each one walking in his nekhozhah (uprightness, integrity, honesty).

[3] But draw near to here, ye bnei onenah (you children of a sorceress), zera mena’ef (offspring of an adulterer) and she who plays the zonah.

[4] At whom are you sneering? Against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the leshon? Are ye not yeledim of peysha (rebellion), zera sheker?

[5] Enflaming yourselves among [cult prostitution and Baal sympathetic magic in worshipping fertility] elim (oaks, big trees) under every spreading tree, slaughtering the yeladim in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?

[6] Among the smooth stones of the wadi is thy cheleb; they are thy goral; even to them [the stone idols; see Jer. 3:9] hast thou poured nesekh, thou hast offered minchah. For these [provocations], should I relent?

[7] Upon a lofty and high har hast thou set Yeshayah 55, 56, 57
up thy mishkav (bed i.e., fertility rites); there winkest thou up to offer zevach.
[8] Behind the delet also and the mezuzah (doorpost) hast thou set up thy zikron ([pornographic and idolatrous] memorial); deserting Me, thou hast uncovered thyself, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy mishkav (bed) where thou hast looked on their yad (i.e., phallus).
[9] And thou wentest to Melech [i.e., the pagan god Molech, the deity of sacrificed offspring and abortions]; with shemen thou didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy [political] envoys far, even down unto Sheol.
[10] Thou art wearied in the length of thy derech; yet saidst thou not, It is hopeless; thou hast found the chayyat yad (life of hand, power) of thine; therefore thou wast not faint.
[11] And of whom hast thou feared or feared, that thou hast lived a lie, and hast not remembered Me, nor laid it to thy lev (heart).
[12] I will preach thy "Melekh" (life of hand, power) of thine; yet saidst thou, I have not feared or feared, that thou wast not faint.
[13] Where thou hast looked on their mishkav (bed); but he that putteth his hevel shall take all away; hevel shall take them; but he that putteth his trust in Me shall inherit etzetz, and shall inherit My Har Kodesh;
[14] And shall say, Build ye [a road], build ye [a road]; prepare the Derech, remove the michshol (stumblingblock, obstacle) from the Derech Ami (the Way, Road of My People).
[15] For thus saith the High and Exalted, Shokhen Ad (the One Who abideth forever, i.e., the Shekhinah) Kadosh Shmo; I dwell in marom kvadosh (the high and holy place), with him also that is of a contrite and lowly ruach, to revive the ruach of the shefatim (humble, lowly ones) and to revive the lev nidakim (contrite of heart).
[16] For I will not contend l'olam (forever), neither will I lanetzach (always) be in wrath; for the ruach (spirit) would grow faint before Me, even the neshamot (souls) which I have made.
[17] For the avon (iniquity) of his covetousness was I in wrath, and struck him [the wicked]; I hid, and was in wrath, and he [the wicked] went on shovav (backsliding) in the derech of his lev (heart).
[18] I have seen the drakhim (paths) of the wicked, and will heal him; I will lead him also, and restore nichumim (comforts) unto him and to his avelim (mourners).
[19] I create the [repentant] fruit of the lips; Shalom, shalom to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith Hashem; and I will heal him.
[20] But the shemim are like the troubled yam (sea), when it cannot sheket (be quiet), whose mayim cast up mire and mud.
[21] There is no shalom, saith Elohai, for the resha'im.

T.N. For deliverance ministry fasting is a key weapon, one that is needed in spiritual warfare in the last days as we see people getting demonized and needing deliverance.

Cry aloud, restrain not, lift up thy kol (voice) like the shofar, and preach to My people their peysha (transgression, rebellion) and Bais Yaakov their chattot.
[2] Yet they seek Me yom yom (daily), and for the da'as of My Drakhim they seem eager, like a Goy (Nation) that doeth tzedakah, like one that did not forsake mishpat Elohay; they ask of Me the mishpetei-zezek; they seem eager for kirvat Elohim (getting close to G-d, revival).
[3] Why have we done a tzom, say they, and Thou seest not? Why have we afflicted nafsheinu, and Thou takest no notice? See, in your yom tzom ye find chefez (pleasure, personal advantage) and exploit all your toilers.
[4] See, ye undergo a tzom for grievance and strife, and to strike with the fist of resha; ye shall not do a tzom as ye do today, to make your voice to be heard on marom.
[5] Is such as this a tzom that I have chosen? Merely for adam to afflict his nefesh? To bow down his rosh like a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and efer (ashes) under him? Wilt thou call this a tzom, and a yom ratzon (a day of acceptance, an acceptable day) unto Hashem?
[6] Is not this the tzom that I have chosen? To loose the chartzubbot resha (chains of wickedness, injustice), to undo the aquddot motah (bindings of the yoke bar), and to let the retzutzim (oppressed ones) go as chafeshim (free ones), and that ye break kol motah (every yoke of oppression)?
[7] Is it not paras lechem (breaking bread of thine, i.e., serving food) to the hungry, and that thou bring the homeless aniyyim (poor) to thy bais? When thou seest the arom (naked), that thou cover him with clothing; and that thou hide not thyself from...
thine own basar (flesh and blood, kinspeople)?

Then shall thy light break forth like the shachar (dawn), and thine healing tizmcha (shall spring forth; *Tzemach*) speedily; and thy tzedeek shall go before thee; the kavod Hashem shall be thy rearguard.

Then shalt thou call, and Hashem shall answer; thou shalt cry for help, and He shall say, Hineni! If thou remove from the midst of thee the motah (yoke), the pointing of the etzba (finger of contempt) and speaking aven (evil, lashon hora);

And if thou draw out thy nefesh to the hungry, and satisfy the nefesh of the afflicted, then shall thy ohr rise in choshech, and thy darkness shall be as the noon;

And Hashem shall guide thee tamid, and satisfy thy nefesh in drought, and strengthen thy atzmat; and thou shalt be like a gan raveh (well-watered garden), and like a motzah mayim (spring of water), whose mayim fail not.

And they that shall be of thee shall rebuild the charevot olam (ancient ruins); thou shalt raise up the mosedei dor vador (the foundations of many generations); and thou shalt be called, Goder Peretz; Meshovev Netivot Lashevet (Repairer of the Breach; Restorer of the Streets For Habitation).

If thou turn away thy regel on account of Shabbos, from doing thy chefetz on My Yom Kodesh; and call Shabbos an Oneg (Delight), the Kedosh Hashem (Holy Day of Hashem), 'honored'; and if thou shalt honor it, not doing thine darkhim nor finding thine own chefetz, nor speaking *wordly* words:

Then shalt thou delight in Hashem; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of eretz, and feed thee with the nachalat Ya'akov Avicha; for the mouth of Hashem hath spoken.

Behold, the Yad Hashem is not too short, that it cannot save; neither His ozen (ear) too kaved (hard, insensitive, heavy, dull) that it cannot hear;

But your avonot (iniquities) have separated you and Eloheichem, and your chattot (sins) have concealed His face from you, that He will not hear.

For your hands are defiled and polluted with dahm, and your fingers with avon (iniquity); your lips have spoken sheker, your leshon (tongue) hath muttered avlah (perverseness, wickedness).

None calleth unto Hashem b’tzedek (in righteousness), nor any pleadeth b'emunah (in truth); they trust in tohu (nothingness, Gn 1:2), and speak shav (vanity); they conceive amal (trouble), and give birth to aven (wickedness).

They hatch the beytzim (eggs) of the tzifoni (viper, poisonous snake), and weave the webs of the akavish (spider); he that eateth of their beytzim (eggs) dieth, and of that which is cracked open, an efeh (kind of poisonous snake) is hatched.

Their webs shall not become beged (garments), neither shall they cover themselves with their ma’asim; their ma’asim are ma’asei aven (works of wickedness), and the po’al chamas (act of violence) is in their hands.

Their raglayim (feet) run to rah, and they make haste for shefach dahm naki (blood shed of the innocent); their machsh’vot (thoughts) are machsh’vot of aven (wickedness); shod (desolation) and shever (destruction) are on their highways.

Of the Derech Shalom they have no da’as; and there is no mishpat (justice) in their circuits; they have made themselves crooked roads; whosoever walketh thereon shall not know shalom.

Therefore is mishpat (justice) far from us, neither doth tzedakah overtake us; we wait for ohr, but, hinei, choshech; for negohot (brightness), but we walk in gloom.

We grope by the wall like the ivrim (blind), and we grope as if we had no einayim (eyes); we stumble at tzohorayim (noon) as in twilight; we are in full vigor and stout, yet we are as mesim (dead ones).

We all growl like dubim (bears), and moan continually like yonim (doves); we look for mishpat, but there is none; for Yeshuah (Salvation), but it is far off from us.

Because peysha’einu (our rebellions) have multiplied before Thee, and chattoteinu (our sins) testify against us; for peysha’einu are still with us; and as for avonoteinu (our iniquities), we acknowledge them:

In rebelling against and kachash (denying) Hashem, and nasog (turning away) from Eloheinu, speaking oshek (oppression) and sarah (revolt), conceiving and uttering from the lev (heart) divrei sheker (words of falsehood).
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And the Go’el (Redeemer, lift up a standard against him. [flood, river], the Ruach shall come in like a nahar shemesh. When the enemy kavod from the rising of the ma’arav (west), and His Shem Hashem from the (recompence, due). He will repay gemul oyevim (enemies); to the iyim gemul (recompence) to His wrath) to His adversaries, He will repay, chemah (fury, gemulot (deeds, dealings), so According to their me’il (mantle, cloak). was clad with kinah (zeal) as a vengeance) for a uniform, and nakam (garments of Saving Power) upon His rosh; helmet of Yeshuah (Salvation, as breastplate armor, and a 3. And the Goyim shall walk upon thee.

Then thou shalt see, and shall be carried at thy side. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see; they all gather together, they shall be radiant, and thine lev shall swell; because the hamon yam shall be converted fear, and swell; because the darkness the nations; but Hashem shall arise upon thee, and His kavod shall be seen upon thee.

And mishpat (justice) is turned back, and tzedakah (righteousness) standeth afar off; for emes (truth) is fallen in the rechov (street), and nacho’ach (honesty) cannot enter. Indeed, emes (truth) faileth; and he that departeth from rah (evil) maketh himself a prey; and Hashem saw it, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no mishpat (justice).

And He saw that there was no ish (man), and was appalled that there was no Mafiga’ (Intercessor); therefore His own Zera’a (Arm) wrought Salvation unto Him; and His own tzedakah (righteousness) He relied on [Isa 53:1; Jer 23:6].

For He put on tzedakah as breastplate armor, and a helmet of Yeshuah (Salvation, Saving Power) upon His rosh; and He put on the bigdei nakam (garments of vengeance) for a uniform, and was clad with kinah (zeal) as a me’il (mantle, cloak).

According to their gemulot (deeds, dealings), so He will repay, chemah [fury, wrath] to His adversaries, gemul (recompence) to His oyevim (enemies); to the iyim (islands) He will repay gemul (recompence, due).

So shall they fear the Shem Hashem from the ma’arav (west), and His kavod from the rising of the shemesh. When the enemy shall come in like a nahar (flood, river), the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem shall lift up a standard against him.

And the Goel (Redeemer, Moshiach) shall come to Tziyon, and unto them that make teshuva and turn from peshya (rebellion) in Yaakov, saith Hashem [See Ro.11:26 OJBC].

As for Me, this is My Brit (Covenant, [see Isaiah 42:6; 49:8; 54:10; 55:3]) with them [i.e., with Moshiach’s zera, see Isaiah 53:10], saith Hashem; My Ruach [Hakodesh] that is upon thee [Moshiach, see Isaiah 11:2; 42:1; 48:16; 61:1], and My words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy zera [Isaiah 53:10], nor out of the mouth of the zera of thy zera [i.e. Moshiach’s zera generationally], saith Hashem, from henceforth and ad olam (forever).

60 Arise, shine; for thy [Tziyon’s] ohr is come, and the kavod Hashem is risen upon thee.

The Goy and their melachim shall minister unto thee; for in My ketzet I struck thee, but in My ratzon have I had rahamim on thee. Therefore thy She’arim shall be open continually; they shall not be shut yomam valalah; that men may bring unto thee the chayil Goyim (wealth of the Nations), and that their melachim may be led in procession.

For the Goy and Mamlakah that will not serve thee shall perish; yes, those Goyim shall be utterly ruined [T.N. Notice that an anti-Jerusalem, anti-Jewish sentiment among believers is a contradiction in terms here in this verse].

The kavod HaLevanon shall come unto thee, the juniper tree, the box tree, and the cypress together, to beautify the makom (place) of My Mikdash; and I will make the makom of My raglayim glorious.

The banim also of them that oppress thee shall come unto thee in submission; and all they
that despaired thee shall prostrate themselves down at the soles of thy raglayim; and they shall call thee, The Ir of Hashem, Tziyon of Kadosh Yisroel.

[15] Whereas thou has been forsaken and hated, so that none passed through thee, I will make thee a Ga'on Olam (Everlasting Pride), a joy dor vador.

[16] Thou shalt also drink the cholov Goyim, and shalt nurse at the breast of melachim; and thou shalt know that I Hashem am thy Moshia and thy Go'el, the Avir Ya'akov (Mighty One of Jacob).

[17] Instead of nechoshet I will bring zahuy, and for barzel (iron) I will bring keses, and for etzim (wood) nechoshet, and for avanim (stones) barzel (iron); I will also make thy pekudim shalom, and thine nogesim tzedakah.

[18] Chamas shall no more be heard in thy land, shod nor shever within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy chomot Yeshuah (Salvation), and thy shearim Tehillah (Praise).

[19] The shemesh shall be no more thy ohr yomam; neither for brightness shall the yarei'ach give light unto thee; but Hashem shall be unto thee an Ohr Olam, and thy G-d thy tiferet.

[20] Thy shemesh shall no more go down; neither shall thy yarei'ach wane; for Hashem shall be for thee an Ohr Olam, and the yamim of thy avelut shall be ended.

[21] Thy people also shall be all of them tzaddikim; they shall inherit the Eretz Ialom, the Netzter [see Mt.2:23 OJBC] of My planting, the man'aseh of My hands, that I may be glorified.

[22] The katon shall become an alef, and the smallest a mighty nation; I Hashem will hasten it in its time.

The Ruach [Hakodesh] of Adonoi Hashem is upon me [Moshiach], because Hashem mashach (hath anointed) me [Moshiach] to preach besurah (good news, glad tidings) unto the anavim (meek, poor, oppressed); He hath sent me to bind up the nishberei lev (the brokenhearted), to proclaim deror (freedom, liberty) for the shevyum ([Colus] captives), and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

[2] To proclaim the Shnat Ratzon L'Hashem (the year of the Lord's favor and grace), and the Yom Nakam L'Eloheinu (our G-d's Day of Vengeance); to comfort all the avelim (mourners);

[3] To grant unto Avelei Tziyon (Mourners of Zion), giving unto them a flower wreath instead of ashes, the shemen sasson (oil of joy) instead of avel (mourning), the ruach of keheh (fainting, a garment of tehillah (praise) for the ruach of keheh (fainting, a heavy spirit); that they might be called Eilei HaTzedek (Oaks of Righteousness), the planting of Hashem, that He might be glorified.

[4] And they shall rebuild charovot olam (the old ruins), they shall raise up the shememot rishonim (former desolations), and they shall make new the charo'ot (ruin), the shnomot (desolations) dor vador.

[5] And zarim shall stand and shepherd your tzon, and bnei nekhar shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

[6] But ye shall be named the Kohanim of Hashem; men shall call you the Mesharetim (Ministers) of Eloheinu;

ye shall eat the chayil Goyim, (wealth of Nations) and in their kavod shall ye boast.

[7] Instead of your bushah (shame) ye shall have a mishneh (double [portion]); and for dishonor they shall rejoice in their chelekh (portion): therefore in their land they shall possess the mishneh; simchat olam (everlasting joy) shall be unto them.

[8] For I Hashem love mishpat, I hate gazel (robbery) in [obtaining] the olah (burnt offering); and I will direct their work in emes, and I will make a Brit Olam [Ga 12:1- 3; Isa 55:3] with them.

[9] And their zera shall be known among the Goyim and their offspring among the Nations: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the Zera Berach Hashem.

[10] I will greatly rejoice in Hashem, my nefesh shall be joyful in Elohai; for He hath clothed me with the Biglei Yeshuah (Garments of Salvation), He hath covered me with Me'il Tzedakah (the Robe of Righteousness) like a Choson arrays himself with splendor, and like a Kallah adorneth herself with her jewels.

[11] For as Eretz bringeth forth her tzemach, and as the gan (garden) the things that are sown in it tatzmiach (causes [them] to spring forth); and for Adonoi Hashem will tzedakah (righteousness) and tehillah (praise) yatzmiach (cause [them] to spring forth) before kol HaGoyim.

For the sake of Tziyon will I not hold my peace and for the sake of Yerushalayim I will not remain quiet, until her tzedek go forth like nogah (brightness), and her Yeshuah (Salvation) like a blazing lapid
(torch),
[2] And the Goyim shall see thy tzedek, and kol melachim thy kaved; and thou shalt be called by a shem chadash, which the mouth of Hashem shall designate.
[3] Thou shalt also be an ateret tiferet in the Yad Hashem, and a tzanif melukhah (royal turban, diadem) in the palm of thy G-d.
[4] Of thee it shall no more be said, Azuvah (Forsaken); neither of thy land shall it any more be said, Shemameh (Desolate); but thou shalt be called Chefuvi-Vah, (My Delight is in her) and thy land Beulah (Married); for Hashem delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.
[5] For as a bochor marrieth a betulah, so shall thy banim marry thee; and as the choson rejoiceth over the kallah, so shall thy G-d rejoice over thee.
[6] I have set shomrim upon thy chomot, O Yerushalayim, which shall never hold their peace yom nor lailah; ye that remind Hashem, keep not silence,
[7] And give Him no rest, until He establish, and until He make Yerushalayim a tehillah (praise) in HaAretz.
[8] Hashem hath sworn by His tzon, and by the zero'a of His oz (might), Surely I will no more give thy dagan (grain) to be food for thine oyevim; and the bnei nekhar shall not drink thy tirosh, for which thou hast toiled;
[9] But they that have harvested it shall eat it, and praise Hashem; and they that have gathered it in shall drink it in the khatzerot (courtyards) of My Kodesh (Holy Place).
[10] Pass through, pass through the She'arim; prepare ye the Derech HaAm; Build up, build up the mesilah (highway); gather out the even stones; lift up a nes (banner) visible over HaAmim (the Nations).
[11] Hinei, Hashem hath proclaimed unto the ketzeh HaAretz (end of the Earth), Say ye to Bat Tziyon, Hinei, thy Salvation cometh; hinei, His sachar (reward) is with Him, and His recompense before Him.
[12] And they shall call them, The Am HaKodesh, the Geulei Hashem; and thou shalt be called, Derushah (one being sought), Ir Lo Ne'ezavah (City Not Deserted).
[13] Who led them through Botzrah? This that is crimson begadim (garments) from Edom, withuD, with crimson begadim (garments) from Botzrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, striding in the greatness of His ko'ach? It is I, speaking in tzedakah, mighty to save.
[14] Why art Thou adom (red) in Thy apparel, and Thy garments like him that treadeth in the winepress?
[15] I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the amim (nations) there was none with Me; for I will trample them in Mine wrath [i.e., Moshiach’s work of wrath], and trod them down in My fury; and the juice of their life blood splattered upon My garments, and I stained all My raiment.
[16] For Yom Nekam (Day of Vengeance) is in Mine lev, and My Shanat Geulah (Year of Redemption) is come.
[17] But they rebelled, and according to the multitude of His chasadim. For He said, Surely they are My people, banim that will not be sheker (false); so He became their Moshi’a (Savior).
[18] In all their tzoros He was afflicted, and the malach of His presence saved them; in His ahavah and in His mercy He redeemed them; and He lifted them up, and carried them kol y’mei olam.
[19] But they rebelled, and the juice of their life blood down on the earth.
[20] Who is this that came forth from the winepress alone; and of the amim (nations) there was none with Me; for I will trample them in Mine wrath, and trod them down in My fury; and the juice of their life blood splattered upon My garments, and I stained all My raiment.
[21] Who led them through Botzrah? This that is crimson begadim (garments) from Botzrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, striding in the greatness of His ko’ach? It is I, speaking in tzedakah, mighty to save.
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[24] For Yom Nekam (Day of Vengeance) is in Mine lev, and My Shanat Geulah (Year of Redemption) is come.
[25] And I looked, and there was no oz (helper); and I was appalled that there was no supporter; therefore Mine own zero’a wrought Salvation for Me; and My wrath, it upheld Me.
[26] And I will trample down the amim (nations) in Mine wrath, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will pour out the juice of their life blood down on the earth.
[27] I will rehearse the chasadim (lovingkindnesses) of Hashem, and the tehilloth Hashem, according to all that Hashem hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the Bais Yisroel, which He hath bestowed on them according to His rachamim, and according to the multitude of His chasadim.
[28] For He said, Surely they are My people, banim that will not be sheker (false); so He became their Moshi’a (Savior).
[29] In all their tzoros He was afflicted, and the malach of His presence saved them; in His ahavah and in His mercy He redeemed them; and He lifted them up, and carried them kol y’mei olam.
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Tiferet. Where is Thy kina (zeal) and Thy gevurah (might)? The yearning of Thy heart and of Thy rachamim are withheld toward me.

|16| Doubtless Thou art Avinu, though Avraham not have da’as of us, and Yisroel not acknowledge us; Thou, Hashem, art Avinu, Go’aleinu; Shemecha is from everlasting.

|17| Hashem, why hast Thou made us to go astray from Thy drakhim, and hardened libenu (our hearts) from fearing Thee? Shuv (return) l’ma’an (for the sake of) Avadeicha (Thy servants), Shivtei Nachalatecha (the Tribes of Thine Inheritance).

|18| Am Kadshecha (People of Thy holiness, Thy Holy People) have possessed it but a little while; our adversaries have trampled down Thy Mikdash.

|19| We have become such as them over whom Thou hast never ruled, those who were not called by Shimecha (Thy Name).

O, that Thou wouldest rend Shomayim, that Thou wouldest come down, so that the harim might shake at Thy presence.

[2:64:1] As eish burneth brushwood, eish causeth the mayim to boil, O, that Thou wouldst come down to make Thy Shem known to Thine adversaries, that the Goyim might tremble at Thy presence!

[3:2] When Thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, Thou camest down, the harim shook at Thy presence.

[4:3] For me’olam (since ancient times) no one hath heard, nor perceived by the ozen, neither hath the ayin seen any Elohim besides Thee, Who acts on behalf of him that waiteth for Him.

[5:4] Thou meetest with him that rejoiceth to work tzedek, those that remember Thee in Thy drakhim; see, Thou art in wrath; for we have been in sins; in them a long time, and shall we be saved?

[6:5] But we are all as the tameh (unclean thing), and kol tzidkoteinu (all our righteousness, our righteous deeds, works) are like beged iddim (filthy rags, a garment of menstruation); and we all do fade like the aleh (leaf); and avoneinu (our iniquities), like the ruach, have taken us away.

[7:6] And there is none that calleth upon Thy Shem, that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee; for Thou hast hid Thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of avoneinu.

[8:7] But now, Hashem, Thou art Avinu (Our Father); we are the chomer (clay), and Thou, Yotzreinu (our Potter, Maker, Creator); and we all are the ma’aseh (work) of Thy yad.

[9:8] Be not in wrath ad me’od, Hashem, neither remember avon forever; behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all Thy people.

[10:9] Arei Kadsheicha (Thy holy cities) are a midbar, Tzizyon is a midbar, Yerushalayim, a desolation.

[11:10] Beis Kadosheinu v’Tifarteinu, where Avoteinu praised Thee, is burned up with eish; and kol machamadeinu (all our desiring) is in ruins.

[12:11] Wilt Thou refrain Thyself after these things, Hashem? Wilt Thou hold Thy peace, and afflict us ad me’od?

I let Myself be sought of them that asked not for Me; I let Myself be found of them that sought me not; I said, Hineni, behold Me, unto a Goy (Nation, People) that was not called by My Shem.

[2] I have spread out My yad kol hayom toward unto an Am Sorer (stubbornly rebellious people), which walketh in a derech lo tov, after their own machshevot (thoughts);

[3] HaAm that provoketh Me to anger continually to My face, that sacrificheth in ganot (gardens), and burneth sacrifices upon brick;

[4] Which remain among the kevarim, and spend the night in closed places, which eat basar hachazir, and broth of piggulim (unclean meat, Le.7:18) in their vessels;

[5] Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am kadosh to thee (holier than thou). These are a smoke in My nose, an eish that burneth kol hayom.

[6] Hinei, it is written before Me: I will not keep silent, but will recompense fully, even recompense into their kheyk,

[7] Your avonot, and the iniquities of your avot together, saith Hashem, because they burned sacrifices upon the mountains, and insulted Me upon the hills; therefore will I measure their former peulot into their kheyk.

[8] Thus saith Hashem, As the tirosh is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a brocha is in it; so will I do in behalf of My Servants, that I may not destroy them all.

[9] And I will bring forth a zera out of Yaakov, and out of

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Yehudah a yoresh (inheritor) of mountains; and Mine Bechir (Chosen ones) shall inherit it, and My Servants shall dwell there.

[10] And Sharon shall be a meadow for tzon, and the valley of Achor a place for the flock to lie down, for Ami (My People) who seek Me.

[11] But ye are they that forsake Hashem, that forget My Har Kadosh, that prepare a shulchan for Fortune, and that furnish the drink offering for Destiny.

[12] Therefore will I destine you for the cherev, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughtering place; because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spoke, ye did not hear; but did the rah before Mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

[13] Therefore thus saith Adoni Hashem, Minei, My Servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; hinei, My Servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; hinei, My Servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed;

[14] Hinei, My Servants shall sing for joy of lev, but ye shall cry out from anguish of lev, and shall wail from brokenness of ruach.

[15] And ye shall leave your shem for a curse unto My Bechir; for Adoni Hashem shall put thee to death, and call His Avadim by another shem;

[16] That he who blesseth himself in ha'aretz shall bless himself by Elohei Omein (the G-d of Amen, the G-d of Truth); and he that taketh an oath in ha'aretz shall take the oath by Elohei Omein; because the former tzoros are forgotten, and because they are hid from Mine eyes.

[17] For, hinei, I create Shomayim Chadashim and eretz Chadashah; and the rishonot shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

[18] But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, hinei, I create Yerushalayim a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

[19] And I will rejoice in Yerushalayim, and joy in Ami; and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying out.

[20] There shall be no more in there an infant of days, nor a zaken (old man) that hath not filled his days; for he that shall die a hundred years old will be regarded a na'ar; but the choteth (sinner), a hundred years old, will be accursed.

[21] And they shall build batim (houses), and inhabit them; and they shall plant kramim (vineyards), and eat the fruit of them.

[22] They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of HaEtz are the days of Ami, and Mine Bechir shall long enjoy the ma'aseh of their hands.

[23] They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for misfortune; for they are the Zera Beruchei Hashem (Seed of the Blessed ones of Hashem), and their offspring with them.

[24] And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet medaberim (speaking), I will hear.

[25] The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and aphas shall be the lechem of the nachash. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Har Kadosh, saith Hashem.

[7N. T. This last chapter makes a reference to Gehinnom and the just retribution coming.]
Or shall a nation be born in a moment? For as soon as Tziyon travailed in labor, she gave birth to her banim.

[9] Shall I bring to the moment of birth, and not cause to bring delivery? saith Hashem. Shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy G-d.

[10] Rejoice ye with Yerushalayim, and be glad with her, all ye that love her; rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her;

[11] That ye may nurse, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may drink in, be delighted with the abundance of her kavod.

[12] For thus saith Hashem, Hineni, I will extend shalom to her like a river, and the kavod of the Goyim like an overflowing stream; then shall ye nurse, ye shall be borne upon arms, and be fondled upon her knees.

[13] As one whom his em comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Yerushalayim.

[14] And when ye see this, your lev shall rejoice, and your atzmot shall flourish like herbage; and the yad Hashem shall be made known to His avadim, and His indignation toward His enemies.

[15] For, hinei, Hashem will come with eish, with His merkavot like the whirlwind, to render His anger in fury, His rebuke in flames of eish.

[16] For by eish and by His cherev will Hashem execute judgment on kol basar; and the slain of Hashem shall be many.

[17] They that set themselves apart as kodesh, and purify themselves to go into the ganot, following the one in the midst, eating basar hachazir, and the sheketz, and the akhbar (mouse), shall be consumed together, saith Hashem.

[18] For I know their ma’asim and their machshevet; it shall come to pass, that I will gather kol Goyim and leshonot; they shall come, and see My kavod.

[19] And I will set an ot (sign) among them, and I will send away those that escape those of them unto the Goyim, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud (that draw the bow), to Tuval, and Yavan (Greece), to the isles afar off, that have not heard My fame, neither have seen My kavod; and they shall declare My kavod among the Goyim.

[20] And they shall bring all your achim out of all heathen nations for a minchah unto Hashem upon susim, and in chariots, and in wagons, and upon mules, and upon camels, to My Har Kodesh, to Yerushalayim, saith Hashem, as the Bnei Yisroel bring the minchah in a keli tahor into the Beis Hashem.

[21] And I will also take of them for kohanim and for Levi'im, saith Hashem.

[22] For as the Shomayim HaChadashim and HaAretz HaChadashah, which I will make, shall continue before Me, saith Hashem, so shall your zera and your shem remain.

[23] And it shall come to pass, that from one Rosh Chodesh to another, and from one Shabbos to another, kol basar shall come to bow down before Me, saith Hashem.

[24] And they shall go forth, and look upon the pigreih ha’anashim that have rebelled against Me; for their tola’at (worm) shall not die, neither shall their eish be quenched; and they shall be dera’on (loathsome, an abomination) to kol basar [See also on Gehinnom Dan 12:2].

[25] And thou shalt bring all the am ba’alei chekker, and all the kofer of evyonim who have sold their children into basar, and their daughters into basar, and have not feared me; [26] And they shall be consumed together, saith Hashem. [27] For I know their ma’asim and their machshevet; it shall come to pass, that I will gather kol Goyim and leshonot; they shall come, and see My kavod.

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seest thou? And I said, I see a makel SHAQED (a branch of an almond tree).
[12] Then said Hashem unto me, Thou hast well seen; for SHOQED (WATCHING) I am over My Devar to carry it out. 
[13] And the Devar Hashem came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a SIYR NAFUACH (A BOILING CAULDRON) tipping over from the north. 
[14] Then Hashem said unto me, From the north hara‘ah (the evil, disaster) TIPATACH (SHALL BE POURED OUT) upon all the inhabitants of HaAretz. 
[15] For, hinei, I am now summoning all the mishpekhot mamelechet of the north, saith Hashem; they shall come, they shall set every one his kisse at the petach Shaarei Yerushalayim, and against all the surrounding chomot thereof, against all the towns of Yehudah. 
[16] And I will pronounce My mishpatim against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken Me, and have burned ketoret unto elohim acherim, and worshiped the works of their own hands. 
[17] Thou therefore tighten thy gartel of readiness, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee; be not fearful before them, lest I make thee fearful before them. 
[18] For, hinei, I have made thee today an ir mivtzar (a fortified city), and an ammad barzel, and a chomat nechoshet against kol HaAretz, against the melachim of Yehudah, against the sarim thereof, against the kohanim thereof, and against the am ha’aretz. 
[19] And they shall make war against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee for I am with thee, saith Hashem, to deliver thee.

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[10] For pass over to the isles of Kittim, and look; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there has ever been anything like this. 
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And I saw, when for all the causes whereby mesuwhah Yisroel (backsliding Yisroel) committed adultery, I had put her away, and given her a sefar keritut (bill of divorce); yet her treacherous achat Yehudah feared not, but went and played the zonah also.

And it came to pass through the lightness with which she [Yisroel] took her zenut (whoredom), that she defiled HaAretz, and committed adultery with HaEven (the Stone [of the fertility cult of Baal worship]) and with HaEtz (the Wood [of the fertility cult of Baal worship]).

And yet for all this her treacherous achat Yehudah hath not returned unto Me with her kol lev, but in sheker (falsity, pretense, an insincere religious spirit), saith Hashem.

And Hashem said unto me, Mesuwhah Yisroel hath come nearer to justifying herself than treacherous Yehudah.

Go and proclaim these devarim toward the north, and say, Return, thou mesuwhah Yisroel, saith Hashem; and I will not cast down Mine anger l’olam. Thou shalt call Me, Avi; and shalt not turn back from following Me.

But I said, How shall I set thee among the banim, and give thee an eretzchemdah (a land of desire), the most beautiful nachalah of the Goyim? And I said, Thou shall call Me, Avi; and shalt not turn back from following Me.

Surely as an isha treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with Me, O Bais Yisroel, saith Hashem.

A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping and tachanunei Bnei Yisroel (supplications of the Children of Israel); for they have perverted their derech, and they have forgotten Hashem Eloheinu.
can quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.
[5] Declare ye in Yehudah, and publish in Yerushalayim; and say, Blow ye the shofar in HaAretz. Cry out, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities.
[6] Raise up a nes (a banner, a flag pointing to the place of refuge) over Tziyon; take refuge, delay not; for I will bring ra'ah (evil, disaster) from the tzafon (north), and shever gadol (great destruction).

[7] The aryeh (lion) is come up from his thicket, and the mshevet (broad wind) from those high places shall come from Me; [8] For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the charon af Hashem is not turned away from us.
[9] And it shall come to pass at that day, saith Hashem, that the lev HaMelech shall be disheartened, and the lev hasaram; and the kohanim shall be made to lie in ruins, without an inhabitant. [10] Then said I, Adonoi Hashem! Surely Thou hast greatly misled HaAm HaZeh and Yerushalayim, saying, Shalom yeheyeh lachem (Ye shall have shalom); whereas the cherev is near unto the nefesh.
[11] At that time shall it be told HaAm HaZeh and Yerushalayim, A ruach tzach (a dry wind, sirocco) from the high places in the midbar toward the Bat Ami [i.e., Jisreel], not to winnow, nor to cleanse.
[12] Even a ruach maleh (strong wind) from those places shall come from Me; now also I will pronounce mishpatim against them.
[13] Hinei, he [the approaching foe] shall come up like ananim (clouds), and his merkavot shall be like the whirlwind; his susim are swifter than nesharim (eagles). Oy lanu! (Woe unto us!) For we are ruined.
[14] O Yerushalayim, wash thine lev from rah, that thou mayest be saved. Ad mosai (how long, how much longer) shall thy sinful machsh'vot lodge within thee?

[15] For a kol (voice) declareth from Dan, and publisheth evil tidings from Mt Ephrayim.
[16] Tell the Goyim; hinei, the kol HaIr shall flee at the noise of the parash and the romeh keshet (the archer); they shall run into thickets, and climb up among the rocks; every city shall be made to lie in ruins, and the cities thereof lay in ruins before Hashem, before the charon af Hashem.
[17] As shomrim of a sadeh, they are against her all around; because she hath been rebellious against Me, saith Hashem.
[18] Thy derech and thy deeds have brought these things upon thee; this is thy wickedness, because it is mar (bitter), for it hath touched upon thine lev.
[19] My innards, my innards! I am pained at my very lev; my lev is pounding in me; I cannot keep silent, because thou hast heard, O my nefesh, the kol shofar (sound of the shofar), the teru'at milchamah (battle alarm of war).
[20] Shever (destruction) follows after shever; for the whole land lies in ruins; suddenly are my ohelim destroyed, and my canopies rega.

[21] Ad mosai (how long) shall I see the nes (banner), and hear the kol shofar?
[22] For Ami is foolish, they have not known Me; they are stupid banim, and they have no understanding; they are chachamim to do evil, but to do good they have no da'as.
[23] I beheld ha'aaretz, and, hinei, it was tohu vavohu [Genesis 1:2]; and HaShomayim--there was no ohr.
[24] I beheld the mountains, and, hinei, they quaked, and all the hills had crumbled.
[25] I beheld, and, hinei, there was no adam, and kol oph HaShomayim fled away.
[26] I beheld, and, hinei, the carmel was a midbar, and all the cities thereof lay in ruins before Hashem, before the charon af Hashem.
[27] For thus hath Hashem said, A wasteland shall be kol HaAretz; yet I will not make a complete end of it.
[28] For this reason HaAretz shall mourn, and HaShomayim above turn black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not relent, neither will I turn back from it.
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[30] And thou, O plundered one [Jerusalem], what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with jewelry of zahav, though thou adornest thyself; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy nefesh.
[31] For I have heard a kol (outcry) like that of a woman in travail, and in labor pain like that of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of Bat Tziyon, that waileth, that stretcheth out her
hands, saying, Oy nah li [Woe is me now!] for my nefesh is weary because of murderers.

Run ye to and fro through the chutzot Yerushalayim [streets of Jerusalem], and see now, and know, and seek in the rechovot thereof, if ye can find an ish, if there be any that dispenseth mishpat (justice), that seeketh the emunah (faith); and I will forgive her [Jerusalem].

[2] And though they say, Chai Hashem; surely they swear lashkeker (falseely).

[3] Hashem, are not Thine eyes upon emunah? Thou hast struck them, but they felt no anguish; Thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to accept musar [cf Isa 53:5]; they have made their faces harder than stone; they have refused to make teshuvah.

[4] Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they know not the Derech Hashem, nor the Mishpat Eloheihem.

[5] I will get me unto the Gedolim, and will speak unto them; for they have known the Derech Hashem, and the Mishpat Eloheihem; but these have altogether broken off the ol (yoke), and burst the bonds.

[6] Therefore an aryeh (lion) out of the forest shall slay them, and a zeev (wolf) of the deserts shall destroy them, a namer (leopard) shall prowl near their towns; every one that ventureth out from there shall be torn to pieces; because their peysha'im (rebellions) are many, and their meshuvot (backslidings) are increased.

[7] How shall I forgive thee for this? Thy banim have forsaken Me, and sworn by them that are no elohim; when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and trooped to the bais zonah.

[8] They were like well-fed, lusty susim: every one neighed after the isha of his neighbor.

[9] Shall I not visit [to punish] for these things? saith Hashem; and shall not My Nefesh be avenged on such a Goy as this?

[10] Go ye up through her rows of vines, and cut down; but make not a full end; take away her branches; for they are not Hashem's.

[11] For Bais Yisroel and Bais Yehudah have dealt very treacherously against Me, saith Hashem.

[12] They have spoken lies about Hashem, and said, Lo hu (not He); neither shall ra'ah (not He); neither shall ra'ah (not He) come upon us; neither shall we see cherev nor ra'av (famine);

[13] And the nevi'im shall become ru'ach, and the Devar is not in them; thus shall it be done unto them.

[14] Therefore thus saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os, Because ye speak this devar, hinei, I will make My Devarim to be heard in the earth, saith Hashem:

[15] Therefore saith Hashem Eloheihem, Hineni, I will bring a Go'yan upon you from afar, O Bais Yisroel, saith Hashem; it is a powerful nation, a goy me'olam (an ancient nation), a nation whose leshon thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.

[16] Their quiver is as an open kever (grave), they are all gibborim.

[17] And they shall devour thine katzir (harvest), and thy lechem, which thy banim and thy banot should eat; they shall devour thy tzon and thine bakar; they shall eat up thy gefen and thy te'enah (fig tree); they shall impoverish thy fortified cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the cherev.

[18] Nevertheless in those days, saith Hashem, I will not make a full end with you.

[19] And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Why doeth Hashem Eloheinu all these things unto us? Then shalt thou answer them, As ye have forsaken Me, and served eloei nechar (foreign g-ds, strange g-ds) in your land, so shall ye serve zarim in an etzetz not your own.

[20] Declare this in Bais Ya'akov, and publish it in Yehudah, saying,

[21] Hear now this, O Am Sakhal (foolish people) without understanding; which have eynayim (eyes), and see not; which have oznayim (ears), and hear not; which have leshon (tongues), and mouth not:

[22] Fear ye not Me? saith Hashem; will ye not tremble at My Presence, Who hath placed the chol (sand) as the boundary of the yam by a chok olam, that it cannot transgress; and though the waves thereof toss, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?

[23] But HaAm Hazeh hath a lev sorer (stubborn heart) and moreh (rebellious); they have revolted and departed.

[24] Neither say they in their lev, Let us now fear Hashem Eloheinu, that giveth geshem, both the yoreh (former rain, autumn rain) and the malkosh (latter rain, spring rain) in season; He secureth unto us shavu'ot chukkot katzir (the appointed weeks of the harvest).

[25] Your avonot (iniquities) have turned away these things, and your chattra'ot (sins) have deprived hatov from you.
6 For among Ami are found resha'im; they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a mashkhit (trap), they catch anashim.

27 As a cage is full of oph, so are their batim (houses) full of mirmah; therefore they are become powerful and oshir (rich, wealthy).

28 They have grown fat and sleek; yea, their wicked deeds are without limit; the cause of the yatom they do not plead, neither could they blush; they were not at all ashamed, neither did they feel shame.

29 Shall I not visit [to punish] for these things? saith Hashem; shall not My nefesh be avenged on such a Goy (Nation) as this?

30 An astonishing and horrible thing is committed in HaAretz;

31 The nevi'im prophesy falsely, and the kohanim rule at their direction; and My people love to have it this way; but what will ye do in the end?

6 For thus hath Hashem Tzva'os said, Cut ye down trees, and throw up a solelah (siege ramp) against Yerushalayim; this is the Ir (City) that must be visited [for punishment]; oshek (oppression) is rampant within her.

7 As a well casteth afresh her waters, so she [Jerusalem] casteth afresh her rah (wickedness); chamas and shed (destruction) is heard in her; before Me tamid (continually) is sickness and wounds.

8 Be thou warned, O Yerushalayim, lest My nefesh depart from thee; lest I make thee desolate, an eretz not inhabited.

9 Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, They shall thoroughly glean the She'erit Yisroel (the Remnant of Israel) as a gefen (vine); turn back thine yad once again like a grape gatherer over the vine tendrils.

10 To whom can I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Hinei, their ear is arelah (uncircumsised), and to pay heed is beyond them; hinei, the Devar Hashem is unto them a reproach; they find no pleasure in it.

11 Therefore I am full of the chamat Hashem; I am weary with holding in; I will pour it out upon the olal in the street, and upon the assembly of bocherim together; for even the ish with the isha shall be caught, the zaken, those weighed down with yamim (days).

12 And their batim (houses) shall be turned over unto others, with their sadot and nashim together; for I will stretch out My yad upon the Yoshvei HaAretz (Inhabitants of the Land), saith Hashem.

13 For from the katan of them even unto the gadol of them, every one is given to greediness for unjust gain; and from the navi even unto the kohen, every one doeth sheker (deceit, falsehood).

14 They have provided superficial treatment for Ami, saying, Shalom, shalom; vein shalom.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed tovah (abomination)? They were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them [in punishment] they shall be brought down, saith Hashem.

16 Thus saith Hashem, Stand ye in the derakhim (crossroads), and look, and ask for the netivot olam (old paths), where is the derech hatov (good road, way), and walk therein, and ye shall find margo'a (rest) for your nefashot. But they said, We will not walk therein.

17 Also I set tzofim (watchmen) over you, saying, Pay heed to the kol shofar (sound of the shofar). But they said, We will not pay heed.

18 Therefore hear, ye Goyim, and know, O Edah (Congregation), what will happen to them.

19 Hear, HaAretz (O Earth); hinei, I will bring ra'ah (evil, disaster) upon HaAm Hazeh, even the p'ri (fruit) of their machsh'vot (schemes), because they have not paid heed unto My devarim, nor to My torah, but rejected it.

20 To what purpose cometh there to Me frankincense from Sheva [i.e., southwest Arabia], and the sweet cane from a far country? Your olot (burnt offerings) are not acceptable, nor your zevakhim pleasing unto Me.
21 Therefore thus saith Hashem, Hineni, I will lay michsholim (stumblingblocks) before HaAm HaZeh, and the Avot and the Banim together shall stumble upon them; the shakhen (neighbor) and his re'a (neighbor, friend) shall perish.

22 Thus saith Hashem, Hinei, Am (an Army, a people) cometh from the eretz tzafon, and a Goy Gadol is aroused from the ends of the earth.

23 They shall lay hold of keshet (bow) and kidon (spear); they are cruel, and have no mercy; their kol (voice) roareth like the yam; and they ride upon susim, set in array as ish for milchamah against thee, O Bat Tziyon.

24 We have heard the fame thereof; our hands hang limp; tzarah (anguish) hath taken hold of us, and pain, as of a woman in labor.

25 Go not forth into the sadeh, nor walk by the derech; for the cherev of the oyev (enemy) and magur (fear, terror) is on every side.

26 O Bat Ami, gird thee with sackcloth, and roll thyself in ashes; make thee evel (mourning), as for a yachid (only son), most bitter lamentation; for the shoded (destroyer) shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have set thee for a bachon (tester, assayer) of Ami (My People); that thou mayest know and test their derech (way, conduct).

28 They are all maximum rebels, going about as rachil (talebearers, slanderers); they are nechoshet and barzel; they are all corrupt.

29 The bellows blow, the oferet (lead) is consumed by the eish; the smelter's refining is in vain; for the ra'im are not drawn off.

30 Nimas kesef (reprobate silver, rejected silver) shall men call them, because Hashem hath rejected them.

7 The Devar that came to Yirmeyah from Hashem, saying,

2 Stand at the Sha'ar Beis Hashem, and preach there this word, and say, Hear the Devar Hashem, all ye of Yehudah, that enter in at these She'arim (Gates) l'hishta'chavot (to worship, to prostrate before) Hashem.

3 Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, Elohei Yisroel, Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will cause you to dwell in makom hazeh (this place).

4 Trust ye not in divrei hasheker (lying words, words of falsehood), saying, This is the Heikhal Hashem, the Heikhal Hashem, the Heikhal Hashem.

5 For if ye throughly amend your ways and your deeds, and I will cause you to dwell in makom hazeh (this place).

6 If ye oppress not the ger, the yatom, and the almanah, and shed not dahm naki (innocent blood) in this place, neither walk after elohim acherim whom ye know not;

7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in HaAretz that I gave to Avoteichem, l'min olam v'ad olam (from forever to forever).

8 Hinei, ye trust in divrei sheker (lying words), that are worthless.

9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear l'sheker (falsely), and burn ketoret unto Ba'al, and walk after elohim acherim whom ye know not;

10 And come and stand before Me in HaBeis Hazeh, which is called by Shmi, and say, We are delivered I'ma'an (in order to) do all these to'evot (abominations)?

11 Is HaBeis Hazeh, which is called by Shmi, become a me'arah paritzim (a cave, a den of robbers, criminals) in your eyes? Hinei, even I have been watching, saith Hashem.

12 But go ye now unto My Makom (Place) which was in Shiloh, where I made dwell Shmi barishonah (at the first), and see what I did to it because of the ra'am Ami Yisroel (the wickedness of My people Israel).

13 And now, because ye have done all these ma'asim, saith Hashem, and I spoke unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye paid not heed; and I called you, but ye answered not;

14 Therefore will I do unto this Beis, which is called by Shmi, and unto the place which I gave to you and to Avoteichem, as I have done to Shiloh.

15 And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your achim, even the whole zera Ephrayim.

16 Therefore pray not thou on behalf of HaAm Hazeh, neither lift up plea nor tefillah for them, neither make intercession to Me; for I will not hear thee.

17 Seest thou not what they do in the towns of Yehudah and in the chutzot (streets of) Yerushalayim?

18 The banim gather wood, and the avot kindle the eish, and the nashim knead their batzek (dough), to make cakes to the Malkat HaShomayim (Queen of Heaven), and to pour out nesakhim (drink offerings) unto elohim acherim, that they may provoke Me to anger.
[20] Therefore thou shalt say unto them, This is a Goy (Nation) that obeyeth not the voice of Hashem Elohay, nor respondeth to musar; haenunah (the faith) is lost, and is cut off from their mouth.

[21] Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os, Elohei Yisroel; Add your olot unto your zevakhim, and eat basar.

[22] For I spoke not unto Avoiteichem, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of Eretz Mitzrayim, concerning olah or zevach; nor inclinded their ear, but stiffened stubbornly their neck; they did more evil

[23] But this thing I commanded them, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be for you Elohim (your G-d), and ye shall be My people; and walk ye in kol HaDerech that I have commanded you, l’ma'an (in order that) it may go well with you.

[24] But they paid heed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the inclinations of the stubbornness of their lev harah (evil heart), and went backward, and not forward.

[25] Since the day that Avoiteichem came forth out of Eretz Mizrayim unto this day I have even sent unto you all My servants the Nevim, daily rising up early and sending them;

[26] Yet they paid heed not unto Me, nor inclined their ear, but stiffened stubbornly their neck; they did more evil than their Avot.

[27] Therefore thou shalt speak all these devarim unto them; but they will not pay heed to thee; thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.

[28] But thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Hashem: Shall they fall, and not get up? Shall one turn away in perpetual (lamentation) on barren yamim? shall it burn, and shall it be gathered up, and none shall make it tameh.

[29] Cut off thine hair, O Yerushalayim; and throw it away, and take up a kinah (lamentation) on barren heights; for Hashem hath rejected and abandoned the dor evrato (the generation of His wrath).

[30] For the Bnei Yehudah have done rah in My sight, saith Hashem; they have set their shikkutzim (abominations) in the Beis (House of) Shmonecha; for they have consulted, and after whom they have served, and whom they have worshipped; they shall not be gathered up, nor be buried in a kever; they shall be like domen upon the surface of ha’adamah.

[31] Therefore, hinei, the yamim are coming, saith Hashem, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the Gey Ben Hinnom, but the Gey Haharegah (Valley of Slaughter); for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no room.

[32] And the nivlat HaAm (carcass of this people) shall be food for the oph HaShomayim, and for the behemat ha’aretz; and none shall frighten them away.

[33] And there is no pubescent of this generation that I do not remove and cast away before the shemesh, and shall be food for the oph HaShomayim, and for the tz’va haShomayim, whom they have worshiped, and whom they have served, and whom they have called Tophet, nor the Gey Ben Hinnom, but the Gey Haharegah (Valley of Slaughter); for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no room.

[34] Then will I cause to cease from the towns of Yehudah, and from the chutzot Yerushalayim, the sound of joy, and the sound of simchah, the sound of the Choson (Bridegroom) and the sound of the Kallah (Bride); for Haaretz shall be desolate.

At that time, saith Hashem, they [i.e., the invaders] shall remove the atzmot of the melachim of Yehudah, and the atzmot of his sarim, and the atzmot of the kohanim, and the atzmot of the neviim, and the atzmot of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, out of their keverim;
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[8] How can ye say, We are chachamim (wise ones), and the tohat Hashem is with us, when, hinei, the et sheker (deceiving pen) of the sofrim (scribes) has made it [the tohat Hashem] into sheker (a falsehood, i.e., falsely authoritative scribal interpretation has twisted Scripture, perverting its truth; see also Jer 2:8; 2K3:16; here is a warning against false teachers, and it is important because the scribal group in Israel would become the rabbinic group in time to come, and here their doctrines are coming into direct opposition to the Torah and the inerrant prophecies of Jeremiah).  

[9] The chachamim (wise men) are ashamed, they are dismayed and trapped; they have rejected the Devar Hashem; so what chochmah (wisdom) is in them?  

[10] Therefore will I give their nashim unto others, and their sadot to them that shall inherit them; for every one from the katan even unto the gadol is greedy for unjust gain, from the navi even unto the kohen every one doeth sheker.  

[11] For they give superficial treatment to the hurt of Bat Ami, saying, Shalom, shalom; Ami am I hurt; I mourn; therefore shall they fall among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith Hashem.  

[12] Were they ashamed when they did to'evah (abomination)? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they know to blush; therefore shall they fall among them that fall; in the time of their pekuddah (visitation [for punishment], time of reckoning) they shall be brought down, saith Hashem.  

[13] I would surely have harvested them, saith Hashem, but no grapes are on the gefen, nor te'enim (figs) on the te'enah (fig tree), even the leaf shall wither; and the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.  

[14] Why do we sit still? Assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the fortified cities, and let us perish there; for Hashem Eloheinu hath made us to perish, and given us mey rosh (poisonous water) to drink, because we have sinned against Hashem.  

[15] We looked for shalom, but no tav came; and for et marpeh (a time of healing), and, hinei, terror!  

[16] The snorting of his [the foe from the north] susim (horses) was heard from Dan; kol ha'aretz trembled at the sound of the neighing of his stallions; for they are come, and have devoured eretz, and all that is in it; the Ir (city, i.e., the city of Dan in the north of Israel), and those that dwell therein.  

[17] For, hinei, I will send nachashim, tizfonim (vipers), among you, which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith Hashem.  

[18] When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my lev is fain within me.  

[19] Hinei, the voice of the cry of the Bat Ami from eretz markhakim (a land of places far away); is Hashem not in Tziyon? Is her Melech not in her? Why have they provoked Me to anger with their pesilim (idols), and with alien vanities (futile foreign g-ds)?  

[20] The katzir (harvest) is past, kayitz (summer) is ended, and loh noshanu (we are not saved [from coming judgment and punishment]).  

[21] For the hurt of the Bat Ami am I hurt; I mourn; desolation hath taken hold on me.  

[22] Is there no tzori (medicinal balsam or balm) in Gil'ad; is there no rofeh (physician) there? Why then is the health of the Bat Ami not recovered?  

9 Oh that my rosh (head) were mayim, and mine eyes a makor dimah (a fountain of tears), that I might weep yomam valailah for the slain of the Bat Ami!  

[2](9,1) Oh that I had in the midbar a malon orkhim (travelers' lodge); that I might leave my people, and go from them! For they are all noafim (adulterers), an atzeret bogedim (band of treacherous traitors)  

[3](2) And they bend to the ready their leshon like their keshet (bow) for sheker; but not for emunah have they prevailed in ha'aretz; for they proceed from ra'ah to ra'ah, and they know not Me, saith Hashem.  

[4](3) Be ye shomer every one over his re'a (neighbor, friend) and trust ye not in kol ach (any brother); for kol ach will ya'akov (utterly supplant, deceive), and every re'a (neighbor) will holech rakhil (walk as the slanderer, gossiper).  

[5](4) And they will deceive every one his re'a, and will not speak emes; they have taught their leshon to speak shoker, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.  

[6](5) Thine habitation is in the midst of mirmah; through mirmah they refuse to know Me, saith Hashem.  

[7](6) Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, Hineni, I will refine them, and test them; for what but this shall I do for the Bat Ami?  

[8](7) Their leshon is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh mirmah; one speaketh shalom to his re'a with his mouth, but inwardly he lieth in ambush.  

[9](8) Shall I not visit them [in punishment] for these things? saith Hashem. Shall not My
Nefesh be avenged on such a Goy (nation) as this?
[10/9] I take up a weeping and nehi (lamentation) for the harim, and for the pastures of the midbar a kinah (lamentation), because they are scorched, so that none can pass through them; neither can men hear the voice of the mikneh (cattle); both the oph haShomayim and the behemah are fled; they are gone.
[11/10] And I will make Yerushalayim a heap of ruins, and a ma'on of jackals; and I will make the towns of Yehudah desolate, without an inhabitant.

[12/11] Who is the ish hechacham (wise man), that may understand this? And who is he to whom the mouth of Hashem hath spoken, that he may declare it, for what HaAretz perisheth and is scorched like a midbar, that none passeth through?

[13/12] And Hashem saith, Because they have forsaken My torah which I set before their avot and after Ba'alim, which their avot taught them; neither also is it in them to do rah, neither can they do ra'ah, but speak not; they must speak upright as the tomer (palm tree), but speak not; they must speak right upright as the tomer (palm tree), but speak not; they must speak right.

[14/13] But have walked after the sherrirut (stubbornness) of their own lev, and after Ba'alim, which their avot taught them;

[15/14] Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, the Elohei Yisroel; Hineni, I will make the towns of Yehudah a heap of ruins, and an omer (sheaf) after the omer (sheaf) shall be cutteth etz out of the ya'ar (forest), the ma'aseh (handiwork) of the hands of the charash (workman, artisan), with the axe.

[16/15] I will scatter them also among the Goyim, whom neither they nor their avot have known; and I will send a cherev after them, till I have consumed them.

[17/16] Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, Consider ye, and call for the wailing women, that they may come; and send for the chachamot (wise women), that they may come;

[18/17] And let them make haste, and take up a nehi (lamentation) for us, that our eyes may run down with mayim (tears), and our eyelids gush out with mayim.

[19/18] For a sound of nehi (lamentation) is heard from Tziyon, How are we plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken eretz, because mishkenoteinu have expelled us.

[20/19] Yet hear the Devar Hashem, O ye nashim, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth, and teach your banot nehi (lamentation), and everyone her re'a (neighbor) kinah (dirge).

[21/20] For mavev (death) is come up into our windows, and is entered into our fortresses, to cut off the olal (children) from the street, and the bochurim from the rechovot.

[22/21] Speak, Thus saith Hashem, Even the nevilah of adam shall fall like domen (dung) upon the sadah, and the omer (sheaf) after the kotzer (harvester), and none shall gather them.

[23/22] Thus saith Hashem, Let not the chacham (wise man) glory in his chochmah, neither let the gibbor (mighty man) glory in his gevurah (might), let not the oisher (rich man) glory in his riches;

[24/23] But let him that glorith glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am Hashem Who exercises chesed, mishpat, and tzedakah, on ha'aretz; for in these things I delight, saith Hashem.

[25/24] Hinei, the yamim come, saith Hashem, that I will punish kol mul barlah [all uncircumcized in uralah [only]]; 26/25] Mitzrayim, and Yehudah, and Edom, and the Bnei Ammon, and Moav, and kol ketzutei pe'ah (all in the farthest corners), that dwell in the midbar; for all these Goyim are uncircumcised, and kol Bais Yisroel are arlei lev (uncircumcised in heart, i.e., in need of regeneration, see In 3:3; Dt 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4; 31:31-34; Ro 9:6; 2:28-29; Isa 52:1; Ezek 36:25-27; 44:7,9; Co 2:11-12; 2C 5:17; Ti 3:4-7].

10 Hear ye the Davar which Hashem speaketh unto you, O Bais Yisroel.
[2] Thus saith Hashem, Learn not the Derech HaGoyim, and be not in awe of the oto HaShomayim; though the Goyim are in awe of them.

[3] For the [religious] chukkot (customs, statutes) of the nations are vain delusions; for one cuteth etz out of the ya'ar (forest), the ma'aseh (handiwork) of the hands of the charash (workman, artisan), with the axe.

[4] They deck it with kesef (silver) and with zahav; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it topple not.

[5] They [the idols] are upright as the tomer (palm tree), but speak not; they must needs be carried, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do rah, neither also is it in them to do tov.

[6] Forasmuch as there is none like unto Thee, Hashem; Thou art gadol, and Thy Shem is gadol in gevurah.

[7] Who would not fear thee, O Melech HaGoyim? For this is Thy due; forasmuch as among all the chachamim of the Govim, and in kol malchut of them, there is none like unto Thee.

[8] But they are altogether stupid and foolish; the etz is a musar havalim (discipline of delusions).
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| 9 | Hammered kesef is brought from Tarshish, and zahav from Uphaz, the ma’aseh (work, handiwork) of the charash (workman, artisan), and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple is their [the idols'] clothing; they are all the ma’aseh (work) of cunning men. |
| 10 | But Hashem is the Elohim Emes, He is the Elohim Chayyim, and the Melech Olam; at His wrath ha’aretz shall tremble, and the Goyim shall not be able to endure His indignation. |
| 11 | Thus shall ye say unto them, The g-ds that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and min techot (from under) these heavens. |
| 12 | He hath made eretz by His ko’ach, He hath established the tevel (world) by His chochmah, and hath stretched out Shomayim by His understanding. |
| 13 | When He uttereth His voice, there is a multitude of mayim in Shomayim, and He causeth the clouds to ascend from the ends of ha’aretz; He maketh lightnings with matar (rain), and bringeth forth the ruach (wind) out of His Otzerot. |
| 14 | Kol Adam is stupid in his da’as; every goldsmith is shamed by the pesel (idol); for his nesekh (molten image) is sheker, and there is no ruach in them. |
| 15 | They are hevel (vanity, delusion), and the ma’aseh (work) of delusion; in the time of their pekudat (visitation, punishment) they shall perish. |
| 16 | The chelek of Ya’akov is not like them; for the Yotzer HaKol (Maker of All, Creator of All) is He; and Yisroel is the shevet (rod) of His nachalah; Hashem Tzva’os Shmo. |

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11 The Davar that came to Yirmeyah from Hashem saying, 2 Hear ye the Divrei HaBrit Hazot, and speak unto the Ish Yehudah, and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim; 3 And say thou unto them, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel; Arur (cursed) be the ish that obeyeth not the Divrei HaBrit Hazot, 4 Which I commanded Avoteichem in the day that I brought them forth out from Eretz Mitzrayim, from the kur habarzel (the furnace of iron), saying, Obey My voice, and do all which I command you; so shall ye be My people, and I will be your Elohim; 5 That I may perform the shevuah (oath) which I have sworn unto Avoteichem to give them an Eretz zavat cholov udevash as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, Omein, Hashem. 6 Then Hashem said unto me, Proclaim all these Devarim in the towns of Yehudah, and in the streets of Yerushalayim, saying, Hear ye the Divrei HaBrit Hazot, and do them. 7 For I earnestly warned Avoteichem in the day that I brought them up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, even unto this day, rising early and warning, saying, Obey My voice. 8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ozen (ear), but walked every one in the sheririt (stubbornness) of their lev harah; therefore I brought upon them all the Divrei HaBrit Hazot, which I commanded them to do; but they did them not. 9 And Hashem said unto me, A kesher (conspiracy) is found among the Ish Yehudah, and among the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.
|10| They are turned back to the avonet Avotam HaRishonim, which refused to hear My words; and they went after elohim ach'erim to serve them; Bais Yisroel and Bais Yehudah have broken My Brit which I cut with Avotam.

|11| Therefore thus saith Hashem, Look! I will bring ra'ah (evil, disaster) upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry out unto Me, I will not pay heed unto them.

|12| Then shall the towns of Yehudah and inhabitants of Yerushalayim go, and cry out unto the elohim unto whom they shall not save them at all in the time of their ra'ah (disaster).

|13| For as many as the mispar (number) of thy towns were thy elohim, O Yehudah; and according to the mispar (number) of the streets of Yerushalayim have ye set up mizbechot to burn ketoret (shameful [idol]), even mizbechot to that boshet Yerushalayim have ye set up (number) of the streets of.

|14| Therefore pray not thou for HaAm Hazot, neither lift up a rinnah (entreaty) or tefillah on their behalf; for I will not hear them in the time of their ra'ah (disaster).

|15| What hath My yadid (beloved) that they cry unto Me for their will not hear them in the time of their ra'ah (evil, disaster).

|16| And Hashem hath given me da'as (knowledge) of it, and I know it; then Thou opened my eyes to their deeds.

|17| But I was like an innocent keves (lamb) that is brought to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised machashavot (plots) against me, saying, Let us destroy the etz (tree) with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from Eretz Chayyim, that shmo may be no more remembered.

|18| But, Hashem Tzva'os, Shofet Tzedek, that testeth the kelayot (kidneys) and the lev, let me see Thy vengeance on them; for unto Thee have I committed my cause.

|19| Therefore thus saith Hashem of the anshei Anatot, that seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not B'Shem Hashem, for the evil of Bais Yehudah have broken My Brit pronounced ra'ah against thee, for the evil of Bais Yisroel and of Bais Yehudah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering ketoret (incense) unto Ba'al.

|20| But thou, Hashem Tzva'os, Look! I will bring ra'ah (evil) upon thee, for the evil of Bais Yehudah have broken My Brit pronounced ra'ah against thee, for the evil of Bais Yisroel and of Bais Yehudah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering ketoret (incense) unto Ba'al.

|21| Therefore thus saith Hashem of the anshei Anatot, that seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not B'Shem Hashem, that thou die not by our yad; but, Hashem Tzva'os, Look! I will bring ra'ah (evil) upon thee, for the evil of Bais Yehudah have broken My Brit pronounced ra'ah against thee, for the evil of Bais Yisroel and of Bais Yehudah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger in offering ketoret (incense) unto Ba'al.

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|23| And there shall be no she'erit (remnant) of them; for I will bring ra'ah (evil) upon the Anshei Anatot, even the year of their visitation [i.e., divine visitation for punishment].
And it shall come to pass, after that I uproot them out of their adamah, and will bring them to inherit: See, I will uproot and destroy that Goy (Nation), saith Hashem.

Thus saith Hashem unto me, Go and buy thee a linen [i.e., priestly] ezor (belt) and put it around thy waist, and put it in mayim.

So I bought the ezor (belt) according to the Devar Hashem, and put it around my waist.

And the Devar Hashem came unto me the second time, saying,

Take the ezor that thou hast bought, which is around thy waist, and arise, go to Parah (Josh 18:23 [Hebrew for Euphrates is Perat]), and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.

And it came to pass at the end of yamim rabbim, that Hashem said unto me, Arise, go to Parah, and take the ezor from there, which I commanded me.

And I will dash them one against another, even the avot and the banim together, saith Hashem; and I will cast them out of their emek, and they shall be built up in the midst of My People.

Thus saith Hashem: Concerning all Mine evil shchenim (neighbors), that touch the nachalah which I have caused My people Yisroel to inherit: See, I will uproot them out of their adama, and uproot the Bais Yehudah from among them.

And it shall come to pass, after that I uproot them I will return, and have rachamim (compassion) on them, and will bring them back again, every ish to his nachalah, and every ish to his etzet.

And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the darkhei Ami (ways of My people [i.e., Israel's Biblical faith]), to swear in My Sheem, As Hashem liveth; even as they taught My people to make avowal in Ba'al; then shall they be built up in the midst of My People.

But if they will not obey, I will utterly uproot and destroy that Goy (Nation), saith Hashem.

Thou shalt not hear.

Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this Davar; Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Every wine jar shall be filled with yayin; and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every wine jar shall be filled with yayin?

Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Hashem, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of Haaretz Hazot, even the melachim that sit upon the kisse Dovid, and the Kohanim, and the Nevii'm, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, with shikkaron (drunkenness).

And I will dash them one against another, even the avot and the banim together, saith Hashem; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have rachamim, but destroy them.

Hear ye, and give ozen (ear); be not proud: for Hashem hath spoken.

Give kavod to Hashem Eloheichem, before He cause darkness, and before your raglayim stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for ohr, He turn it into the tzalmavet (shadow of death), and make it gross darkness.

But if ye will not listen, my nefesh shall weep in secret places for your ga'avah (pride); and mine eye shall weep profusely, and run down with tears, because the Eder Hashem (Flock of Hashem) is carried away captive.

Say unto HaMelech and to the Gevirah (Queen mother), Humble yourselves, sit down; for your rule shall come down, even the ataret (crown) of your tiferet (glory).
19 The cities of the Negev shall be shut up, and none shall open them; Yehudah shall be all carried away into the Golus, it shall be wholly carried away into the Golus.  
20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the tzafon (north). Where is the eder (flock) that was given thee, thy tzon tiferet?  
21 What wilt thou say when He appoints over thy leaders those whom thou thyself has taught, to be thy rosh? Shall not chavalim (pangs) seize thee, as a woman in travail?  
22 And if thou say in thine lev, Why come these things upon me? For the greatness of thy avon (iniquity) are thy skirts uncovered, and thy heels violated.  
23 Can the Kushi (Ethiopian) change his ohr (skin), or the namer (leopard) his spots? Then may ye also do tov, that are accustomed to do rah.  
24 Therefore will I scatter them as the chaff driven by the ruach of the midbar.  
25 This is thy goral (lot), the portion of thy measures from Me, saith Hashem; because thou hast forgotten Me, and trusted in sheker (falsehood).  
26 Therefore will I uncover thy skirts over thy panim, that thy shame may appear.  
27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy zenut (whoredom), and thine abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe unto thee, O Yerushalayim! Wilt thou not be made tahor (clean)? Until when?  

14 The Davar Hashem that came to Yirmeyah concerning the batzorot (droughts).  

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run down with tears lailah and yomam, and let them not cease: for the Betulat Bat Ami is broken with a shever gadol (great calamity), with a severe wound.

[18] If I go forth into the sadeh, then hinei! The slain with the cherev! And if I enter into the Ir, then hinei them that are ravaged with ra’av (famine)! Indeed, both the navi and the kohen go roaming to a land that they know not.

[19] Hast Thou utterly rejected Yehudah? Hath Thy nefesh loathed Tziyon? Why hast Thou afflicted us, and there is no healing for us? We hoped for shalom, and there is no tov; and for the time of healing, and hinei terror!

[20] We acknowledge, Hashem, our wickedness, and the avon Avoteinu; for we have sinned against Thee.

[21] Do not abhor us, for the sake of Shimecha, do not disgrace the Kisse Kevodecha (throne of Thy glory); remember, annul not Thy Brit (covenant reprisal), saith Hashem; the cherev to slay, and the kelevim to drag off, and the oph HaShomayim, and the behemat ha’aretz, to devour and destroy.

[4] And I will cause them to be a horrific sight to kol mamlechot ha’aretz; I will make them to become the plunders of the families, categories [of covenant reprisal], saith Hashem; the cherev to slay, and the kelevim to drag off, and the oph HaShomayim, and the behemat ha’aretz, to devour and destroy.

[6] Thou hast forsaken Me, thy keepeth regarding the shalom of thee? Who shall go aside to inquire for thee, and destroy thee; I am called by Thy Shem, Melech Yehudah, for that which he did in Yerushalayim.

[7] For who shall have pity upon thee, O Yerushalayim? Or who shall mourn thee? Or who shall go aside to inquire regarding the shalom of thee? Thou hast forsaken Me, saith Hashem, thou keepeth going backward; therefore will I stretch out My yad against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with relenting.

[8] Their almanot (widows) are increased before Me above the chol (sand) of the seas; I have brought upon them, against the em bochur (mother of youth), a shoded (plunderer) at noonday; I let fall upon her suddenly, Ir and terrors.

[9] She that bore shivah (seven [sons]) languisheth; she hath gasped for her nefesh; her shemesh is gone down while it was yet day; she hath been humiliated and disgraced; and the she’erit (remnant) of them will I deliver to the cherev before their oyevim, saith Hashem.

[10] Oy li, immi, that thou bore me, an ish riv (a man of strife) and an ish madon (a man of contention) to kol ha’aretz (the whole land)! I have neither lent, neither have any lent to me; yet every one of them doth curse me.

[11] Hashem said, Verily I will deliver thee for tov; verily I will cause the oyev (enemy) to supplicate thee in the time of ra’ah and in the time of tzarah (distress).

[12] Shall harzel (iron) break, barzel (iron) from tzafon (north)? Or nechoshet?

[13] Thy wealth and thy otzerot (treasures) will I give as plunder without mekhir (price), and that for all thy chataim (sins), even in all thy territories.

[14] And I will make thee to pass over thine oyevim (enemies) into an eretz which thou knowest not; for eish is kindled in Mine anger, which shall burn against you [plural].

[15] Hashem, Thou knowest; remember me, and visit me, and take vengeance for me of my [pursuing] persecutors; in Thy patient forbearance take me not away; know that for Thy sake I have suffered cherpah (reproach).

[16] Thy Devarim were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Davar was unto me, saith Hashem Elohei Tzva’os.

[17] I sat not in the sod (company) of merrymakers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of Thy yad; for Thou hast filled me with za’am (indignation).

[18] Why is my pain netzach (perpetual, never ending) and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed?
Wilt Thou be altogether unto me like achzav (deception) and mayim lo ne’emanu (waters that have not proved reliable)?

| 16 | The Davar Hashem came also unto me, saying, |
| 2 | Thou shalt not take thee an isha, neither shalt thou have banim or banot in makom hazeh (this place). |
| 3 | For thus saith Hashem concerning the banim and concerning the banot that are born in makom hazeh, and concerning their immahot (mothers) that bore them, and concerning their avos (fathers) that fathered them in ha’aretz, they shall be as refuse upon the face of ha’adamah; and they shall be as abominable idols. |
| 4 | The mot (death) they die will be of deadly diseases; they shall not be mourned; neither shall they be buried; but they shall be as refuse upon the face of ha’adamah; and they shall be consumed by the cherov, and by ra’av (famine); and their nevelot (dead bodies) shall be food for the bodies) shall be food for the ancient (dead) and for the ancient (dead) and they shall be consumed by the cherov, and by ra’av (famine); and their nevelot (dead bodies) shall be food for the cherov, and by ra’av (famine); and their nevelot (dead bodies) shall be food for the cherov, and by ra’av (famine); and their nevelot (dead bodies) shall be food for the

| 5 | For thus saith Hashem, Enter not into the bais marzeach (house of mourning), neither go to lament nor mourn them; for I have withdrawn away My shalom from HaAm Hazeh, saith Hashem, even chesed and rachamim. |
| 6 | Both the gedolim and the ketanim shall die in ha’aretz hazot; they shall not be buried, neither shall men mourn for them, nor make [pagar] cuttings on themselves, nor make themselves [like pagan mourners] bald for them [See Dt 14:1]: |
| 7 | Neither shall men break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the kos tanechumim (cup of consolation) to drink for their ay or for their em. |
| 8 | Thou shalt not go into the bais hemat ha’aretz. |
| 9 | For thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of the yad of the ra’im (wicked), and I will redeem thee out of the clutches of the ruthless. |

| 10 | And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt tell this people all these Devarim, and they shall say unto thee, Why hath Hashem pronounced all this ra’ah hagedolah against us? Or what is avonenu (our iniquity)? Or what is chattattenu (our sin) that we have committed against Hashem Eloheinu? |
| 11 | Then shalt thou say unto them, Because avoteichem have forsaken Me, saith Hashem, and have served after acharei elohim, and have had dispersed them; and I will redeem thee, saith Hashem. |
| 12 | And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt tell this people all these Devarim, and they shall say unto thee, Why hath Hashem pronounced all this ra’ah hagedolah against us? Or what is avonenu (our iniquity)? Or what is chattattenu (our sin) that we have committed against Hashem Eloheinu? |
| 13 | Therefore thus saith Hashem, If thou make teshuva (repentance), then will I restore thee, and thou shalt stand before Me [for service, ministry]; and if thou bring forth [utterance] of the precious rather than the worthless, thou shalt be as My Peh (Mouth): let them turn unto thee; but turn not thou unto them. |
| 14 | And it will be, when the days come, saith Hashem, that it shall no more be said, Hashem liveth, that brought up the Bnei Yisroel out of Eretz Mitzrayim; |
| 15 | But, Hashem liveth, that brought up the Bnei Yisroel from the etzat taphonz, and from kol ha’aretz where He had dispersed them; and I will bring them again into their adamah that I gave unto their avot. |
| 16 | Behold, I will send for many dayagim (fisherman), saith Hashem, and they shall fish them out; and after that will I send for many tsayadim (hunters), and they shall hunt them from every har (mountain), and from every givah (hill), and out of the crevices of the sela’im (rocks). |
| 17 | For Mine eyes are upon all their drakhim; they are not hid from My face, neither is their avon (iniquity) hid from Mine eyes. |
| 18 | And first I will recompense their avon (iniquity) and their sin mishneh (double); because they have defiled My Eretz (land), they have filled Mine nachalah with the nevelot (lifeless forms, carcasses) of their detestable and abominable idols. |
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|19| Hashem, my strength, and my ma'oz (fortress), and my refuge in the yom tzarah, the Goyim shall come unto Thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely Avoteinu have inherited sheker, hevel, and things wherein there is no profit.
|20| Shall man make elohim unto himself and they are not Elohim?
|21| Therefore, Behold, I will this time cause them to know, I will cause them to know Mine yad and My gevurah; and they shall know that My Shem is Hashem.

The chattat Yehudah is written with an et barzel (iron pen), and with the tzipporen shamir (point of a diamond); it is engraved upon the luach (tablet) of their lev, and upon the karenot (horns) of your mizbechot (altars);

|2| Whilst their banim remember their mizbechot and their asherim by the leafy trees upon the high hills.
|3| O My mountain in the sadeh, I will give over thy wealth and all thy otzerot (treasures) as plunder, and thy high places for sin, throughout all thy territories.
|4| And thou, even thyself, shalt let go of thine nachalah that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine oyevim in ha'aretz which thou knowest not; for ye have kindled an eish in Mine anger, which shall burn ad-olam (forever).
|5| Thus saith Hashem: Arur (cursed) be he that trusteth in adam, and maketh hasar his zero'a, and whose lev turneth away from Hashem.

|6| For he shall be like the shrub in the aravah (desert), and shall not see when tov cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the midbar, in an eretz melechah (salt land) and not inhabited.

|7| Baruch hagever asher yivtach baHashem (Blessed is the man that trusteth in Hashem), and whose mivtach (confidence) Hashem is.
|8| For he shall be as an etz planted by the mayim, and that spreadeth out her shorashim (roots) by the brook, and shall not fear when chom (heat) cometh, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be anxious in the shenat batzoret (year of drought), neither shall cease from yielding p'ri (fruit).
|9| The lev (heart, mind) akov (is deceitful) above all things, and anush (incurable wickedness); who can know it?
|10| I, Hashem, search the lev, I test the kelayot (kidneys, i.e., most inward parts), requiting to every ish according to his drakhim, and according to the p'ri of his deeds.

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|11| As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not; so he that getteth osher (riches), and not by mishpat, shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a naval (fool).
|12| A glorious high kisse from the beginning is the place of Mikdasheinu (our Beis HaMikdash).
|13| Hashem, the Mikveh Yisroel, all that forsake Thee shall be put to shame, and they that turn away from Me shall be written down in ha'aretz, because they have forsaken Hashem, the Makor Mayim Chayyim (Fountain of Living Waters).
|14| Heal me, Hashem, and I shall be healed; hoshi'eini (save me), and I shall be saved; for Thou art my tehillah (praise).

|15| Hinei, they say unto me, Where is the Devar Hashem? Let it come now.
|16| As for me, I have not hastened away from being a roeh (shepherd) to follow Thee; neither did I lust for the woeful day; Thou knowest; that which came out of my lips was before Thee.
|17| Be not a mechittah (terror) unto me; Thou art my refuge in the Yom Ra'ah (Day of Evil, Day of Disaster, Day of Doom).

|18| Let them be ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be put to shame; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the Yom Ra'ah, and destroy them with mishneh (double) destruction.
|19| Thus said Hashem unto me; Go and stand in the Sha'ar Bnei HaAm, whereby the melachim of Yehudah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the Sha'arei Yerushalayim;

|20| And say unto them, Hear ye the Devar Hashem, ye melachim of Yehudah, and all Yehudah, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, that enter in by these she'arim (gates);

|21| Thus saith Hashem: Be shomer over your nefashot, and bear no massa (burden) on Shabbos, nor bring through the Sha'arei Yerushalayim;

|22| Neither carry forth a massa (burden) out of your batim (houses) on Shabbos, neither do ye any melachah (work), but keep Shabbos set apart as kodesh, just as I commanded Avoteinu.
|23| But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ozen (ear), but made their stubborn neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive musar (discipline).
[24] And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently pay heed unto Me, saith Hashem, to bring in no massa (burden) through the she'arim (gates) of this city on the day of Shabbos, but keep the day of Shabbos holy, to do no melachah (work) therein; [25] Then shall there enter into the she'arim (gates) of this city melachim and sarim sitting upon the kisse Dovid, riding in chariots and on susim, they, and their sarim, the Ish Yehudah, and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim; and this city shall be inhabited Iolam (forever). [26] And they shall come from the towns of Yehudah, and from the places around Yerushalayim, and from Eretz Binyamin, and from the Shephalah (Lowlands), and from the har (hill country), and from the Negev bringing olah (burnt offering), and zevach (sacrifice), and levonah (frankincense), and minchah (grain offering), and zevach (sacrifice), and levonah (frankincense), and bringing todah (thank offering), unto the Bais Hashem. [27] But if ye will not pay heed unto Me to keep the day of Shabbos holy, to do no melachah (work) therein, I will scatter them as cherev; and let their nashim be bereaved as childless, and their banim to the ra'av (famine), and pour out their dahm by the force of the cherev; and let their calamity be as that of their calamity.

The Davar which came to Yirmeyah from Hashem, saying,

[2] Arise, and go down to the bais hayotzer (the house of the potter, Creator), and there I will cause thee to hear My Devar.

[3] Then I went down to the bais hayotzer, and, behold, he wrought a work on the potter's wheel.

[4] And the keli (vessel) that he was making of khomer (clay) was marred in the yad of the yotzer; so he made it again keli acher (another vessel, a different vessel), as seemed good to the eyes of the yotzer to make it.

[5] Then the Devar Hashem came to me, saying,

[6] O Bais Yisroel, cannot I do with you as this yotzer? saith Hashem. Hinei, as the khomer (clay) is in the yotzer's yad, so are ye in Mine yad, O Bais Yisroel.

[7] At what instant I shall speak concerning a Goy (nation), and concerning a mamlachah (kingdom), to uproot, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

[8] If that Goy, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their ra'ah, I will relent of the ra'ah that I planned to do unto them.

[9] And at what instant I shall speak concerning a Goy, and concerning a mamlachah (kingdom), to build and to plant it;

[10] If it do ra'ah in My sight, to destroy it;

[11] Now therefore go to, speak to the Ish Yehudah, and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, saying, Thus saith Hashem; Hinei, I yotzer (mold as a potter) ra'ah against you, and devise a plan against you; return ye now every ish from his derech ra'ah, and make your ways and your doings good.

[12] And they said, It is useless; but we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every ish do the sherirut (stubbornness) of his lev ra'ah.

[13] Therefore thus saith Hashem, Ask ye now among the Govim, Who hath heard such things? The Betulat Yisroel hath done a most horrible thing.

[14] Does the sheleg (snow) of Levanon vanish from the tzur of the slope? Or shall the cold flowing mayim that come from distant sources cease?

[15] Because My people hath forgotten Me, they have burned ketoret to worthless idols, and they have caused them to stumble in their drakhim from the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, and not on the derech built up;

[16] To make their eretz desolate, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shall shake his rosh.

[17] I will scatter them as with an east ruach (wind) before the oyev; I will show them My oref (back), and not My panim (face), in the day of their calamity.

[18] Then said they, Come, and let us devise plans against Yirmeyah; for the torah shall not perish from the kohen, nor etzah from the chacham, nor the davar from the navi.

Come, and let us attack him with the lashon, and let us not give heed to any of his devarim.

[19] Give heed to me, Hashem, and take notice of the voice of them that contend with me.

[20] Shall ra'ah be repaid for tovah? For they have dug a pit with me. Remember that I stood before Thee to speak tovah concerning them, and to turn away Thy wrath from them.

[21] Therefore deliver up their banim to the ra'ah (famine), and pour out their dahm by the force of the cherev; and let their nashim be bereaved as childless,
and be almanot (widows); and let their anashim be put to death; let their bochorim be slain by the cherev in milchamah.

[22] Let a cry be heard from their batim (houses), when Thou shalt bring a gedud (troop) suddenly upon them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and hid pachim (snares) for my raglayim.

[23] Yet, Hashem, Thou knowest all their etzah against me to slay me; do not make kapporah for their avon, neither blot out their chattat from Thy sight, but let them be overthrown before Thee; deal thus with them in the time of Thine anger.

Thus saith Hashem, Go and acquire a yotzer's earthen jar, and take some of the Ziknei HaAm, and of the Ziknei HaKohanim;

[2] And go forth unto the Gey Ben-Hinnom, which is by the petach (entrance) of the Potsherd Gate, and proclaim there the Devarim that I shall tell thee,

[3] And say, Hear ye the Devar Hashem, O melachim of Yehudah, and inhabitants of Yerushalayim; Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, the Elohei Yisroel; Behold, I will bring ra'ah upon this makom, the which whosoever heareth, his oznayim shall tingle.

[4] Because they have forsaken Me, and have made this an alien place, and have burned [offerings] in it unto elohim acherim, whom neither they nor avoteihem have known, nor the melachim of Yehudah, and have filled this makom with the dahm of innocents;

[5] They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their banim with eish for olot unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spoke it, neither came it into My lev;

[6] Therefore, hinei, the days come, saith Hashem, that this makom shall no more be called Tophet, nor Gey Ben-Hinnom, but The Valley of Slaughter.

[7] And I will make void the etzah of Yehudah and Yerushalayim in this makom; and I will cause them to fall by the cherev before their oyevim, and by the hands of them that seek their nefesh; and their nevelah (carcasses) will I give to be food for the oph HaShomayim, and for the behemat ha'aretz.

[8] And I will make this city desolate, and an object of hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the makkot (plagues) thereof.

[9] And I will cause them to eat the basar of their banim and the basar of their banot, and they shall eat every one the basar of his re'a in the siege and desperation, wherewith their oyevim, and they that seek their nefesh, shall drive them to despair.

[10] Then shalt thou break the earthen jar in the sight of the anashim that go with thee,

[11] And shalt say unto them, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a yotzer's vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet, until there be no makom (place, room) to bury.

[12] Thus will I do unto this makom, saith Hashem, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even make this city as Tophet;

[13] And the batim (houses) of Yerushalayim, and the batim (houses) of the melachim of Yehudah, shall be tameh as the makom of Tophet, because of all the batim (houses) upon whose roofs they have burned ketoret unto all the Tzeva HaShomayim, and have poured out nesakham (drink offerings) unto elohim acherim.

[14] Then came Yirmeyah from Tophet, from where Hashem had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the khatzer (courtyard) of the Beis Hashem; and said to kol HaAm,

[15] Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel; I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns kol hara'ah that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks, and they might not hear My Devarim.

Now Pashchur Ben Immer the kohen, who was also Pakid Nagid in the Beis Hashem, heard that Yirmeyah prophesied these things.

[2] Then Pashchur struck Yirmeyah HaNavi, and put him in the stocks that were in the Upper Gate of Binyamin, which was at the Beis Hashem.

[3] And it came to pass on the next day, that Pashchur brought forth Yirmeyah out of the stocks. Then said Yirmeyah unto him, Hashem hath not called thy shem Pashchur, but Magor Missaviv (Terror on Every Side).

[4] For thus saith Hashem, Hineni, I will make thee a magor (terror) to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the cherev of their oyevim, and thine eynayim shall behold it; and I will give kol Yehudah into the yad Melech Bavel, and he shall carry them captive into Bavel, and shall slay them with the cherev.
|5| Moreover, I will deliver all the wealth of this city, and all the produce thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the ozarot of the melachim of Yehudah will I give into the yad of their oyevim, which shall plunder them, and seize them, and carry them to Bavel.

|6| And thou, Pashchur, and all that dwell in thine bais shall go into the [Golus] captivity: and thou shalt come to Bavel, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied shoker.

|7| Hashem, Thou hast induced me, and I was induced; Thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed; I am a laughingstock all day long, every one mocketh me. For since I spoke, I cried out, I cried chamas and destruction; because the Devar Hashem was made a cherpah (reproach) unto me, and a derision, all day long.

|8| Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, nor speak any more in Shmo. But His word was in Mine lev as a burning eish shut up in my atzmot, and I was weary of holding back, and I could not.

|9| For I heard the slander of many, Magor (terror) on every side. Report, say they, let's report him. Kol enosh shelomi watched for my stumbling, saying, Perhaps he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

|10| But Hashem is with me as a Gibbor Aritz (Mighty Warrior): therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not succeed; their kelimat olam (everlasting dishonor) shall never be forgotten.

|11| What is the day wherein immi bore me as a child? or that ish is born unto thee, child; or that which thou hast prophesied shall not come to pass; or that which I spake unto thee by day, and thou wert not afraid to hear it; or that which I spake unto thee in sleep visions, and therein I was weary of holding back;

|12| But, Hashem Tzva'os, that tests the tzaddik, and seest the kelayot and the lev, let me see Thy vengeance on them; for unto Thee have I pled my cause.

|13| Sing unto Hashem, hallelu Hashem; for He hath saved the nefesh of the eyvon (poor) from the yad of evildoers.

|14| Arur (cursed) be the day wherein I was born; let not the day wherein immi bore me yehi baruch (be blessed).

|15| Arur (cursed) be the ish who brought news to avi, saying, A ben zchar (male child) is born unto thee; making him very glad.

|16| And let that ish be as the towns which Hashem overthrew, and relented not; and let him hear the wailing in the boker, and the teru'ah (battle cry) at noon tide; Because he slaughtered me not from the womb; or that immi might have been my kever, and olam (forever) her womb enlarged.

|17| Why came I forth out of the womb enlarged. Because he slaughtered me at noontide; the boker, and the teru'ah (battle cry) overthrew, and relented not; and let him hear the wailing in the boker, and the teru'ah (battle cry) at noon tide; Because he slaughtered me not from the womb; or that immi might have been my kever, and olam (forever) her womb enlarged.

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21 The Davar which came unto Yirmeyah from Hashem, when HaMelech Tzidkiyah sent unto him Pashchur Ben Malkiyah, and Tzephanyah Ben Ma'aseiyah the kohen, saying,

|2| Inquire, now, of Hashem for us; for Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel maketh war against us; if it be so that Hashem will deal with us according to all His milchot (wondrous deeds), that he may withdraw from us.

|3| Then said Yirmeyah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Tzidkiyah;
Thus saith Hashem; Go down to the Bais Melech Yehudah, and speak there this Davar,

[2] And say, Hear the Devar Hashem, O Melech Yehudah, that sitteth upon the kisse of Dovid, thou, and thy avadim, and thy people that enter in by these she’arim (gates); that sitteth upon the kisse of Dovid, thou, and thy avadim, and thy people that enter in by these she’arim (gates);

[3] Thus saith Hashem; Execute ye mishpat (justice) and tzedakah (righteousness), and save the plundered out of the yad of the oshek (oppressor); and do no wrong, do no violence to the ger (alien), the yatom (orphan), nor the almanah (widow), neither shed dahm naki (innocent blood) in this makom (place).

[4] For if ye carry out this davar indeed, then, shall there enter in by the she’arim (gates) of this Bais, melachim sitting upon the kisse Dovid, riding in chariots and on susim, he, and his avadim, and his people.

[5] But if ye will not hear these devarim, I swear a shevuah by Myself, saith Hashem, that this Bais shall become a desolation.

[6] For thus saith Hashem unto the Bais Melech Yehudah: Thou art in grandeur Gil`ad unto Me, and the summit of the Levanon; yet surely I will make thee a midbar, and towns which are not inhabited.

[7] And I will prepare mashchitim (destroyers) against thee, every ish with his weapons; and they shall cut down thy choice arazim (cedars), and cast them into the eish.

[8] And Goyim rabbim shall pass by this city, and they shall say every ish to his re’a (neighbor), Why hath Hashem done thus unto this ir (great city)?

[9] Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the Brit Hashem Eloheihem, and worshiped elohim acherim, and served them.

[10] Weep ye not for the one dead, neither mourn him; but weep bitterly for him that goeth away [into the Golus]; for he shall return no more, nor see his eretz moledet (native land).

[11] For thus saith Hashem touching Shallum Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, which reigned in place of Yoshiyah aviv, which went forth out of this makom; he shall not return there any more;

[12] But he shall die in the makom where they have led him captive [into the Golus], and he shall see HaAretz Hazot no more.

[13] Woe unto him that buildeth his bais but not by tzedek (righteousness), and his aliyot (upper chambers) but not by mishpat; that useth his neighbor’s service without wages, and giveth him no pay for his work;

[14] That saith, I will build me a large bais (mansion) and spacious aliyot (upper rooms), and cutteth him out chalonot (windows); and panel it with eretz (cedar), and paint with bright red.

[15] Shall thou reign, because thou enclouse thyself in eretz (cedar)? Did not Avicha eat and drink, and do mishpat and tzedakah, and then it was tov (well) with him?

[16] He defended the cause of the oni (poor) and evyon (needy); then it was tov (well) with him; was not this to have da’as of Me? saith Hashem.

[17] But thine eynayim (eyes) and thine lev are but for thy betza (covetousness, greed) and for to shed dahm hanaki (innocent blood), and for oshek (oppression), and for merutzah (extortion, persecution), to do it.

[18] Therefore thus saith Hashem concerning Y’hoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah: They shall not mourn for him, saying, Ah achi! Or, Ah achot (sister)! They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah adon! Or, Ah his hod (glory)! They shall not lament for him, saying, Ah adon! Or, Ah his hod (glory)!

[19] He shall be buried with the kevurat chamor (burial of a donkey), dragged and cast forth outside the Sha’arei Yerushalayim.

[20] Go up to the Levanon, and cry out; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry out from
Avarim; for all thy lovers are crushed.

[21] I spoke unto thee in thy security; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy derech from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not My kol (voice).

[22] The ruach shall eat up all thy ro'im (rulers), and thy lovers shall go into captivity [in the Golus]; surely then shalt thou be ashamed and humiliated because of all thy wickedness.

[23] O inhabitant of the Lebanon, that maketh thy ken (nest) in the arazim (cedars), how shalt thou groan when (nest) in the arazim, that makest thy ken in the Levanon, that humiliated because of all thy wickedness.

[24] As I live, saith Hashem, woman in travail! upon thee, the pain as of a chavalim (birth pangs) come upon thee; hineni, I will attend to you for the rah of your doings, saith Hashem.

[25] And I will give thee into the ro'im (rulers) of Shomron; they prophesied a revulsive thing in the nevi'im; saith Hashem.

[26] And I will cast thee out, and immecha that bore thee, into ha'aretz which cast out, he and his zera, and is no chefetz? Why are they stripped of the image? Is he a vessel wherein is no chafetz? Why are they cast out, he and his zera, and are cast into ha'aretz which they know not?

[27] But to HaAretz whereunto they desire to return, to these shall they not return.

[28] Is this man Coniyahu a despised broken etzev (image, statue)? Is he a vessel wherein is no chefetz? Why are they cast out, he and his zera, and are cast into ha'aretz which they know not?

[29] O eretz, eretz, eretz, hear the Devar Hashem.

[30] Thus saith Hashem, Write ye this ish ariri (childless, stripped of the honor that progeny bestows), a gever (man) who shall not prosper in his days; for none of his zera shall prosper, sitting upon the kisse Dovid, or moshel od (rule anymore) in Yehudah.

[31] Woe be unto the ro'im that destroy and scatter the tzon of My pasture! saith Hashem.

[32] Therefore thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel against the ro'im that shepherd My people; Ye have scattered My tzon, and driven them away, and have not attended to them; hineni, I will attend to you for the rah of your doings, saith Hashem.

[33] And I will gather the she'erit (remnant) of My tzon out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

[34] And I will set up ro'im (shepherds) over them which shall shepherd them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith Hashem.

[35] Hinei, the days come, saith Hashem, that I will raise up unto Dovid a Tzemach Tzaddik [i.e., Moshiach Ben Dovid Yehoshua, see 30:9; 33:15; Zech 3:8 Ezra 3:8; Zech 6:11-12; Mt 2:23; Isa 4:2; 9:2-7; 11:1-12; 53:2,11; Moshiach the new “Joshua” Isa 49:8]; and a Melech shall reign and act wisely, and shall execute mishpat and tzedakah in all my atzmot shake; I am like an ish shikkor, and like a gever (man) who shall not prosper in his days; for none of his zera shall prosper, sitting upon the kisse Dovid, or moshel od (rule anymore) in Yehudah.

[36] For ha'aretz is full of profane; indeed, in My Beis have I found their wickedness, saith Hashem.

[37] Therefore their derech shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring ra'ah upon them, even the year of their visitation [for punishment], saith Hashem.

[38] And I have seen a revulsive thing in the nevi'im of Shomron; they prophesied by Ba'al, and caused My people Yisroel to err.

[39] I have seen also in the nevi'im of Yerushalayim a horrible thing; they commit ni'uf and walk in sheker; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth turn back from his wickedness; they are all of them unto Me as Sodom and the inhabitants thereof as Amora (Gomorrah).

[40] Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os concerning the nevi'im;
Hineni, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the bitter water of gall; for from the nevi'im of Yerushalayim is chanupah (profaneness) gone forth into kol ha'aretz.

|16| Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, Pay no heed unto the devarim of the nevi'im that prophesy unto you; they are deluding you; they speak a chazon (vision) of their own lev, and not out of the mouth of Hashem.

|17| They say continually unto them that despise Me, Hashem hath said, Ye shall have shalom; and they say unto everyone that walketh after the sherirut (stubbornness) of his own lev, No ra'ah shall come upon you.

|18| For who hath stood in the sod (council) of Hashem, and hath perceived and heard His Devar? Who hath marked His word, and heard it?

|19| Hinei, a whirlwind of Hashem is gone forth in fury, even a violent whirlwind; it shall fall grievously upon the rosh of the resha'im.

|20| The anger of Hashem shall not turn back, until He have executed, and until He have performed, the mezimmot (designs) of His lev; in the acharit hayamim ye shall understand it perfectly.

|21| I have not sent these nevi'im, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

|22| But if they had stood in My sod (council), and had caused My people to hear My Devarim, then they should have turned them from their derech harah, and from the ra'ah of their doings.

|23| Am I Elohei mikarov, saith Hashem, and not Elohei merachok?

|24| Can any ish hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith Hashem. Do not I fill Shomayim and Ha'Aretz? saith Hashem.

|25| I have heard what the nevi'im said, that prophesy sheker (lies) biShmi (in My Name), saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the lev of the nevi'im that prophesy sheker? Indeed, they are nevi'im of the delusion of their own lev;

|27| Which think to cause My people to forget My Shem by their chalomot (dreams) which they tell every ish to his neighbor, as their avot have forgotten My Shem through Ba'al [worship].

|28| The navi that hath a chalom, let him tell a chalom; and he that hath My Devar, let him speak My Devar emes (faithfully). What is the chaff to the wheat? saith Hashem.

|29| Is not My Devar like an eish? saith Hashem. And like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

|30| Therefore, hineni, I am against the nevi'im, saith Hashem, that steal My devarim every ish from his neighbor.

|31| Hineni, I am against the nevi'im, saith Hashem, that use their [own] lashon, and say, He saith.

|32| Hineni, I am against them that prophesy chalomot sheker, saith Hashem, and do tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies, and by their recklessness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith Hashem.

|33| And when this people, or the navi, or a kohen, shall ask thee, saying, What is the massa [burden, prophecy] of Hashem? Thou shalt then say unto them, What massa burden? I will even forsake you, saith Hashem.

|34| And as for the navi, and the kohen, and HaAm, that shall say, The massa (burden) of Hashem, I will even punish that ish and his bais.

|35| Thus shall ye say every ish to his neighbor, and every ish to his brother, What hath Hashem answered? And, What hath Hashem spoken?

|36| And the massa (burden) of Hashem shall ye mention no more; for every man's word shall be his massa (burden); for ye have perverted the Devarim of the Elohim Chayyim, of Hashem Tzva'os Eloheimu.

|37| Thus shalt thou say to the navi, What hath Hashem answered thee? And, What hath Hashem spoken?

|38| But since ye say, The massa (burden) of Hashem; therefore thus saith Hashem, Because ye say this word, The massa (burden) of Hashem, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The massa (burden) of Hashem; Therefore, hineni, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the Ir that I gave you and avoteichem, and cast you out of My presence;

|40| And I will bring a cherpat olam (everlasting disgrace) upon you, and a kelimut olam (perpetual dishonor), which shall not be forgotten.

Hashem showed me, and, hinei, two baskets of figs were set in front of the Heikhal Hashem; after that Nevuchadretzaz Melech Bavel had carried away into the Golus Melech Yehudah Yechanyah ben Y'hoyakim, and the sarim [princes] of Yehudah, with the craftsmen and artisans, from
Yerushalayim, and had brought them to Babylon.  
[2] One basket had figs tovot me'od, even like the figs that are early ripening, and the other basket had figs ra'ot me'od, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.  
[3] Then said Hashem unto me, What seest thou, Yirmeyah? And I answered, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten they are so bad.  
[4] Again the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,  
[5] Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel; Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that of Yehudah are carried away unto the Golus, whom I have sent out of this place into the Eretz Kasdim (Chaldeans) for their good.  
[6] For I will set mine eyes over them for their good.  
[7] And I will give them a lev to have da'as of me, that I am Hashem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim; for they shall return unto Me with all their lev.  
[8] And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad, surely thus saith Hashem, So will I give Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah, and his sarim (princes), and the she'erit Yerushalayim, that remain in ha'aretz hazot, and that they dwell in Eretz Mitrayim;  
[9] And I will deliver them for abhorrence, for an offense to kol mamlechot ha'aretz to be a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a kelalah (curse) in all places where I shall drive them,  
[10] And I will send the cherev, the ra'aw (famine), and the dever (pestilence), among them, until they are consumed from off ha'aretz that I gave unto them and to their avot.  
[25] The davar that came to Yirmeyah concerning kol HaAm Yehudah in the fourth year of Yhoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, that was the first year of Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel;  
[2] The which Yirmeyah HaNavi spoke unto kol HaAm Yehudah, and to all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, saying,  
[3] From the thirteenth year of Yoshiyah Ben Amon Melech Yehudah, even unto this day, that is the three and twentieth year, the Devar Hashem hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not paid heed.  
[4] And Hashem hath sent unto you all His avadim the nevi'im, rising early and sending them; but ye have not paid heed, nor inclined your ozen to hear.  
[5] They said, Shuvu, make teshuvah now every ish from his derech ra'ah, and from the rah of your doings, and dwell in ha'aretz that Hashem hath given unto you and to avoteichem Imin olam vad olam;  
[6] And go not after elohim acherim to serve them, and provoke Me no harm.  
[7] Yet ye have not paid heed unto Me, saith Hashem; that ye might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no harm.  
[8] Therefore thus saith Hashem Tza'avo; Because ye have not paid heed to My Devarim,  
[9] Hinei, I will send and take all the mishpekhot of the tzafon (north), saith Hashem, and Avdi Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these Goyim all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.  
[10] Moreover I will cause to perish from them the kol sasson (voice of gladness), and the kol simchah (voice of joy), the voice of the Choson, and the voice of the Kallah, the sound of the millstones, and the ohr of the ner.  
[11] And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these Goyim shall serve Melech Bavel shivim shanah (seventy years). [T.N. Note: length of Exile predicted here.]  
[12] And it shall come to pass, when shivim shanah are accomplished, that I will punish Melech Bavel, and that nation, saith Hashem, for their avon, and the Eretz Kasdim (Land of Chaldeans), and will make it perpetual desolations.  
[13] And I will bring upon that land all My Devarim which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this sefer, which Yirmeyah hath prophesied against kol HaGoyim.  
[14] For Goyim rabbim and melachim gedolim shall enslave them also; I will recompense them according to their deeds, according to the ma'aseh of their own hands.  
[15] For thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel unto me, Take this kos hayayin haChemah (wine cup of wrath, see Lk 22:42) from My yad, and cause kol HaGoyim, to whom I send thee, to drink it.  
[16] And they shall drink, and stagger, and go mad, because of the
cherev that I will send among them.

|17| Then took I the Kos from the yad Hashem, and made all the Goyim to drink, unto whom Hashem had sent me;
|18| Namely, Yerushalayim, and the towns of Yehudah, and the sarim thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a kelalah (curse); as it is this day;
|19| Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, and his avadim, and his sarim and all his people;
|20| And all the mixed multitude rabble, and kol melachim of Eretz Utz, and kol melachim of Eretz Pelishtim, and Ashkelon, and Azzah (Gaza), and Ekron, and the she’erit (remnant) of Ashdod,
|21| Edom, and Moav, and the Bnei Ammon,
|22| And kol melachim of Tzor, and kol melachim of Tzidon, and the melachim of the coastlands which are beyond the yam,
|23| Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that are in the utmost [desert] fringes,
|24| And kol melachim of Arabia, and kol melachim of the mixed multitude rabble that dwell in the desert,
|25| And kol melachim of Zimri, and kol melachim of Elam, and kol melachim of the Medes,
|26| And kol melachim of the tzafon, far and near, one after another, and all the manlechot ha’aretz, which are upon the face of adamah; and Melech Sheshach [Babylon] shall drink after them.
|27| Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel; Drink ye, and become shikkor, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the cherev which I will send among you.
|28| And it shall be, if they refuse to take the Kos at thine yad to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os, Ye shall certainly drink.
|29| For, hinei, I begin to bring ra’ah on the Ir which is called by My Shem, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a cherev upon all the inhabitants of ha’aretz, saith Hashem Tzva’os.
|30| Therefore prophesy thou against them all these Devarim, and say unto them, Hashem shall roar from on high, and utter His voice from His Ma’on Kodesh; He shall mightily roar upon His Naveh (Dwelling); He shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of ha’aretz.
|31| A noise shall come even to the ends of ha’aretz; for Hashem hath a legal controversy with the Goyim, He will plead His case with kol basar; He shall give them that are wicked to the cherev, saith Hashem.
|32| Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os, Hinei, ra’ah shall go forth from Goy to Goy, and a sa’ar gadol (great whirlwind) shall be raised up from the farthest ends of Eretz.
|33| And the slain of Hashem shall be at that day from one end of ha’aretz even unto the other end of ha’aretz; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the adamah.
|34| Wail, ye ro'im (shepherds), and weep; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye leaders of the tzon; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a precious pottery vessel.
|35| And the ro'im (shepherds) shall have no refuge for fleeing, nor the leader of the tzon to escape.
|36| A voice of the cry of the ro'im and a wailing of the leaders of the tzon, shall be heard: for Hashem hath destroyed their pasture.
|37| And the ne’ot hashalom (peaceful folds) are laid waste because of the Charon Af Hashem.
|38| He hath left His hiding place, as the lion; for their land is desolate because of the charon (anger) of the oppressor, and because of His charon af.

In the beginning of the reign of Yhoyakim (Jehoiakim) Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah came this Davar from Hashem saying

|2| Thus saith Hashem: Stand in the khatzer (courtyard) of the Bais Hashem, and speak unto all the towns of Yehudah, which come to worship in the Bais Hashem, all the Devarim that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word;
|3| If so be they will pay heed, turn every man from his derech hara’ah, that I may relent of the ra’ah, which I purpose to do unto them for the evil of their doings.
|4| And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Hashem: If ye will not pay heed, turn every man from his derech hara’ah, that I may relent of the ra’ah, which I purpose to do unto them for the evil of their doings.
|5| And thou shalt shall say unto them, Thus saith Hashem: If ye will not pay heed to Me, to walk in My torah, which I have set before you,
|6| To pay heed to the Devarim of My Avadim the Nevim, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early and sending them, but ye have not paid heed;
|7| Then will I make this Bais like Shiloh, and will make this city
a kelalah (curse) to all the Goyim of HaAretz.

[7] So the kohanim and the nevi'im and kol HaAm heard Yirmeyah speaking these Devarim in the Bais Hashem.

[8] Now it came to pass, when Yirmeyah had made an end of speaking all that Hashem had commanded him to speak unto kol HaAm, that the kohanim and the nevi'im and kol HaAm laid hold of him, saying, Thou shalt surely die.

[9] Why hast thou prophesied B'Shem Hashem, saying, This Bais shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And kol HaAm were gathered against Yirmeyah in the Bais Hashem.

[10] When the sarim of Yehudah heard these things, then they came up from the Bais HaMelech to the Beis Hashem, and sat down in the petach Sha'ar HeChadash (entrance of the New Gate) of the Beis Hashem.

[11] Then spoke the kohanim and the nevi'im unto the sarim and to kol HaAm, saying, Mishpat mavet for this ish! For he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your oznayim.

[12] Then spoke Yirmeyah unto all the sarim and to kol HaAm, saying, Hashem sent me to prophesy against this Bais and against this city all the Devarim that ye have heard.

[13] Therefore now reform your drakhim and your doings, and obey the voice of Hashem Eloheichem; and Hashem will relent of the ra'ah that He hath pronounced against you.

[14] As for me, see, I am in your yad; do with me as seemeth tov and yashar unto you.

[15] But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring dahm naki upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for b'mes Hashem hath sent me unto you to speak all these Devarim in your ozneyim.

[16] Then said the sarim and kol HaAm unto the kohanim and to the nevi'im; This ish is not mishpat mavet (worthy of death); for he hath spoken to us B'Shem Hashem Eloheinu.

[17] Then rose up anashim zekenim ha'aretz, and spoke to kol kehal HaAm, saying,

[18] Michah the Morashti prophesied in the days of Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah, and spoke to kol Am Yehudah, saying, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os: Tziyon shall be plowed like a sadeh, and Yerushalayim shall become rubble heaps, and the Har HaBais (Temple Mount) like the bare heights of a ya'ar (forest).

[19] Did Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah and kol Yehudah put him to death? Did he not fear Hashem, and besought Hashem, and Hashem relented of the ra'ah which He had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure ra'ah gedolah against nafshoteinu.

[20] And there was also an ish that prophesied B'Shem Hashem, Uriyah Ben Shemayahu of Kiryat HaYearim, who prophesied against this city and against HaAretz Hazot according to all the devarim of Yirmeyah.

[21] And when Yhoyakim (Jehoiakim) HaMelech, with all his gibborim, and all the sarim, heard his words, HaMelech sought to put him to death; but when Uriyah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Mitzrayim.

[22] And Yhoyakim HaMelech sent anashim with him into Mitzrayim.

[23] And they brought Uriyah out of Mitzrayim, and brought him unto Yhoyakim HaMelech; who slaughtered him with the cherev, and cast his nevelah (dead body) into the kevarim of the Bnei HaAm (common people).

[24] Nevertheless the yad (hand, influence) of Achikam Ben Shaphan was with Yirmeyah, that they should not give him into the yad HaAm to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of Yhoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah came this davar unto Yirmeyah from Hashem, saying,

[2] Thus saith Hashem to me: Make thee bonds and yokes, and put them upon thy tzavar (neck),

[3] And send them to Melech Edom, and to Melech Moav, and to Melech Bnei Ammon, and to Melech Tzor, and to Melech Tzidon, by the yad of the malachim which come to Yerushalayim unto Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah;

[4] And command them to say unto their adonim, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Thus shall ye say unto your adonim;

[5] I have made ha'aretz (the earth), ha'adam and habehemah that are upon the face of the earth, by My great ko'ach and by My outstretched zero'a, and have given it unto whom it seemed yashar unto Me.

[6] And now have I given all these lands into the yad Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, Avdi (My servant); and the beasts of the sadeh have I given him also to serve him.

[7] And all Goyim shall serve him, and bno, and ben bno, until the very
time of his land come; and then many Goyim and great melachim shall make him serve in bondage to them. [8] And it shall come to pass, that the goy (nation) and mamlachah (kingdom) which will not serve the same Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, and that will not put their tzavar (neck) under the yoke of HaMelech Bavel, that nation will I punish, saith Hashem, with the cherev, and with the ra’av (famine), and with the dever, until I have consumed them by his yad. [9] Therefore do not pay heed to your nevi’im, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve Melech Bavel; [10] For they prophesy sheker unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. [11] But the Goyim that bring their tzavar (neck) under the yoke of the Melech Bavel, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own adamah, saith Hashem; and they shall till it, and dwell therein. [12] I spoke also to Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah according to all these Devarim, saying, Bring your tzavarot (necks) under the yoke of Melech Bavel, and serve Him and his people, and live. [13] Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the cherev, by the ra’av (famine), and by the dever, as Hashem hath spoken against the goy (nation) that will not serve Melech Bavel? [14] Therefore do not pay heed unto the devarim of the nevi’im that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve Melech Bavel; for they prophesy sheker unto you. [15] For I have not sent them, saith Hashem, yet they prophesy sheker in My name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the nevi’im that prophesy unto you. [16] Also I spoke to the kohanim and to all this people, saying, Thus saith Hashem: Do not pay heed to the devarim of your nevi’im that prophesy unto you, saying, Hinei, the K’lei Beis Hashem shall now shortly be brought back from Bavel; for they prophesy sheker unto you. [17] Do not pay heed unto them; serve Melech Bavel, and live; why should this ir be laid waste? [18] But if they are nevi’im, and if the Devar Hashem be with them, let them now make intercession to Hashem Tzva’os, that the kelim (vessels) which are left in the Beis Hashem, and in the Bais HaMelech Yehudah, and at Yerushalayim, go not to Bavel. [19] For thus saith Hashem Tzva’os concerning the Ammudim (Pillars) and concerning the Yam (Sea), and concerning the Mekhonot (Stands [supporting the lavers]), and concerning the remainder of the kelim that remain in this ir. [20] Which Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel took not, when he carried away captive Yechanyah Ben Y’hoyakim Melech Yehudah from Yerushalayim, and all the nobles of Yehudah and Yerushalayim; [21]Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel, concerning the kelim (vessels) that remain in the Beis Hashem, and in the Bais HaMelech Yehudah and Yerushalayim; [22] They shall be carried to Bavel, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith Hashem; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this makon. And it came to pass The same year, in the beginning of the reign of Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Chananyah ben Azzur HaNavi, who was from Giveon, spoke unto me in the Beis Hashem, before the eyes of the kohanim and of kol haAm, saying, [2] Thus says Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel, concerning the kelim (vessels) that remain in the Beis Hashem, and in the Bais HaMelech Yehudah, and at Yerushalayim; [3] Within two years will I bring back into makon hazeh all the vessels of the Beis Hashem, that Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel took away from makon hazeh, and carried them to Babylon; [4] And I will bring back to this place Yechanyah ben Y’hoyakim Melech Yehudah, with all of Yehudah of the Golus, that went into Babylon, saith Hashem; for I will break the ol (yoke) of Melech Bavel. [5] Then Yirmeyah HaNavi said unto Chananyah HaNavi before the eyes of the kohanim, and before the eyes of kol HaAm that stood in the Beis Hashem, [6] Even Yirmeyah HaNavi said, Omein; may Hashem do so; Hashem perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring back the vessels of the Beis Hashem, and all that is carried away into the Golus, from Babylon into makom hazeh. [7] Nevertheless shema now hadavar hazeh that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of kol haAm;
[8] The nevi'im that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against mamlachot gedolot, of milchamah, of ra'ah, of dever. [9] The navi which prophesieth of shalom, when the devar of the navi shall come to pass, then shall the navi be recognized, that Hashem hath truly sent him. [10] Then Chananyah HaNavi took the yoke from off the neck of Yirmeyah HaNavi and broke it. [11] And Chananyah spoke before the eyes of kol haAm, saying, Thus saith Hashem; Even so will I break the yoke of Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel from the neck of kol HaGoyim within the space of two years. And Yirmeyah HaNavi went on his way. [12] Then the Devar Hashem came unto Yirmeyah, after Chananyah HaNavi had broken the yoke from off the neck of Yirmeyah HaNavi, saying, [13] Go and tell Chananyah, saying, Thus saith Hashem; Thou hast broken the motot etz (yokes, bars of wood); but thou shalt make for them motot barzel (yokes of iron). [14] For thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: I have put an ol barzel (yoke of iron) upon the neck of kol HaGoyim, that they may serve Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel; and they shall serve him; and I have given him the wild animals also. [15] Then said Yirmeyah HaNavi unto Chananyah HaNavi, Shema nah, Chananyah; Hashem hath not sent thee; but thou makest HaAm HaZeh to trust in sheker [a lie]. [16] Therefore thus saith Hashem; Hineni, I will remove thee from off the face of ha'adamah; this year thou shalt die, because thou hast preached sarah (rebellion, apostasy, revolt, disobedience) against Hashem. [17] So Chananyah HaNavi died the same year in the seventh month.

29 Now these are the Devarim of the sefer that Yirmeyah HaNavi sent from Yerushalayim unto the surviving Zekenim of the Golus, and to the Kohanim, and to the Nevi'im, and to kol HaAm whom Nevuchadretzar had carried away captive from Yerushalayim to Bavel—[2] This was after Yechanyah HaMelech, and the Gevirah (Queen Mother), and the sarim, the sarim of Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and the carpenters, and the artisans who had departed from Yerushalayim; [3] The sefer was sent by the yad of Elasah Ben Shaphan, and Gemaryah Ben Chilikiah, whom Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah sent unto Bavel to Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel—and it said, [4] Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel, unto all that are carried away into the Golus, whom I have caused to be carried away from Yerushalayim unto Bavel; [5] Build ye batim (houses), and dwell in them; and plant gannot (gardens), and eat the p'ri (fruit) of them; [6] Take ye nashim, and father banim and banot; and take nashim for your banim, and give your banot to anashim, that they may bear banim and banot; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. [7] And seek the shalom of the city where I have caused you to be carried away into the Golus, and daven unto Hashem for it; for in the shalom thereof shall ye have shalom. [8] For thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Let not your nevi'im and your kesamim that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither pay heed to your chalomot which ye cause to be dreamed. [9] For they prophesy b'sheker (falsely) unto you in My Name; I have not sent them, saith Hashem. [10] For thus saith Hashem, That after shivim shanah (seventy years) are accomplished at Bavel I will visit you, and perform My Davar Hatov toward you, in causing you to return to this makom. [11] For I know the machshavot (thoughts, plans) that I think toward you, saith Hashem, machshavot shalom, and not of ra'ah, to give you an acharit (future) and a tikvah (hope). [12] Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and v'hitpalaltem (and you [plural] will pray) unto Me, and I will pay heed unto you [plural]. [13] And ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me b'chol lvavchem (with all your heart). [14] And I will be found by you, saith Hashem; and I will bring you back from captivity, and I will gather you from all the Govim, and from all the mekomot [places] where I have driven you, saith Hashem; and I will bring you back into the makom (place) from which I caused you to be carried away into the Golus. [15] Because ye have said, Hashem hath raised up nevi'im for us in Bavel; [16] Know that thus saith Hashem of HaMelech that sitteth upon the Kisse Dovid, and of kol HaAm that dwell-eth in this city, and of your
that are not gone forth with you into the Golus;
[17] Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os; Hineni, I will send upon them the cherev, the ra’av, and the dever, and will make them like rotten figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.
[18] And I will pursue them with the cherev, with the ra’av, and with the dever, and will make them a horror to all the mamlechet ha’aretz, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a cherpah, among all the Goyim where I have driven them;
[19] Because they have not paid heed to My devarim, saith Hashem, which I sent unto them by My Avadim the nevi’im, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith Hashem.
[20] Hear ye therefore the Devar Hashem, all ye of the Golus, whom I have sent from Yerushalayim to Bavel;
[21] Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel, about Achav Ben Kolayah, and of Tzidkiyah Ben Ma’aseiyah, which I have not spoken davar sheker in My Name, and have uttered ni’uf with their neighbors’ nashim, and have spoken davar sheker in My Name, which I have not commanded them; I know, and am Ed (Witness), saith Hashem.
[22] And of them shall be your eynayim; and he shall slay them before Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel; will deliver them into the yad avot, and they shall possess it.

[23] Thus shalt thou also speak to Shemaiyah the Nechelami, saying,
[24] Because thou hast sent sefarim in thy shem unto kol HaAm that are in Yerushalayim, and to Tzephanyah Ben Maaseiyah the kohen, and to all the kohanim, saying,
[25] Hashem hath made thee kohen in the place of Yehoyada the kohen, that there should be pekidim (officers) in the Beis Hashem, over every ish that is meshuggah (mad, insane), and maketh himself a navi, that thou shouldest put him in the stocks, and in the neck iron.
[26] Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Yirmeyah of Anatot, which maketh himself a navi to you?
[27] For therefore he sent unto us in Bavel, saying, This captivity is long; build ye batim (houses), and dwell in them; and plant gannot (gardens), and eat the fruit of them.
[28] And Tzephanyah the kohen read this sefer in the oznayim of Yirmeyah HaNavi.
[29] Then came the Devar Hashem unto Yirmeyah, saying,
[30] Send to all them of the Golus, saying, This is the Devar that came to Yirmeyah from Hashem, saying.
[31] Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, saying, Write thee all the Devarim that I have spoken unto thee in a sefer.
[32] For, hinei, the days are coming, saith Hashem, that I will bring back from captivity My people Yisroel and Yehudah, saith Hashem; and I will cause them to return to ha’aretz that I gave to their avot, and they shall possess it.
[33] And these are the Devarim that Hashem spoke concerning Yisroel and concerning Yehudah.
[34] For thus saith Hashem: We have heard a cry of fear, or pachad (terror), and not of shalom.
[35] Ask ye now, and see whether a zachar (male) doth travaileth with child? Why do I see every gever with his hands on his stomach, like a woman in labor, and all faces are turned deadly pale?
[36] Alas! For gadol hayom, so that none is like it; it is even the Et (Time) of Tzarah I’Yaakov (Jacob’s Trouble), but he shall be saved out of it.
[37] For it shall come to pass in that day, saith Hashem Tzva’os, that I will break his yoke from off thy tzavar (neck), and will burst thy bonds, and zarim (foreigners) shall no more make a slave of him; But they shall serve Hashem Eloheihem, and Dovid their Melech [i.e. Moshiach], whom I will raise up for them.
[38] Therefore, fear thou not, O Avdi Yisroel; neither be dismayed, O Yisroel; for, hineni, I will save thee from afar, and thy zera from the etrez of their captivity; and
Yaakov shall return, and shall be at rest, and be secure, and none shall make him afraid. |11| For I am with thee, saith Hashem, to save thee; though I make a full end of all Goyim where I have scattered thee, yet I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee in mishpat, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished. |12| For thus saith Hashem, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy makkah (blow, wound) is grievous. |13| There is none to uphold thy cause, no refu'ot for your wound, no healing for you. |14| All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the makkot (wounds), with the musar (chastisement) of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine avon; because thy sins were increased. |15| Why dost thou cry out over thine affliction? Thy pain is incurable for the multitude of thine avon; because thy chattot were increased, I have done these things unto thee. |16| Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that plunder thee shall become plunder, and all that prey upon thee will I give for prey. |17| For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy makkot (wounds), saith Hashem; because they called thee a Nidachah (Outcast), saying, This is Tziyon, whom no one careth for. |18| Thus saith Hashem; Hineni, I will bring back the captivity of Yaakov's ohalim, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the Ir shall be rebuilt upon her own ruins, and the armon (citadel) shall stand on its rightful site. |19| And out of them shall proceed todah (thanksgiving) and the voice of them that rejoice; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also honor them, and they shall not be disdained. |20| Their banim also shall be as formerly, and their Edah (Congregation) shall be established before Me, and I will punish all that oppress them. |21| And their Adir (Prince, Leader) shall be one of their own, and their Moshe (ruler) shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto Me; for who is this that devoted his lev to approach unto Me? saith Hashem. |22| And ye shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim. |23| Hinei, the whirlwind of Hashem goeth forth with chemah (wrath, fury), a sweeping whirlwind; it shall fall violently upon the rosh of the resha'im. |24| The Charon Af Hashem shall not return, until He hath accomplished it, and until He have performed the mezimmot (intents, purposes) of His lev, in the acharit hayamim (latter days) ye shall understand this.
say, He that scattered Yisroel will gather Yisroel, and He shall be shomer over Yisroel, like a Ro'eh over the Eder thereof.  
|11| For Hashem hath redeemed Ya'akov, and made Geulah (Redemption) for Ya'akov out of the yad of him that was chazak more than Ya'akov.  
|12| Therefore they shall come and loudly, joyously sing on the height of Tziyon, and shall stream to the Tuv Hashem (Bounty, Goodness of Hashem), for dagan (grain), and for teiros (wine) and for vitzhar (pure olive oil) and for the young of the tzon and of the herd; and their nefesh shall be like a well-watered gan (garden); and they shall not sorrow any more at all.  
|13| Then shall the betulah rejoice in the machol (dance), both bocherim (young men) and zekenim together; for I will turn their evel (mourn) into sasson (joy), and will comfort them, and I shall be turned; for Thou art Hashem Elohai.  
|14| Surely after I turned away, I made teshuva; and after I was instructed, I beat upon my yarech (thigh); I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because nasati (I did bear) cherpat neurai (I did bear, carry the reproach, disgrace of my youth).  
|15| Is Ephrayim My ben yakir (dear son)? Is he a yeled (man, male, thing) on ha'aretz; A nekevah (Hashem hath created a new backsliding daughter)? For when I spoke of him, I do earnestly remember him still; therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have rachamim (mercy) upon him, saith Hashem.  
|16| Is Ephrayim My ben Yakir? For when I spoke of him, I do earnestly remember him still; therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have rachamim (mercy) upon him, saith Hashem.  
|17| How long wilt thou weep for thy banim? For what is the cause of thy weeping? for sachar (reward) there is none.  
|18| I have surely heard Ephrayim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, like an unbroken egel; turn Thou me, and I shall be turned; for Thou art Hashem Elohai.  
|19| Surely after I turned away, I made teshuva; and after I was instructed, I beat upon my yarech (thigh); I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because nasati (I did bear) cherpat neurai (I did bear, carry the reproach, disgrace of my youth).  
|20| Is Ephrayim My ben yakir (dear son)? Is he a yeled (man, male, thing) on ha'aretz; A nekevah (Hashem hath created a new backsliding daughter)? For Hashem barah chadashah (Hashem hath created a new thing) on ha'aretz; A nekevah (woman, female, i.e., Israel) shall encircle [seek out] a gever (man, male, i.e., G-d).  
|21| For I will refresh the nefesh of the weary, and I will replenish even the stress-laden nefesh.  
|22| Upon this, I awoke, and beheld; and my shenayim (sleep) was sweet unto me.  
|23| Hinei, the days are sour grape, his shinayim shall die for his own avon (iniquity); kol ha'adam that eateth the sour grape, his shinayim shall be set on edge.  
|24| Hinei, the days are sour grape, his shinayim shall die for his own avon (iniquity); kol ha'adam that eateth the sour grape, his shinayim shall be set on edge.  
|25| Not according to the Brit that I cut with Bais Yisroel and Bais Yehudah with the zera adam (human seed, i.e., repopulation), and also with the zera behemah (animal seed, i.e., replenishing livestock).  
|26| In those days they shall say no more, The Avot have eaten the sour grape, and the shiniyim (teeth) of the Banim are set on edge.  
|27| But every one shall die for his own avon (iniquity); kol ha'adam that eateth the sour grape, his shinayim shall be set on edge.  
|28| In those days they shall say no more, The Avot have eaten the sour grape, and the shiniyim (teeth) of the Banim are set on edge.  
|29| But every one shall die for his own avon (iniquity); kol ha'adam that eateth the sour grape, his shinayim shall be set on edge.  
|30| Upon this, I awoke, and beheld; and my shenayim (sleep) was sweet unto me.  
|31| There shall dwell in Yehudah itself, in all the towns thereof together, ikkarim (farmers); they also that go forth with the eder.  
|32| Not according to the Brit that I cut with Bais Yisroel and Bais Yehudah;  
|33| But this shall be the Brit that I will cut with Bais Yisroel [T.N. OJBC is Jewish];
After those days, saith Hashem, I will set My Torah in them inwardly, and I will write ketuvim on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My People. |34:33| And they shall teach no more every ish his re'a (neighbor), and every ish his brother, saying, Know Hashem; for they shall all have da'as of Me, from the katon of them unto the gadol of them, saith Hashem; for I will forgive their avon, and I will remember their chattat no more.

|35:34| Thus saith Hashem, which giveth the shemes for an ohr by day, and the chukkot yarei'ach and chukkot kokhavim for an ohr by night, which stirreth up the sea when the waves thereof roar; Hashem Tzva'os is Shmo: |36:35| If those chukkim depart from before Me, saith Hashem, then the Zera Yisroel shall be built unto the Ir shall be built unto the Migdal HaPinnah (Corner Gate). Chananel unto the Sha'ar HaSusim (Horse Gate) to the east, shall be kodesh unto Hashem; it shall not be uprooted, nor destroyed any more Islam.

|36:36| And the measuring line shall yet go forth straight around to Goah. Hinei, the days are forever. |37:36| Thus saith Hashem, If Shomayim above can be measured, and, below, the foundations of haaretz can be searched out, I will also cast off kol Zera Yisroel for all that they have done, saith Hashem. |38:37| Hinei, the days are coming, saith Hashem, that the Ir shall be built unto Hashem from the Migdal Chanananel unto the Sha'ar HaPinnah (Corner Gate).

|39:38| And the measuring line shall yet go forth straight ahead to Garev Hill, and around to Goah. |40:39| And the whole valley of Hinnom of the pegarim (corpses), and of the deshen (ashes), and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the Sha'ar HaSusim (Horse Gate) to the east, shall be kodesh unto Hashem; it

The Davar that came to Yirmeyah from Hashem in the tenth year of Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah, which was the eighteenth year of Nevuchadretzar.

|2| For then the army of Melech Bavel besieged Yerushalayim; and Yirmeyah Ha'Navi was imprisoned in the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard, which was in Bais Melech Yehudah.

|3| For Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah had imprisoned him, saying, Why dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith Hashem, Hineni, I will give this city into the yad Melech Bavel, and he shall capture it; |4| And Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah shall not escape out of the yad of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), but shall surely be delivered into the yad Melech Bavel, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyenayim shall behold his eyenayim;

|5| And he shall lead Tzidkiyah to Bavel, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith Hashem; though ye fight against the Kasdim (Chaldeans), ye shall not succeed. |6| And Yirmeyah said, The Davar Hashem came unto me, saying, |7| Hinei, Chanam'el Ben Shallum thine dod (uncle) shall come unto thee saying, Buy thee my sadeh that is in Anatot, and weighed him out the kesef, even seventeen shekels of kesef.

|9| And I bought the sadeh of Chanam'el ben dodi, that was in Anatot, and weighed him out the kesef on the scales.

|10| And I signed the sefer (deed), and sealed it, and took edim (witnesses), and weighed him out the kesef on the scales. |11| So I took the sefer hamikneh (deed of purchase), both that which was sealed according to the mitzvah and chukkim, and that which was the unsealed copy;

|12| And I gave the sefer hamikneh unto Baruch Ben Neriyah Ben Ma’aseiyah, in the sight of Chanam'el my cousin, and in the presence of the edim that signed the sefer hamikneh, before all the Yehudim that sat in the khatzer (courtyard) of the prison. |13| And I charged Baruch before their eyes, saying, |14| Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Take these sefarim, this sefer hamikneh, both which is sealed, and this sefer which is unsealed; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may last yamim rabbim.

|15| For thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Batim (houses) and sadot (fields) and kramim (vineyards) shall be bought again in this land. |16| Now when I had delivered the sefer hamikneh unto Baruch Ben Neriyah, I davened unto Hashem, saying, |17| Ah Adoni Hashem! Hinei, Thou hast made the Shomayim and the Eretz by Thy koach hagadol and Thy outstretched zera’o, and there is nothing too
Then came the Devar Hashem unto Yirmeyah, saying,
[18] Thou shewest chesed unto alafim, and recompensest avon avot into the kheyk of their banim after them; HaEl HaGadol HaGibbor Hashem Tzva’os Shmo,
[19] Gadol in ezah (counsel), and mighty in deed; for Thine eynayim are open upon all the drakhim of Bnei Adam; to give everyone according to his drakhim, and according to the fruit of his doings;
[20] Which hast set otot and moftetim in Eretz Mitzrayim, even unto this day, and in Yisroel, and among adam (mankind); and hast made Thee a Shem, as at this day;
[21] And hast brought forth Thy people Yisroel out of Eretz Mitzrayim with otot, and with moftetim, and with a yad chazakah, and with an outstretched zero’a, and with great terror;
[22] And hast given them this land, which Thou didst swear to their avot to give them, eretz zavat cholov udevash;
[23] And they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not Thy voice, neither walked in Thy torah; they have done nothing of all that Thou commandedest them to do; therefore Thou hast caused all this ra’ah to come upon them.
[24] Hinei, the siege ramps, this ra’ah to come upon them. Therefore thou hast said unto Me, That this thing is too difficult for Me? Elohei Kol Basar; is there any thing too difficult for Me?
[25] And Thou hast said unto me, O Adono Hashem, Buy thee the sadeh for kefasef, and take edim (witnesses); for the Ir is given into the yad of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).
[26] Then came the Devar Kasdim (Chaldeans). Ir is given into the yad of the edim (witnesses); for the yad me, O Adonoi Hashem, Buy it; and the Ir is given into the yad of the Kasdim (Chaldeans), and into the yad of Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, and he shall capture it;
[27] And the Kasdim (Chaldeans), that fight against this city, shall come and set eish to this city, and burn it with the batim (houses), upon whose gagot (roofs) they have offered ketoret unto Baal, and poured out nesakhim (drink offerings) unto elohim acherim, to provoke Me to anger.
[28] For the Bnei Yisroel and the Bnei Yehudah have only done rah (evil) before Me from their youth; for the Bnei Yisroel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, saith Hashem.
[29] For this city hath been to Me as a provocation of Mine anger and of My fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before My face, because of all the ra’ah of the Bnei Yisroel and of the Bnei Yehudah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their melachim, their sarim, their kohanim, and their neviim, and the Ish Yehudah, and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.
[30] And they have turned unto Me the oref (back), and not the panim; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not paid heed to receive musar.
[31] But they set their shikutzim (abominations) in the Beis [Hamikdash], which is called by Shmi, to make it tameh (unclean).
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It is desolate without adam or behemah; it is given into the yad of the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

|44| Sadot (fields) will be bought for kesef, and the sefer (deed) will be signed and sealed and witnessed in Eretz Binyamin, and in the places around Yerushalayim, and in the towns of Yehudah, and in the towns of the hill country, and in the towns of the Shephelah, and in the towns of Yehudah, and the towns of the town of the Negev, and in the places around Yerushalayim, and in the towns of Yehudah, shall the tzon pass again under the hands of him that counteth them, saith Hashem.

|14| Hinei, the days are coming, saith Hashem, that I will perform that davar hatov which I have promised unto Bais Yisroel and unto Bais Yehudah.

|15| In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Tzemach Tzedakah (Righteous Branch, i.e., Moshiach Ben Dovid Yehoshua, see 30:9; 23:3; Zech 3:8 Ezra 3:8; 6:11-12; Mt 2:23; Isa 4:2; 9:2-7; 11:1-12; 53:2; Moshiach the new "Joshua" Isa 49:8) to sprout up unto Dovid; He shall execute mishpat and tzedakah in ha'aretz.

|16| In those days shall Yehudah be saved, and Yerushalayim shall dwell securely; and this is what she shall be called, Hashem Tzidekeinu.

|17| For thus saith Hashem; Dovid shall never lack an ish to sit upon Kisse Bais Yisroel; and My Brit HaLailah, that I have promised unto Bais Yisroel and unto Bais Yehudah, shall be called, Hashem Tzidekeinu.

|18| Neither shall the Kohanim lack an ish to sit before Me to offer olah, and to burn minchah, and to do zevakh continually.

|19| And the Devar Hashem came unto Yirmeyah, saying, Thus saith Hashem: If ye can break My Brit HaYom, and My Brit HaLailah, that there should not be yomam vlahal (day and night) in their appointed times; Then may also My Brit (covenant) be broken with Dovid Avdi, that he should not have Ben to reign upon his kisse; and with the Leviim the kohanim, My mesharetim (ministers, servants).

Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto Yirmeyah the second time, while he was yet imprisoned in the Khatzer of the Guard, saying,

|2| Thus saith Hashem the Maker thereof, saying,

|3| Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee gedolot (great things) and unsearchable things, which thou knowest not.

|4| For thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, concerning the batim (houses) of this city, and concerning the batim (houses) of the melachim of Yehudah, which are torn down for defense against siege ramps and against the cherev.

|5| They come to fight against the Kasdim (Chaldeans), but it is to fill these places with the pegarim (dead bodies) of adam, whom I have slain in Mine anger and in My wrath, and all for whose wickedness I have hid My face from this city.

|6| Hineni, I will bring it health and marpeh (healing), and I will heal them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of shalom and emes.

|7| And I will cause the captives of Yisroel to return, and will rebuild those places, as at the first.

|8| And I will cleanse them from all their avon (iniquity), whereby they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their avonot, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have committed peysha'im against Me.

|9| And it shall be to Me a Shem Sasson, a Tehillah and a Teferet before kol HaGoyim of HaAretz, which shall hear all the tovah that I do unto them; and they shall fear and tremble for all the tovah and for all the shalom that I procure unto it.

|10| Thus saith Hashem; Again there shall be heard in this makom, which ye say shall be desolate without adam and without behemah, even in the towns of Yehudah, and in the streets of Yerushalayim, that are desolate, without adam, and without inhabitant, and without behemah,

|11| The kol (sound, voice) of sasson, and the voice of simchah, the voice of the Choson, and the voice of the Kallah, the voice of them that shall say, Hodu Hashem Tzva'os; for Hashem is tov; for His chesed endureth l'olam; and of them that shall bring the todah (thank offerings, sacrifice of praise) into the Beis Hashem. For I will cause the captives of the land to return, as at the first, saith Hashem.

|12| Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os; Again in this makom, which ye say is to fill these places with the pegarim (dead bodies) of adam, whom I have slain in Mine anger and in My wrath, and all for whose wickedness I have hid My face from this city, shall be called, Hashem Tzidekeinu.

|13| In the towns of the hill country, in the towns of the Shephelah, and in the places around Yerushalayim, and in the places around Yerushalayim, and in the towns of Yehudah, shall the tzon pass again under the hands of him that counteth them, saith Hashem.

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[22] As the Tzeva HaShomayim cannot be numbered, neither the chol (sand) of the yam (sea) measured, so will I multiply the zera Dovid Avdi, and the Leviim that minister unto Me.
[23] Moreover the Devar Hashem came to Yirmeyah, saying,
[24] Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two mishpekhot which Hashem hath chosen, He hath even cast them off? Thus they have despised My people, that they should be no more a nation before them.
[25] Thus saith Hashem; If My Brit be not with yomam valailah, and if I have not appointed the chukkot of Shomayim vaAretz;
[26] Then will I cast away the zera Yaakov and Dovid Avdi, so that I will not take any of his zera to be moshelim (rulers) over the zera Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov; for I will cause their captives to return, and have mercy on them.

34 The Davar which came unto Yirmeyah from Hashem, when Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, and all his army, and all the mamelechot eretz (kingdoms of the earth) of his dominion, and all the peoples fought against Yerushalayim, and against all the towns thereof, saying,
[2] Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel; I cut a Brit (covenant) before Me in the Shomayim vaAretz, and will cause all the nations to know that I am Hashem.
[3] And thou shalt not escape out of his yad, but shalt surely be captured, and delivered into his yad; and thine eynayim shall behold the eynayim of Melech Bavel, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Bavel.
[4] Yet hear the Devar Hashem, O Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah; Thus saith Hashem of thee, Thou shalt not die by the cherev;
[5] But thou shalt die in shalom; and with the [royal funeral spice] burnings of thy avot, the former melachim which were before thee, so shall they burn for thee; and they will lament thee, saying, Hoy Adon! For I have pronounced the davar, saith Hashem.
[7] When the army of Melech Bavel fought against Yerushalayim, and against all the towns of Yehudah that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah; for these fortified cities remained of the cities of Yehudah.
[8] This is the Davar that came unto Yirmeyah from Hashem, after that Tzidkiyah HaMelech had cut a Brit with kol HaAm which were at Yerushalayim, to proclaim deror (liberty) unto them;
[9] That every ish should set free his eved, and every ish his shifchah, being Ivri (Hebrew man) or Ivriyah (Hebrew woman); that none should hold another brother Yehudi in bondage.
[10] Now when all the sarim, and kol HaAm, which had entered into the brit (covenant), heard that every one should set free his eved, and every one his shifchah, that none should keep them in bondage, then they obeyed, and let them go.
[11] But afterward they changed their minds, and caused avadim and the shfakhot, whom they had set free, to return, and brought them into subjection for avadim and for shfakhot.
[12] Therefore the Devar Hashem came to Yirmeyah from Hashem, saying,
[13] Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel; I cut a Brit with avoteichem in the day that I brought them forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, out of the bais avadim, saying,
[14] At the end of sheva shanim thou shalt let ye go free every ish his brother Halvri, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee shesh shanim, thou shalt let him go chofshi (free) from thee; but avoteichem paid heed not unto Me, neither inclined their ozen.
[15] And recently ye turned, and did hayashar (the right) in My sight, in proclaiming deror (liberty) every ish to his neighbor; and ye cut a Brit (covenant) before Me in the Beis which is called by Shmi; But ye turned around and profaned Shmi, and caused every ish his eved, and every ish his shifchah, whom he had set at liberty in their desire, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for avadim and for shfakhot.
[17] Therefore thus saith Hashem; Ye have not paid heed unto Me, in proclaiming deror (freedom), everyone to his brother, and every ish to his neighbor; hineni, I proclaim deror (“freedom”) for you, saith Hashem, to the cherev, to the dever, and to the ra’ay, and I will make you to be a horror to all the mamelechot haaretz.
[18] And I will give the anashim that have transgressed My Brit, which have not performed the Devarim of the Brit (covenant) which they
had cut before Me, when they cut the egel (calf) in two, and passed between the parts thereof,
|19| The sarim of Yehudah, and the sarim of Yerushalayim, the sarisim, and kol Am HaAretz, which passed between the parts of the egel (calf);
|20| I will even give them into the yad of their oyevim, and into the yad of them that seek their nefesh; and their nevilah (dead body) shall be for food unto the oph HaShomayim, and to the behemat ha’aretz.
|21| And Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah and his sarim will I give into the yad of their oyevim, and into the yad of them that seek their nefesh, and into the yad of Melech Bavel’s army, which hath withdrawn from you.
|22| Hineni, I will command, saith Hashem, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and capture it, and burn it with eish; and I will make the towns of Yehudah a desolation without an inhabitant.

The Davar which came unto Yirmeyah from Hashem in the days of Yhoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, saying,
|2| Go unto the Bais of the Rechavim, and speak unto them, and bring them into the Beis Hashem, into one of the lishkahot (side rooms), and give them yayin to drink.
|3| Then I took Ya’azanyah Ben Yirmeyah Ben Chavatzinyah, and his brethren, and all his banim, and kol Bais Rechavim;
|4| And I brought them into the Beis Hashem, into the lishkah (room) of the Bnei Chanan Ben Yigdalyahu, an Ish HaElohim, which was by
lack an ish to stand before Me kol hayamim.

And it came to pass in the fourth year of Y'hoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, that this Davar came unto Yirmeyah from Hashem, saying,

|2| Take thee megilat sefer (scroll book), and write therein all the Devarim that I have spoken unto thee against Yisroel, and against Yehudah, and against kol HaGoyim, from the day I spoke unto them, from the yamim of Yoshiyah, even unto this day.

|3| It may be that Bais Yehudah will hear all the ra'ah (disaster, evil) which I purpose to do unto them; that they may turn every ish from his derech hara'ah; that I may forgive their avon and their chattat.

|4| Then Yirmeyah called Baruch Ben Neriyah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Yirmeyah all the Divrei Hashem, which he spoke unto him, upon a megilat sefer.

|5| And Yirmeyah commanded Baruch, saying, I am atzur (restricted, barred); I cannot go into Bais Hashem; Therefore go thou, and read from the megilah, which thou hast written from my mouth, the Divrei Hashem in the oznayim (ears) of HaAm in the lishkah (chamber) of Gemaryah Ben Shaphan, the sofer, in the khatzer haelyon, at the Petach Sha'ar HeChadash of Bais Hashem, in oznayim kol HaAm.

|6| Then Michayah Ben Gemaryah, Ben Shaphan, had heard kol Divrei Hashem out of the Sofer.

|7| Then he went down into the Bais HaMelech, into the lishkah of the sofer, and, hinei, all the sarim sat there, even Elishama the sofer, and Delayahu Ben Shemayahu, and Elnatan Ben Achbor, and Gemaryah Ben Shaphan, and the sarim (officials).

|8| And Baruch Ben Neriyah commanded him, reading the Sefer Divrei Hashem in the Bais Hashem.

|9| And it came to pass in the fifth year of Y'hoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a tzom before Hashem to kol HaAm in Yerushalayim, and to kol HaAm that came from the towns of Yehudah unto Yerushalayim.

|10| Then Baruch read from the Sefer the Divrei Yirmeyah in the Bais Hashem, in the lishkah (chamber) of Gemaryah Ben Shaphan the sofer, in the khatzer haelyon, at the Petach Sha'ar HeChadash of Bais Hashem, in oznayim kol HaAm.

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|13| Then Michayah declared unto them all the Devarim that he had heard, when Baruch read the Sefer in the oznayim of HaAm.

|14| Therefore all the sarim sent Yehudi Ben Netanyahu Ben Shelemyah Ben Cushi unto Baruch, saying, Bring in thine yad the megalah wherein thou hast read in the oznayim of HaAm, and come. So Baruch Ben Neriyah took the megalah in his yad, and came unto them.

|15| And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in ozneinu (our ears). So Baruch read it in their ozneinim.

|16| Now it came to pass, when they had heard kol haDevarim, they were afraid [looking fearfully] one to the other, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell HaMelech of all these Devarim.

|17| And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these Devarim at his peh (mouth [Jeremiah's dictation])?

|18| Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these Devarim unto me with his peh (mouth, dictation) and I wrote them with dyo (ink) in the Sofer.

|19| Then said the sarim unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Yirmeyah; and let no ish have da'as of where ye be.

|20| And they went into the khatzer HaMelech, but they laid up the megilah in the lishka of Elishama the Sofer, and told all the Devarim in the oznayim of HaMelech.

|21| So HaMelech sent Yehudi to bring the megalah; and he brought it out the lishka of Elishama the Sofer.

|22| Now HaMelech sat in the Bais Hakhoref (Winter House) in the ninth month [Kislev]; and there was an akh (fireplace) burning before him.

|23| And it came to pass, that when Yehudi had read three or four delatot (columns), he cut it with a ta'ar hasofer (razor of a scribe), and cast it into the eish that was in the akh (fireplace), until all the megalah was consumed in the eish that was in the akh (fireplace).

|24| Yet they were not afraid, nor tore their begadim, neither HaMelech, nor HaAmHazeh.
any of his avadim that heard all these Devarim.

|25| Nevertheless Elnatan and Delayahu and Gemaryah had made intercession to HaMelech that he would not burn the megilah; but he would not heed them.

|26| HaMelech ordered that Yerachme’el Ben Hammelech, Serayah Ben Azriel, and Shelemyah Ben Avde’el, arrest Baruch HaSofer and Yirmeyah HaNavi; but Hashem hid them.

|27| Then the Devar Hashem came to Yirmeyah, after that HaMelech had burned the megilah, and the Devarim which Baruch wrote at the peh of Yirmeyah, saying,

|28| Shuv (turn) and take thee again another megilah, and write on it all the Devarim HaRishonim (former words) that were in the Megilah HaRishonah, which Y’hoyakim Melech Yehudah hath burned.

|29| And thou shalt say to Y’hoyakim Melech Yehudah, Thus saith Hashem: Thou hast burned this megilah, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, Melech Bavel shall certainly come and destroy HaAretz Hazot, and shall cause to cease from it adam and behemah?

|30| Therefore thus saith Hashem of Y’hoyakim Melech Yehudah: He shall have none to sit upon the kisse Dovid; and his nevelah (dead body) shall be cast out in the chorev (heat, drought) of the yom, and in the kerakh (ice, frost) of the lailah.

|31| And I will visit him [for punishment] and his zera and his avadim for their avon; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, and upon the Ish Yehudah, all the ra’ah (disaster, evil) that I have pronounced against them; yet they did not pay heed.

|32| Then took Yirmeyah another megilah, and gave it to Baruch Ben Neriyah, HaSofer, who wrote therein from the peh of Yirmeyah all the Divrei HaSefer which Yhoyakim Melech Yehudah had burned in eish; and there were added besides unto them many similar Devarim.

|33| And Melech Tzidkiyah Ben Yoshiyah reigned instead of Coneyahu [Yehoyakin] Ben Yhoyakim, whom Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel put on the throne in Eretz Yehudah.

|34| But neither he, nor his avadim, nor the Am HaAretz, did pay heed unto the Divrei Hashem, which He spoke by Yirmeyah HaNavi.

|35| And HaMelech Tzidkiyah sent Yehukhal Ben Shelemyah and Tzephanyah Ben Maaseiyah the Kohen to Yirmeyah HaNavi, saying, Hitpalel na (pray now) unto Hashem Eloheinu for us.

|36| Now Yirmeyah came in and went out among HaAm; for they had not put him into bais hakeleh (prison).

|37| Then came the Devar Hashem unto Yirmeyah HaNavi saying,

|38| Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel; Thus shall ye say to Melech Yehudah, that besieged Yerushalayim heard news of them, they withdrew from Yerushalayim.

|39| Then came the army of Pharaoh was come forth out of Mitrayim; and when the Kasdim (Chaldeans) who had besieged Yerushalayim heard news of them, they withdrew from Yerushalayim.

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|41| Then said Yirmeyah, Sheker; I fall not away as a deserter to the Kasdim (Chaldeans). But he paid heed not to him; so Yiriyah arrested Yirmeyah, and brought him to the sarim.

|42| Therefore the sarim were enraged with Yirmeyah, and had him beaten, and put him in house arrest in the Bais Yohonatan the Sofer; for they had made that the bais hakeleh (prison).

|43| When Yirmeyah was entered into the bais habor (dungeon), and City, i.e., Jerusalem) and capture it, and burn it down with eish.

|44| Thus saith Hashem; Deceive not nafshoteichem, saying, The Kasdim (Chaldeans) shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart.

|45| For though ye had struck down kol chayil Kasdim (the whole army of the Chaldeans) that fight against you, and there remained but anashim medukarim (wounded men) among them, yet should they rise up every ish in his ohol, and with eish burn down HaIr hazot.

|46| And it came to pass, that when the army of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) was withdrawn from Yerushalayim because of the army of Pharaoh,

|47| Then Yirmeyah went forth out of Yerushalayim to go into the Eretz Binyamin, to get [his] chelek from there among HaAm.

|48| And when he was in the Sha’ar Binyamin, a ba’al pekidut (captain of the guard) was there, shmo Yiriyah Ben Shelemyah Ben Chananyah; and he arrested Yirmeyah HaNavi, saying, Thou fallest away as a deserter to the Kasdim (Chaldeans).

|49| Then said Yirmeyah, Sheker; I fall not away as a deserter to the Kasdim (Chaldeans). But he paid heed not to him; so Yiriyah arrested Yirmeyah, and brought him to the sarim.

|50| Therefore the sarim were enraged with Yirmeyah, and had him beaten, and put him in house arrest in the Bais Yohonatan the Sofer; for they had made that the bais hakeleh (prison).
into the cells, and Yirmeyah had remained there yamim rabbim;

|17| Then HaMelech Tzidkiyah sent, and brought him out; and HaMelech asked him baseter (secretly) in his Bais (Palace), and said, Is there Devar from Hashem? And Yirmeyah said, There is; for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the yad Melech Bavel.

|18| Moreover Yirmeyah said unto HaMelech Tzidkiyah, What have I offended against thee, or against thy avadim, or against Am Hazeh, that ye have put me in bais bakeleh?

|19| Where are now your neviim which prophesied unto you, saying, Melech Bavel shall not come against you, nor against HaAretz hazot? |20| Therefore hear now, O adoni HaMelech, lest I die there.

|21| Then HaMelech Tzidkiyah commanded that they should commit Yirmeyah into the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard, and that they should give him daily kikar lechem (loaf of bread) out of the street of ha'ofim (the bakers), until all the lechem in the Ir was gone. Thus Yirmeyah remained in the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard.

|22| Then Shephatyah Ben Mattan, and Gedalyah Ben Pashchur, and Yuchal Ben Shlemyah, and Pashchur Ben Malkiyah, heard the Devarim that Yirmeyah had spoken unto kol HaAm, saying,

|2| Thus saith Hashem, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the cherev, by the dever; but he that goeth forth to the Kasdim (Chaldeans) shall live; for he shall have his nefesh for plunder, and shall live.

|3| Thus saith Hashem, This city shall surely be given into the yad of the army of Melech Bavel, which shall capture it.

|4| Therefore the sarim said unto HaMelech, Let now this ish be put to death; for thus he weakeneth the hands of the anshei hamilchamah that are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such devarim unto them; for this ish seeketh not the shalom of this people, but the hurt.

|5| Then Tzidkiyah HaMelech said, Hinei, he is in your yad (hand, power); for HaMelech is not he that can do anything against you.

|6| Then took they Yirmeyah, and cast him into the bor (pit, dungeon) of Malkiyah Ben Hammelech, that was in the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard; and they lowered Yirmeyah with ropes. And in the bor (pit) there was no mayim, but mud; so Yirmeyah sank in the mud.

|7| Now when Eved-melech HaKushi (the Ethiopian), an ish saris (official) in the Bais HaMelech, heard that they had put Yirmeyah in the bor, HaMelech was then sitting in the Sha'ar Binyamin; Eved-melech went forth out of the Bais HaMelech, and spoke to HaMelech saying,

|8| Eved-melech said unto HaMelech, These anashim have done ra'ah in all that they have done to Yirmeyah HaNavi, whom they have cast into the bor; and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is; for there is no more lechem in the Ir.

|9| Then HaMelech commanded Eved-melech HaKushi (the Ethiopian), saying, Take from here shloshim anashim with thee, and lift up Yirmeyah HaNavi out of the bor (dungeon), before he dies.

|10| So Eved-melech took the anashim with him, and went into the Bais HaMelech under the Otzar (Treasury), and took from there old rags and old worn out clothes, and let them down by ropes into the bor to Yirmeyah.

|11| And Eved-melech HaKushi said unto Yirmeyah, Put now these old rags and worn out clothes under thine armpits under the ropes. And Yirmeyah did so.

|12| So they drew up Yirmeyah with ropes, and lifted him up out of the bor; and Yirmeyah remained in the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard.

|13| Then Tzidkiyah HaMelech sent, and took Yirmeyah HaNavi unto him into the third entrance that is in the Bais Hashem; and HaMelech said unto Yirmeyah, I will ask thee a thing; hide nothing from me.

|14| Then Tzidkiyah said unto Tzidkiyah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? And if I give thee etzah, wilt thou not refuse to pay heed unto me?

|15| So Tzidkiyah HaMelech swore secretly unto Yirmeyah, saying, As Hashem liveth, that made our very nefesh, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the yad of these anashim that seek thy nefesh.

|16| Then Tzidkiyah said unto Tzidkiyah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? And if I give thee etzah, wilt thou not refuse to pay heed unto me?

|17| Then said Yirmeyah unto Tzidkiyah, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: If thou wilt assuredly surrender unto the sarim of Melech Bavel, then thy nefesh shall live, and this city shall not be burned down with eish; and thou shalt live, and thine Bais;

|18| But if thou wilt not surrender unto the sarim of Melech Bavel,
Then shall this city be given into the yad of the Kasdim, and they shall burn it down with eish, and thou shalt not escape out of their yad.

[19] And Tzidkiyah HaMelech said unto Yirmeyah, I am afraid of the Yehudim that are fallen as defectors to the Kasdim (Chaldeans), lest they deliver me into their yad, and they abuse me.

[20] But Yirmeyah said, They shall not deliver thee. Now obey the voice of Hashem, which I speak unto thee; so it shall be well unto thee, and thy nefesh shall live.

[21] But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the davar that Hashem hath showed me:

[22] And, hinei, all the nashim that are left in the Bais Melech Yehudah shall be brought forth to the sarim of Melech Bavel, and those nashim shall say, Thy close friends misled thee, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mud, and they desert thee.

[23] So they shall surrender all thy nashim and thy banim to the Kasdim (Chaldeans); and thou shalt not escape out of their yad, but shalt be captured by the yad Melech Bavel; and thou shalt cause this city to be burned down with eish.

[24] Then said Tzidkiyah unto Yirmeyah, Let no ish know of these devarim, and thou shalt not die.

[25] But if the sarim hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto HaMelech, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what HaMelech said unto thee;

[26] Then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my techinnah (supplication) before HaMelech, that he would not cause me to return to Bais Yonatan, to die there.

[27] Then came all the sarim unto Yirmeyah, and questioned him; and he told them according to all these devarim that HaMelech had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter had not been overheard.

[28] So Yirmeyah abode in the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard until the day that Yerushalayim was captured; and he was there when Yerushalayim was taken.

In the ninth year of Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah, in the tenth month, came Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel and all his army against Yerushalayim, and they besieged her.

[2] And in the eleventh year of Tzidkiyah, in the fourth month, the ninth yom of the month, the wall was broken through.

[3] And all the sarim (princes) of Melech Bavel came in, and sat in the Middle Gate, even Nergal Sar-Etzer, Samgar-Nevo, Sar-Sechim, Rav Saris, Nergal Sar-Etzer, Rav-Mag, with all the remaining of the sarim of Melech Bavel.

[4] And it came to pass, that when Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah saw them, and all the anshi hamilchamah, then they fled, and went forth out of the Ir by lailah, by the derech of the Gan HaMelech, by the sha’ar between the two walls; and he headed toward the Aravah.

[5] But the army of the Kasdim pursued after them, and overtook Tzidkiyah in the plains of Yericho; and when they had captured him, they brought him up to Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel to Rivlah in Eretz Chamat, where he pronounced mishpatim upon him.

[6] Then Melech Bavel slaughtered the Bnei Tzidkiyah in Rivlah before his eyes; also Melech Bavel slaughtered all the nobles of Yehudah.

[7] Moreover he put out Tzidkiyah’s eyes, and bound him with bronze chains, to carry him to Babylon.

[8] And the Kasdim burned the Bais HaMelech, and the bais haAm, with eish, and broke down the chomot Yerushalayim.

[9] Then Nevuzar-Adan the captain of the imperial guard carried away into the Golus of Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that defected, that went over to him, with the rest of the people that remained.

[10] But Nevuzaradan the captain of the imperial guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in Eretz Yehudah, and gave them kramim (vineyards) and fields at the same time.

[11] Now Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel gave charge concerning Yirmeyah to Nevuzar-Adan the captain of the imperial guard, saying,

[12] Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee.

[13] So Nevuzar-Adan the captain of the imperial guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rav-Saris, and Nergal Sar-Etzer, Rav-Mag, and all the officers of Melech Bavel;

[14] Even they sent, and took Yirmeyah out of the Khatzer (courtyard) of the Guard, and committed him unto Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan, that he should carry him home; so he remained and dwelt among the people.
[15] Now the Devar Hashem came unto Yirmeyah, while he was confined in the Khatzer (court) of the Guard, saying,

[16] Go and tell Eved-Melech the Ethiopian (the one from Kush), saying, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Hineni, I am bringing My words upon this city for ra'ah, and not for tovah; and they shall be accomplished in yom hahu before thee.

[17] But I will deliver thee in yom hahu, saith Hashem; and thou shalt not be given into the yad of the anashim of whom thou art afraid.

[18] For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the cheret, but thy nefesh shall be unto thee for plunder; because thou hast put thy trust in Me, saith Hashem.

The Davar that came to Yirmeyah from Hashem, after Nevuzaradan the captain of the imperial guard had released him from Ramah, when he had found him bound in chains among all of Yerushalayim and Yehudah of the Golus, which were being carried away captive unto Babylon.

[2] And the captain of the imperial guard took Yirmeyah, and said unto him, Hashem Eloheicha hath pronounced this ra'ah upon this place.

[3] Now Hashem hath brought it about, and done according as He hath said; because ye have sinned against Hashem, have not obeyed His voice, so Davar Hazeh is come upon you.

[4] And now, hinei, I loose thee this yom from the chains which were upon thine yad. If it seem good in thy eyes to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear; hinei, kol ha'aretz is before thee: where it seemeth tov and yashar there for thee to go, go there.

[5] Now if you remain, he said, Go back also to Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan, whom Melech Bavel hath made governor over the cities of Yehudah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth yashar unto thee to go.

[6] So the captain of the imperial guard gave him provision [of food] and a present, and let him go.

[7] Now when all the officers of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their anashim, heard that Melech Bavel had made Gedalyah ben Achikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him anashim, and nashim, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to the Golus of Babylone;

[8] Then they came to Gedalyah unto Mitzpah, even Ishmael ben Netanyah, and Yochanan ben HaMa'achati, and Zedeki ben Shaphan, whom Melech Bavel had made governor over the cities of Yehudah, and dwell with him among the people that were left in ha'aretz.

[9] And Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan swore an oath unto them and to their anashim, saying, Fear not to serve the Kasdim (Chaldeans); dwell in the land, and serve Melech Bavel, and it shall be well with you.

[10] As for me, hineni, I will dwell at Mitzpah, to serve the Kasdim (Chaldeans), which will come unto us; but ye, gather ye yayan, and kavitz (summer fruit), and shemen, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your towns that ye took over.

[11] Likewise when kol HaYehudim that were in Moav, and among the Bnei Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that Melech Bavel had left a she'erit (remnant) of Yehudah, and that he had set over them Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan,

[12] Then kol HaYehudim returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to Eretz Yehudah, to Gedalyah, unto Mitzpah, and gathered yayan and kavitz very much.

[13] Moreover Yochanan ben Kareach, and all the officers of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedalyah to Mitzpah,

[14] And said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis Melech Bnei Ammon hath sent Yishmael ben Netanyah to slay thee? But Gedalyah ben Achikam believed them not.

[15] Then Yochanan ben Kareach spoke to Gedalyah in Mitzpah baseter (secretly) saying, Let me go, and I will slay Yishmael ben Netanyah, and no man shall know it. Why should he slay thee, that all the Yehudim which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the she'erit in Yehudah perish?

[16] But Gedalyah ben Achikam said unto Yochanan ben Kareach, Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest sheker of Yishmael.

Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael ben Netanyah ben Elishama, who was zera hameluchah, and the officers of HaMelech, even ten anashim with him, came unto Gedalyah
Then arose Yishmael ben Netanyah, and the ten anashim that were with him, and struck down Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan with the cherev, and killed him, whom Melech Bavel had made governor over haaretz. [2] Then Yishmael filled the cistern wherein Gedalyah, son of Achikam, brother of Achikam, whom Melech Bavel had made governor over haaretz, with the she'erit ha'aretz (dead bodies of the men), whom he had slain because of the sarism, whom he had brought from Giveon; [3] Yishmael also killed kol Yehudim that were with him, even with Gedalyah, at Mitzpah, and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) that were found there, and the anshei hamilchamah (men of war). [4] It came to pass on the second day after he had slain Gedalyah and no man knew it, [5] That there came certain men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Shomron, even 80 men, their beards shaven, their clothes torn, even 80 men, their beards shaven, their clothes torn, having cut themselves, with minchah and incense in their hand, to bring them to the Beis Hashem. [6] And Yishmael ben Netanyah went forth from Mitzpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went; and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedalyah ben Achikam. [7] And it was so, when they came into the midst of the Ir, that Yishmael ben Netanyah slaughtered them, and cast them into the midst of the cistern, he, and the anashim that were with him. [8] But ten anashim were found among them that said unto Yishmael, Slay us not, for we have hidden in the sadeh, chittim, se'orim, shemen, devash. So he forbore, killed them not among the others. [9] Now the cistern wherein Yishmael had cast all the pigrei ha'anashim (dead bodies of the men), whom he had slain because of Gedalyah, was the same cistern which Asa HaMelech had made for defense against Ba'asha Melech Yisroel: and Yishmael ben Netanyah filled it with them that were slain. [10] Then Yishmael carried away captive all the she'erit of the people that were in Mitzpah, even the banot hamelech, and kol HaAm that remained in Mitzpah, whom Nevuzaradon the captain of the imperial guard had committed to Gedalyah ben Achikam; and Yishmael ben Netanyah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Bnei Ammon. [11] When Yochanan ben Kareach with all the officers of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil Yishmael ben Netanyah had done, [12] Then they took kol ha'anashim, and went to fight with Yishmael ben Netanyah, and found him by the mayim rabbim that are in Giveon. [13] Now it came to pass, that when kol ha'Am which were with Yishmael saw Yochanan ben Kareach, and all the officers of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. [14] So kol ha'am that Yishmael had carried away captive from Mitzpah turned and went over to Yochanan ben Kareach. [15] But Yishmael ben Netanyah escaped from Yochanan with eight anashim, and went over to the Bnei Ammon. [16] Then took Yochanan ben Kareach, and all the officers of the forces that were with him, all the she'erit ha'Am whom he had recovered from Yishmael ben Netanyah, from Mitzpah, after that he had slain Gedalyah ben Achikam, even gevurim anshei hamilchamah, and the nashim, and the children, and the sarism, whom he had brought from Giveon; [17] And they departed, and dwelt in the Gerut Kimham, which is near Beit-Lechem, intending to go to Mitzrayim, [18] Because of the Kasdim (Chaldeans); for they were afraid of them, because Yishmael ben Netanyah had slain Gedalyah ben Achikam, whom Melech Bavel made governor in haaretz.
when we obey the voice of Hashem Eloheinu.

[7] And it came to pass after aseret yamim (ten days), that the Devar Hashem came unto Yirmeyah.

[8] Then he called Yochanan Ben Kareach, and all the army officers which were with him, and kol HaAm from the katon even to the gadol,

[9] And said unto them, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, unto Whom ye sent me to present your techinnah before Him;

[10] If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you up, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not uproot you; for I relent Me of the ra'ah that I have brought upon you.

[11] Be not afraid of Melech Bavel, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith Hashem; for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his yad.

[12] And I will show rachamim unto you, that he will have compassion upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.

[13] But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land, then I will build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not uproot you; for I relent Me of the ra'ah that I have brought upon you.

[14] Saying, No; but we will go into Eretz Mitzrayim, where we shall see no milchamah, nor hear the sound of the shofar, nor have hunger for lechem; and there will we dwell;

[15] And now therefore hear the Devar Hashem, ye She'erit Yehudah (Remnant of Judah). Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Eloheihem: If ye wholly set your faces to go into Mitzrayim to sojourn there, and there ye shall die.

[16] Then it shall come to pass, that the cherew, which ye feared, shall overtake you there in Eretz Mitzrayim, and the ra'av (famine), whereof ye were afraid, shall follow close after you there in Mitzrayim; and there ye shall die.

[17] So shall it be with all the anashim that set their faces to go into Mitzrayim to sojourn there; they shall die by the cherew, by the ra'av (famine), and by the dever; and none of them shall remain or escape from the ra'ah (disaster) that I will bring upon them.

[18] For thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Eloheihem: As Mine anger and My wrath hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, so shall My wrath be poured forth upon you when ye shall enter into Mitzrayim; and ye shall be an oath, and a horror, and a cherpah; and ye shall see this makom no more.

[19] Hashem hath said concerning you, O ye she'erit Yehudah: Go ye not into Mitzrayim to sojourn there; but Baruch ben Neriyah inciteth thee against us, for to deliver us into the yad haKasdim, that they might put us to death, and carry us away into the Golus of Babylon.

[20] So Yochanan ben Kareach, and all the officers of the forces, and kol haAm, obeyed not the voice of Hashem, to dwell in Eretz Yehudah.

[21] But Yochanan ben Kareach, and all the officers of the forces, took all the she'erit Yehudah, that were returned from kol haGoyim, where they had been driven there, to dwell in Eretz Yehudah;

[22] Even men, and women, and children, and the banot hamelech, and every nefesh that Nevuzaradan, the captain of the imperial guard, had left with Gedalyah ben Achikam ben Shaphan, and Yirmeyah HaNavi, and Baruch ben Neriyah.

[23] And it came to pass, that when Yirmeyah had made an end of speaking unto kol haAm all the divrei Hashem Eloheihem, for which Hashem Eloheihem had sent him to them, even all these words,
the brick pavement, which is at the entrance of the bais Pharaoh in Tahpanhes, before the eyes of the anshei Yehudah;

[10] And say unto them, Thus saith Hashem Tza'as Elohei Yisroel: Hineni, I will send and take Nevuchadrezzar Melech Bavel, avi (my servant), and will set his throne upon these avanim that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.

[11] And when he cometh, he shall smite Eretz Mizrayim, and deliver such as are for mot to mot; and such as are for captivity to captivity; and such as are for the cherev to the cherev.

[12] And I will kindle an eish in the batim (houses) of the g-ds of Mizrayim; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive; and he shall wrap himself with Eretz Mizrayim, as a ro'eh putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from there in shalom.

[13] He shall demolish also the matzevot Bais Shemesh, that is in Eretz Mizrayim; and the batim (houses) of the g-ds of the Egyptians shall he burn with eish.

[44] The davar that came to Yirmeyah concerning all the Yehudim which dwell in Eretz Mizrayim, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Patros, saying,

[2] Thus saith Hashem Tza'as Elohei Yisroel: Ye have seen all the ra'ah that I have brought upon Yerushalayim, and upon all the towns of Yehudah; and, behold, this day they are a ruin, and no one dwelleth therein,

[3] Because of their ra'ah (evil) which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn ketoret, and to serve elohim acherim, whom they knew not, neither they, ye, nor avoteichem.

[4] Howbeit I sent unto you all My avadim the Nevi'im, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this to'evah (abominable thing) that I hate.

[5] But they paid heed not, nor inclined their ozen to turn from their ra'ah (wickedness), to burn no ketoret unto elohim acherim.

[6] Wherefore My wrath and Mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the towns of Yehudah and in the streets of Yerushalayim; and they are become a desolate ruin, as at this day.

[7] Therefore now thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Why commit ye this ra'ah gedolah against your she'erit (remnant);

[8] In that ye provoke Me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning ketoret unto elohim acherim in Eretz Mizrayim, where ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a kelalah (curse) and a cherpah (reproach) among kol HaGoyim of ha'aretz?

[9] Have ye forgotten the ra'ot (wickednesses) of avoteichem, and the ra'ot of the melachim of Yehudah, and the ra'ot of their nashim, and your own ra'ot, and the ra'ot of your nashim, which they have committed in Eretz Yehudah, and in the streets of Yerushalayim?

[10] They are not contrite in My torah, nor in My chukkot, that I set before you and before avoteichem.


[12] And I will take the she'erit (remnant) of Yehudah, that have set their faces to go into Eretz Mizrayim to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in Eretz Mizrayim; they shall even be consumed by the cherev and by the ra'av (famine); they shall die, from the katan even unto the gadol, by the cherev and by the ra'av; and they shall be an object of cursing, and a horror, and a kelalah, and a cherpah.

[13] For I will punish them that dwell in Eretz Mizrayim, just as I have punished Yerushalayim, by the cherev, by the ra'av, and by the dever;

[14] So that none of the she'erit (remnant) of Yehudah, which are gone into Eretz Mizrayim to sojourn there, shall escape or survive, that they should return into Eretz Yehudah, to the which they lift up [in desire] their nefesh to return to dwell there; for none shall return but such as shall escape.

[15] Then all the anashim which knew that their nashim had burned ketoret unto elohim acherim, and all the nashim that stood by, a kahal gadol [great multitude], even kol HaAm that dwelt in Eretz Mizrayim, in Patros, answered Yirmeyah, saying,

[16] As for the davar that thou hast spoken unto us b'Shem Hashem, we will not pay heed unto thee.

[17] But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out
of our own mouth, to burn ketoret unto the Malkat HaShomayim (the Queen of Heaven), and to pour out nesakhim (drink offerings) unto her, as we have done, we, and Avoteinu, our Melachim, and our Sarim, in the towns of Yehudah, and in the streets of Yerushalayim; for then we had plenty of lechem, and were tovim (well off), and saw no ra’ah.

|18| But since we left off burning ketoret to the Malkat HaShomayim, and to pour out nesakhim unto her, we have lacked all things, and have been consumed by the cherev and by the ra’av.
|19| And when we burned ketoret to the Malkat HaShomayim, and poured out nesakhim unto her, did we make for her in her image cakes, and pour out nesakhim unto her, without our anashim?

|20| Then Yirmeyah said unto kol HaAm, to the gevarim, and to the nashim, and to kol HaAm which had given him that answer, saying,

|21| The ketoret that ye burned in the towns of Yehudah, and in the streets of Yerushalayim, ye, and avoteichem, your melachim, and your sarim, and the am ha’aretz, did not Hashem remember them, and came it not into His mind?

|22| So that Hashem could no longer bear, because of the wickedness of your doings, and because of the to’evot (abominations) which ye have committed; therefore is your land a desolation, and a ruin, and a kelalah, without an inhabitant, as at this day.
|23| Because ye have burned ketoret, and because ye have sinned against Hashem, and have not obeyed the voice of Hashem, nor walked in His torah, nor in His chukkot, nor in His edot; therefore this ra’ah has happened unto you, as at this day.
|24| Moreover Yirmeyah said unto kol HaAm, and to all the nashim, Hear the Devar Hashem, all Yehudah that are in the Eretz Mitzrayim,

|25| Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel, saying: Ye and your nashim have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your yad, saying, We will surely perform nedarim (vows), and surely perform your nedarim.

|26| Therefore hear ye the Devar Hashem, all Yehudah that dwell in Eretz Mitzrayim:

|27| Hineni, I will watch over them for ra’ah, and not for toovah; and Kol Ish Yehudah that are in Eretz Mitzrayim shall be consumed by the cherev and by ra’av, until there be an end of them.
|28| Yet a small number that escape the cherev shall return out of Eretz Mitzrayim into Eretz Yehudah, and all the she’erit (remnant) Yehudah, that are gone into Eretz Mitzrayim to sojourn there, shall know whose davar shall stand, Mine, or theirs.

|29| And this shall be the ot (sign) unto you, saith Hashem, that I will punish you in this makom, that ye may know that My Davar shall surely stand against you for ra’ah:
|30| Thus saith Hashem; Hineni, I will give Pharaoh Chophra Melech Mitzrayim into the yad of his oyevim, and into the yad of them that seek his nefesh; just as I gave Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah into the yad of Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, his oyev, and that sought his nefesh (life).

45 The Davar that Yirmeyah HaNavi spoke unto Baruch ben Neriyah, when he had written these words in a sefer at the mouth of Yirmeyah, in the fourth year of Yhoyakim ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah, saying,

|2| Thus saith Hashem, Elohei Yisroel, unto thee, O Baruch:

|3| Thou didst say, Oy to me now! For Hashem hath added sorrow to my machovim (sorrows); I am worn out in my groaning, and I find no menuchah.

|4| Thus shalt thou say unto him, Hashem saith thus: Hinei, that which I have built will I tear down, and that which I have planted I will uproot, even this kol haAretz.

46 The Davar Hashem which came to Yirmeyah HaNavi against the Goyim;

|2| Against Mitzrayim, against the army of Pharaoh Necho Melech Mitzrayim, which was by the river Euphrates in Carkemish (Carchemish), which Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel defeated in the fourth year of Yhoyakim Ben Yoshiyah Melech Yehudah.
Order ye the mogen and tzinnah (large shield), and draw near to milchamah.

Harness the susim; and get up, ye parashim (horsemen), and stand forth with your helmets; polish the spears, and put on the armor.

What do I see? They are filled with terror and retreat! And their gibborim are beaten down, and are fled speedily, and look not back; for fear was all around, saith Hashem.

Let not the swift flee away, nor the gibbor escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

Who is this that riseth like the Nile, whose mayim surge like the rivers?

Mitzrayim riseth up like the Nile, and his mayim surge like the rivers; and he saith, I will go up, and will cover eretz (earth); I will destroy cities and the inhabitants thereof.

Come up, ye susim; and rage, ye chariots; and let the Gibborim come forth; Kush and Put, that handle the mogen; and the Ludim, that handle and bend the keshet.

For this is the Yom Adoni Hashem Tzva'os, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Him on His adversaries; and the cherev shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their dahm; for Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os hath a zevach (land of our birth), from the oppressing cherev.

They did cry there, Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim is but a noise; he hath passed the moed (time appointed).

As I live, saith HaMelech, Hashem Tzva'os Shmo, Surely as Tavor is among the harim, and as Carmel by the yam, so shall he [Nebuchadnezzar] come.

O thou Bat dwelling in Golus; for Noph shall go into Golus; for Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.

Mitzrayim is like a very fair eglah, but a gadfly comes; it comes out of the tzafon.

Also her mercenaries are in the midst of her like young calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, and are fled away together; they did not stand, because the day of their calamity was come upon them, and the time of their pekudat.

The noise thereof [the sound of Egypt fleeing] shall go like a nachash; for they [her enemies] shall march in force, and come against her with axes, as choppers of wood.

They shall cut down her forest, saith Hashem, though it cannot be searched out; because they are more in number than the arbeh (locust), innumerable.

The Bat Mitzrayim shall be ashamed; she shall be delivered into the yad of the Am Tzafon (People of the North).

Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel, saith; Hineni, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Mitzrayim, with their elohim, and their melachim; even Pharaoh, and all the botehim (ones trusting) in him;

And I will deliver them into the yad of those that seek their nefesh, and into the yad of Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, and into the yad of his adanim; and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the yemei kedem (days of old), saith Hashem.

But fear not thou, O Yaakov Avdi, and be not dismayed, O Yisroel; for, hineni, I will save thee from afar off, and thy zera from the land of their captivity; and Yaakov shall return, and be in rest and securely at ease, and none shall make him afraid.

Fear thou not, O Yaakov Avdi, saith Hashem; for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of kol HaGoyim where I have scattered thee; but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee with mishpat (justice); yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

The Devar Hashem that came to Yirmeyah HaNavi against the Pelishtim (Philistines), before Pharaoh smote Azah (Gaza).

Thus saith Hashem: Hinei, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing
flood, and shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the Ir, and them that dwell therein; then the adam shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail.

[3] At the noise of the stamping of the hooves of his mighty steeds, at the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels, the avot shall not look back to their banim for the limpness of their hands;

[4] Because of the Yom HaBah for destroying all the Pelishtim (Philistines), and to cut off from Tzor and Tzidon every helper that remaineth; for Hashem will destroy the Pelishtim (Philistines), the remnant of the coast of Caphtor.

Against Moav thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Hoy (woe, doom) unto Nevo! For it is made havoc; Kiryatayim is shamed and captured; Misgav is shamed and dismayed.

[2] There shall be no more tehillah (praise) of Moav; in Cheshbon they have plotted ra'ah against it; come, and let us cut it off from being a nation. Also thou shalt be silenced, O Madmein; the cherev shall pursue thee.


[4] Moav is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.

[5] For in the Ascent of Luchit continual weeping shall go up; for in the descent of Choronayim the anguished ones have heard a cry of shever (destruction).


[7] For because thou hast trusted in thy ma'asim (works) and in thy otzarot, thou shalt also be captured; and Chemosh shall go forth into Golus with his kohanim and his sarim together.

[8] And the destroyer shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape: the emek (valley) also shall perish, and the plain shall be shmad (destroyed); as Hashem hath spoken.

[9] Give wings unto Moav, that it may flee and get away; for the towns thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.

[10] Cursed be he that doeth the work of Hashem remiyyah (deceitfully), and cursed be he that keepeth back his cherev from bloodshed.

[11] Moav hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his wine dregs, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into Golus: therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.

[12] But, hinei, the days come, saith Hashem, that I will send unto him wine pourers, that shall pour him out, and shall empty his kelim (vessels), and smash their jars.

[13] And Moav shall be ashamed of Chemosh, just as Bais Yisroel was ashamed of Beit-El, their confidence.

[14] How say ye, We are gibborim and anshei chayil for the milchamah?

[15] Moav is destroyed, and gone up out of her towns, and his chosen bochurim are gone down to the slaughter, saith HaMelech Hashem Tzva'os Shmo.

[16] The calamity of Moav is near at hand, and his affliction hasteth fast.

[17] All ye that are around him, bemoan him; and all ye that know shmo, say, How is the mattah oz (strong staff) broken, and the beautiful rod!

[18] Thou Rat that dost inhabit Divon, come down from thy kaved, and sit on parched ground; for the plunderer of Moav shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strongholds.

[19] O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the derech, and watch; ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, and say, What has happened?

[20] Moav is shamed; for it is broken down: wail and cry out; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moav is destroyed,

[21] And mishpat is come upon the plain; upon Cholon, and upon Yahtzah, and upon Mepha'at,

[22] And upon Divon, and upon Nevo, and upon Beit-Divlatayim,

[23] And upon Kiryatayim, and upon Beit-Gamul, and upon Beit-Me'on,

[24] And upon Keriot, and upon Botzrah, and upon all the towns of Eretz Moav, far or near.

[25] The keren of Moav is cut off, and his zero'a is broken, saith Hashem.

[26] Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against Hashem; Moav also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
[27] For was not Yisroel a derision unto thee? Was he found among ganavim (thieves)? For since thou spoke of him, thou dost scornful head wagging.

[28] O ye that dwell in Moav, leave the towns, and dwell in the rock, and be like the yonah that maketh her nest in the sides of the cave’s mouth.

[29] We have heard the ga’on Moav, (he is exceeding proud), his highmindedness, and his conceit, and his ga’avah, and the haughtiness of his lev.

[30] I know his insolence, saith Hashem; but it shall not be so; his boasts have made nothing right.

[31] Therefore will I wail for Moav, and I will cry out for all Moav; I shall moan for the anashim of Kir-Cheres.

[32] O gefen (vine) of Sivmah, Moav; I shall moan for the anashim of Kir-Cheres.

[33] And simchah and simchah and upon thy vintage.

[34] From the cry of their shouting shall not be joyful shouting.

[35] Moreover I will cause to cease in Moav, saith Hashem, (he is exceeding proud), his highmindedness, and his conceit, and his ga’avah, and the haughtiness of his lev.

[36] Therefore Mine lev shall wail like flutes, and Mine lev shall wail like flutes for the anashim of Kir-Cheres; because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.

[37] For every rosh shall be shaved, and every zakan (beard) cut: upon all the hands shall be slashes, and upon the loins sackcloth.

[38] There shall be lamentation generally upon all the gagot (roofs) of Moav, and in the streets thereof; for I have broken Moav like a keli (vessel) wherein is no chefets (pleasure) saith Hashem.

[39] They shall wail, saying, How is it shattered! How hath Moav turned the back with shame! So shall Moav be a laughingstock and a horror to all them about him.

[40] For thus saith Hashem; Hinei, one shall fly like the neshler, and shall spread his wings over Moav.

[41] Keriot is captured, and the strongholds are taken, and the lev gibborim in Moav at that day shall be as the lev isha in her birth pangs.

[42] And Moav shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against Hashem.

[43] Pachad (fear), and the pakhat (pit), and the pakhat (pit), and the pachad (terror) shall fall into him himself against Hashem.

[44] He that fleeth from the pachad (terror) shall fall into the pakhat (pit); and he that geteth up out of the pakhat shall be caught in the pach (snare); for I will bring upon it, even upon Moav, the shnat (year) of their pekuddah (visitation), saith Hashem.

[45] They that fled stood under the tzel (shadow) of Cheshbon without ko’ach; for an eish shall come forth out of Cheshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sichon, and shall devour the forehead of Moav, and the crown of the head of the bnei sha’on (sons of tumult).

[46] Oy be unto thee, O Moav! The people of Chemosh perisheth; for thy banim are taken captives, and thy banot into captivity.

[47] Yet will I bring again the captives of Moav in the acharit hayamim, saith Hashem. Hinei, the mishpat Moav (judgment of Moab).

49 Concerning Bnei Ammon, thus saith Hashem: Hath Yisroel no banin? Hath he no yoresh (heir)? Why then doth Malcam (Molech) inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his towns?

[2] Therefore, hinei, the days come, saith Hashem, that I will cause an alarm of milchamah to be heard in Rabbah of Bnei Ammon; and it shall become a desolate tel (mound), and her banot shall be burned with eish: then shall Yisroel dispossess his dispossession, saith Hashem.

[3] Wail, O Cheshbon, for Ai is plundered: cry out, ye banot of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth; lament, and rush to and fro inside the walls; for Malcam (Molech) shall go into Golus, and his kohanim and his sarim together.

[4] Why gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing emek (valley), O Bat hashovevah (backsliding Daughter)? That trusted in her ozarot, saying, Who shall come unto Me?

[5] Hineni, I will bring a pachad (terror) upon thee, saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os, from all those that be around thee; and ye shall be driven out, every ish before him; and none shall gather up the fugitive.

[7] Concerning Edom, thus saith Hashem Tzva'os: Is chochmah no more in Teman? Is etzah perished from the prudent? Is their chochmah vanished?

[8] Flee ye, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Teman; for I will bring the calamity of Esav upon him, the time that I will visit [to punish] him.

[9] If grape gatherers come to thee, would they not leave some grape gleanings? If ganavim balailah (thieves by night), they will destroy only till they have enough.

[10] But I have stripped Esav bare, I have uncovered his hiding places, and he shall not be able to hide himself; his zera are plundered, and his brethren, and his shchenim (neighbors) and he is no more.

[11] Leave thy yatomim (fatherless, orphans), I will preserve them alive; and let thy almanot trust in Me.

[12] For thus saith Hashem: Hinei, they [i.e., the innocent] whose mishpat was not to drink of the Kos have assuredly drunken; and art thou that shall altogether go unpunished? Thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink of it.

[13] For I have sworn by Myself, saith Hashem, that Botzrah shall become a desolation, a cherpah, a reproach, and a kelalah; and all the towns thereof shall be perpetual ruins.

[14] I have heard a message from Hashem, and an envoy is sent unto the Goyim, saying, Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the milchamah.

[15] For, hinei, I will make thee katon among the Goyim, and despised among adam.

[16] Thy fierceness hath deceived thee, and the zadon (pride, malice) of thine lev, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill; though thou shouldest make thy ken (nest) as high as the nesher, I will bring thee down from there, saith Hashem.

[17] Also Edom shall be a horror; every one that goeth by it shall be appalled, and shall kiss at all the makkot (wounds, blows) thereof.

[18] As in the overthrow of Sodom and Amora (Gomorrah) and the neighboring towns thereof, saith Hashem, no ish shall abide there, neither shall a ben adam dwell in it.

[19] Hinei, he shall come up like an arayeh from the thicket of the Yarden against the rich pastureland; but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and who is Bachur (Chosen one), that I may appoint over her? Mi khamoni (Chosen one), that I may appoint over her? Mi khamoni (Chosen one), that I may appoint over her? Mi khamoni (Chosen one), that I may appoint over her?

[20] Therefore hear the etzat (plot, plan, counsel) of Hashem, that He hath planned against Edom; and His purposes, that He hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely the young ones of the tzon shall drag them away; surely He shall make their habitation desolate because of them.

[21] Ha'aretz shakes at the noise of their fall, at the cry the noise thereof was heard in Yam Suf.

[22] Hinei, He shall come up and fly like the nesher, and spread His wings over Botzrah; and in that day shall the lev of the Gibborim of Edom be as the lev of an isha in her birth pangs.

[23] Concerning Damascus: Chamat is shamed, and Arpad, for they have heard bad news; they are fainthearted; there is anxiety on the yam (sea); it cannot be quiet.

[24] Damascus has grown feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath gripped her; anguish and chavalim (pains) have taken her, as a woman in travail.

[25] How is it that the Ir Tehillah is not deserted, the town of My joy!

[26] Therefore her bochurim shall fall in her streets, and all the anshei milchamah shall be destroyed in that day, saith Hashem Tzva'os.

[27] And I will kindle an eish in the chomat Damascus, and it shall consume the fortresses of Ben-hadad.

[28] Concerning Kedar, and concerning the mamlechot of Chatzor, which Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel shall strike, thus saith Hashem; Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and plunder the Bnei Kedem.

[29] Their ohalim and their tzon shall they take away; they shall carry off for themselves their tent curtains, and all their kelim (vessels), their gemalim (camels); and they shall cry unto them, Majar (terror, fear) is on every side.

[30] Flee, get you far off, dwell in the depths, O ye inhabitants of Chatzor, saith Hashem; for Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel hath plotted an etzah (plot, plan, counsel) against you, and hath conceived a plan against you.

[31] Arise, get you up unto the nation which is at ease, that dwelleth securely, saith Hashem, which have neither gates
nor bars, which dwell alone.
[32] And their gemalim (camels) shall be for plunder, and the multitude of their mikneh (herds) a plunder; and I will scatter unto kol ruach (all winds) them that cut off the [hair] corners; and I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith Hashem.
[33] And Chattzor shall be a ma’on (dwelling) for jackals, and a desolation ad olam (forever); there shall no ish abide there, nor any ben adam dwell in it.
[34] The Devar Hashem that came to Yirmeyah HaNavi against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Tzidkiyah Melech Yehudah, saying,
[35] Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os; Hineni: I will break the keshet (bow, power) of Elam, the mainstay of their might.
[36] And upon Elam will I bring the arba ruchot (four winds) from the four quarters of Shomayim, and will scatter them toward all those ruchot; and there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Elam shall not go.
[37] For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their oyevim, and before them that seek their nefesh; and I will bring ra’ah upon them, even My charon af, saith Hashem; and I will send the cherev after them, till I have consumed them:
[38] And I will set My Kisse in Elam, and will destroy from there melech and the sarim, saith Hashem.

50 The Davar that Hashem spoke against Bavel and against Eretz Kasdim (Chaldeans) by Yirmeyah HaNavi.
[2] Declare ye among the Goyim, and publish, and lift up a nes (banner); publish, and conceal not; say, Bavel is captured, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is dismayed; her atzabim (images) are shamed, her gilulim (idols) are dismayed.
[3] For out of the tzafon (north) there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land a horror, and none shall dwell therein; they shall wander, they shall depart, both adam and behemah.
[4] In those yamim, and in that time, saith Hashem, the Bnei Yisroel shall go, they and the Bnei Yehudah together, in tears weeping; they shall go, and seek Hashem Eloheihem.
[5] They shall ask the derech to Tziyon with their faces turned toward it, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to Hashem in a Brit Olam that shall not be forgotten.
[6] My people hath been tzon ovedot (lost sheep); their roim (shepherds) have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the harim; they have wandered from har to givah (hill), they have forgotten their resting place.
[7] All that found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against Hashem, the naveh tzedek, even Hashem, the mikveh Avoteihem.
[8] Flee out of the midst of Bavel, and go forth out of the Eretz Kasdim (Chaldeans), and leave as the male goats before the tzon.
[9] For, hinei, I will stir up and cause to come up against Bavel a Kahal Goyim Gedolim from eretz tzafon (land of the north); and they shall set themselves in array against her; from there she shall be captured; their khitzim (arrows) shall be as of a gibbor maskil, one that does not return empty-handed.
[10] And Kasdim (Chaldea) shall be a plunder: all that plunder shall have their fill, saith Hashem.
[11] Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye pillagers of Mine nachalah, because ye frisk about as the eglah (heifer) threshing grain, and neigh like stallions;
[12] Your em shall be deeply ashamed; she that bore you shall be disgraced; hinei, the least of the Goyim shall be a midbar, a dry land, and an aravah.
[13] Because of the wrath of Hashem it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate; every one that passeth by Bavel shall be horrified, and hiss at all her makkot.
[14] Put yourselves in array against Bavel all around; all ye that bend the keshet, shoot at her, spare no khetz (arrow); for she hath sinned against Hashem.
[15] Shout against her all around; she hath surrendered her yad; her chomot (walls) are torn down; for it is the vengeance of Hashem; take vengeance upon her; just as she hath done, do unto her.
[16] Cut off the sower from Bavel, and him that reapeth with the magal (sickle) in the time of katzir; for fear of the oppressing cherev they shall turn every ish to his people, and they shall flee every ish to his own land.
[17] Yisroel is a seh pezurah (scattered sheep); the aryot (lions) have driven him away; first Melech Ashur (King of Assyria) hath devoured him; and last this Nevuchadretz zar Melech Bavel hath broken his atzmot.

[18] Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel: Hineni, I will punish Melech Bavel and his land, as I have punished Melech Ashur.

[19] And I will bring Yisroel back to his naveh (habitation), and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his nefesh shall be satisfied upon Har Ephrayim and Gil’ ad.

[20] In those yamim, and at that time, saith Hashem, the avon Yisroel shall be searched for, and there shall be none; and the chattot Yehudah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon them whom I will preserve as remnant.

[21] Go up against Eretz Meratayim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod; lay waste and utterly destroy after them, saith Hashem, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

[22] A sound of milchamah is in ha’aretz, and of shever gadol (great destruction).

[23] How is the patish (hammer) of kol ha’aretz (the whole earth) shattered and broken! How is Bavel become a desolation among the Goyim!

[24] I have laid a trap for thee, and thou art indeed caught, O Bavel, and thou wast not aware; thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against Hashem.

[25] Hashem hath opened His armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of His indignation; for this is the work of Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os in Eretz Kasdim.

[26] Come against her from afar, open her storehouses; pile her up like heaps of grain, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be she’erit (remnant).

[27] Slay all her bulls; let them go down latevach (to the slaughter; see Isaiah 53:7); woe unto them! For their day is come, the time of their visitation [for punishment].

[28] The voice of them that flee and escape as fugitives out of Eretz Bavel, to declare in Tziyon the vengeance of Hashem Eloheinu, the vengeance of His Heikhal.

[29] Call together the archers against Bavel; all ye that bend the keshet, encamp against it all around; let none thereof escape; repay her according to all that she hath done, do unto her; for she hath arrogantly defied Hashem Kadosh Yisroel.

[30] Therefore shall her bochurim fall in the streets, and all her anshei milchamah shall be destroyed in that day, saith Hashem.

[31] Hineni, I am against thee, O thou zadon (proud one), saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva’os; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee [for punishment].

[32] And the zadon shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle an eish in his towns, and it shall devour all around him.

[33] Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os; The Bnei Yisroel and the Bnei Yehudah were oppressed together; and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

[34] Their Go‘el is chazak (strong), Hashem Tzva’os Shmo; He shall thoroughly defend their cause, so that He may bring rest to ha’aretz, and disquiet the inhabitants of Bavel.

[35] A cherev is upon the Kasdim (Chaldeans), saith Hashem, and upon the inhabitants of Bavel, and upon her sarim, and upon her chachamim.

[36] A cherev is upon the diviners [false prophets who practice divination]; and they shall become fools; a cherev is upon her gibborim; and they shall be dismayed.

[37] A cherev is upon their susim, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mixed rabble that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as nashim; a cherev is upon her ozorot; and they shall be plundered.

[38] A chorev (drought) is upon her mayim; and they shall be dried up; for it is the eretz pesalim (land of idols), and they go mad over idols.

[39] Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the hynas shall dwell in her [Babylon], and the ostriches shall dwell therein; and it shall be no more inhabited lanetzach (forever); neither shall it be dwelt in from dor vador.

[40] As Elohim overthrew Sodom and Amora (Gomorrah) and the neighboring towns thereof, saith Hashem; so shall no ish abide there, neither shall any ben adam dwell therein.

[41] Hineni, an am (people, army) shall come from the tzafon (north), and a Goy Gadol, and melachim rabim shall be stirred up from the ends of the earth.

[42] They shall wield keshet and spear; they are cruel, and shall show no rachamim; their voice shall roar like the yam, and they shall ride upon susim, every one put in array, like an ish for the
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[23] I will also break in pieces with thee the roch and his eder; and with thee will I break in pieces the ikkar (farmer) and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces pachot (rulers) and seganim (officials).

[24] And I will render unto Bavel and to all the inhabitants of Kasdim all their ra’ah that they have done in Tziyon in your sight, saith Hashem.

[25] Hineni, I am against thee, O Har HaMashchit (Destroying Mountain), saith Hashem, which destroyest kol ha’aretz; and I will stretch out Mine Yad upon thee, and roll thee down from the cliffs, and will make thee a har serefah (burned out mountain).

[26] And they shall not take of thee an even (stone) for a pinnah (cornerstone), nor an even (stone) for mosadot (foundations); but thou shalt be desolate forever, saith Hashem.

[27] Lift ye up a nes (banner) in ha’aretz, blow the shofar among the Goyim, prepare the Goyim against her, call together against her the manlechot of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkhenaz; appoint a commander against her; cause the sus to come up like the swarming locusts.

[28] Prepare against her the Goyim with the melachim (kings) of the Medes, the pachot (rulers) thereof, and all the seganim (officials) thereof, and all the countries ruled thereof.

[29] And ha’aretz shall shake and tremble; for every purpose of Hashem shall be performed against Bavel, to make eretz Bavel a desolation without an inhabitant.

[30] The Gibborim of Bavel have ceased to fight, they have remained in their metzadot (strongholds); their gevurah (might) hath failed; they became as nashim; they have burned her mishkenot (dwelling places); her bars are broken.

[31] One runner shall run to meet another, and one maggid (messenger) to meet another maggid, to show Melech Bavel that his city is captured on all sides,

[32] And that the ma’abarot (fords, river-crossings) have been seized, and the marshes burned with eish, and the anshei hamilchamah are terrified.

[33] For thus saith Hashem Tzva’os Elohei Yisroel: Bat Bavel is like a goren (threshing floor), when it is time to trample her; yet a little while, and the time of her katzir shall come.

[34] Nevuchadretzar Melech Melech Bavel hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like Tannin (Monster); he hath filled his belly with delicacies of me, he hath vomited me out.

[35] The chamas done to me and to my flesh be upon Bavel, shall the inhabitant of Tziyon say; my dahm upon the inhabitants of Kasdim, shall Yerushalayim say; my dahm upon the yam (sea), when it is time to bring forth out of his mouth the charon af Hashem.

[36] Therefore thus saith Hashem; Hineni, I will defend thy cause, and take vengeance of thee; and I will dry up her yam, and make her makor (spring) dry.

[37] And Bavel shall become heaps of ruin, a ma’on for jackals, a horror to behold, astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

[38] They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl as cubs of arayot (lions).

[39] In their excitement I will prepare their mishtim (feasts), and I will make them shikkor, that they may rejoice, and sleep shenat olam (a perpetual sleep), and never awake, saith Hashem.

[40] I will bring them down like lambs livo’ach (to the slaughter, see Isaiah 53:7), like rams with male goats.

[41] How is Sheshach [Babylon] taken! And how is the tehillat kol ha’aretz seized! How is Bavel become a horror to behold among the Goyim!

[42] The yam (sea) will arise over Bavel; she is covered with the tumult of the waves thereof.

[43] Her towns are a horror to behold, a dry land, and an aravah, a land wherein no ish dwelleth, neither doth any ben adam pass thereby.

[44] And I will punish Bel [Marduk] in Bavel, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath gulped down; and the Goyim shall not stream together any more unto him; indeed, the chomat Bavel shall fall.

[45] My people, come ye out of the midst of her, and save ye every ish his nefesh from the charon of Hashem.

[46] And lest your lev faint, and ye fear at the rumor that shall be heard in ha’aretz; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall be heard in ha’aretz; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, rumors of chamas in ha’aretz, moshel (ruler) against moshel.

[47] Therefore, hinei, the days are coming when I will visit [in punishment] the pesalim of Bavel; and her whole land shall be shamed, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

[48] Then the Shomayim and ha’aretz, and all that is therein, shall sing joyously over Bavel; for the plunderers shall come unto her from the tzafon (north), saith Hashem.

[49] Bavel must fall because of the slain of Yisroel as the slain of
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kol ha’aretz have fallen because of Bavel. [50] Ye that have escaped the chorev, leave, stand not still; remember Hashem afar off, and let Yerushalayim come into your heart. [51] We are ashamed, because we have heard cherpah; shame hath covered our faces; for zarim are come into the Mikdeshei Beis Hashem. [52] Wherefore, hinei, the days are coming, saith Hashem, that I will visit into the Mikdeshrei Beis Hashem. [53] Though Bavel should ascend to Shomayim, and though she should fortify the height of her stronghold, yet from Me shall plunderers come unto her, saith Hashem. [54] A sound of a cry cometh from Bavel, and shever gadol (great destruction) from Eretz Kasdim; [55] Because Hashem hath plundered Bavel, and silenced her kol gadol (great voice); when her waves do roar like mayim rabbim, the sound of her roaring resounds; [56] Because the plunderer is come upon her, even upon Bavel, and her gibborim are taken, every one of their keshatot (bows) is broken; for El Gemulot Hashem (Hashem the G-d of Recompense) shall surely repay. [57] And I will make shikhor (drunk) her sarim, and her chachamim, her pachot (rulers), and her seganim (officials), and her gibborim; and they shall sleep a shenat olam (perpetual sleep), and never awake, saith HaMelech Hashem Tzvi’os Shmo. [58] Thus saith Hashem Tzvi’os: The thick chomot Bavel shall be utterly broken, and her high she’arim shall be burned with eish; and the people shall labor in vain, and the peoples wear themselves out only for eish. [59] The Davar which Yirmeyah HaNavi commanded Serayah Ben Neriyah Ben Machseiyah, when he went with Tzdiyakah Melech Yehudah into Bavel in the fourth year of his reign. And this Serayah was sar menuchah (quartermaster). [60] So Yirmeyah wrote in a sefer all the ra’ah that should come upon Bavel, even all these devarim that are written against Bavel. [61] And Yirmeyah said to Serayah, When thou comest to Bavel, and shalt see, and shalt read all these Devarim; [62] Then shalt thou say, Hashem, Thou hast spoken against this makom, to cut it off, that none shall remain in it, neither adam nor beheimah, but that it shall be desolate forever. [63] And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this sefer, that thou shalt bind an even (stone) to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates; [64] And thou shalt say, Thus shall Bavel sink, and shall rise no more because of the ra’ah that I will bring upon her. Thus far are the Devarim of Yirmeyah.

52 Tzdiyakah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Chamutal bat Yirmeyah of Livnah. [2] And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that Yhoyakim had done. [3] For because of the anger of Hashem it came to pass in Yerushalayim and Yehudah, that he finally cast them out from his presence. Tzdiyakah rebelled against HaMelech Bavel. [4] And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel came, he and all his army, against Yerushalayim, and encamped against it, and built siege-works against it round about. [5] So HaIr went under siege unto the eleventh year of Melech Tzdiyakah. [6] And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the ra’ay (famine) was severe in the Ir, so that there was no lechem for the Am HaAretz. [7] Then the Ir was broken through, and all the anshei hamilchamah fled, and went forth out of the Ir by lailah by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was near the Gan HaMelech; (now the Kasdim [Chaldeans] were surrounding the Ir); and they fled by the derech HaAra’avah. [8] But the army of the Kasdim (Chaldeans) pursued after HaMelech, and overtook Tzdiyakah in the plains of Yericho; and all his army was separated from him and scattered. [9] Then they captured HaMelech, and carried him up unto Melech Bavel to Rivlah in Eretz Chamat; where he pronounced mishpatim upon him. [10] And Melech Bavel slaughtered the Bnei Tzdiyakah before his eyes; he slaughtered also all the sarim (princes) of Yehudah in Rivlah. [11] Then he put out the eyes of Tzdiyakah; and Melech Bavel bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in the bais hapekudot (prison house) till the yom moto (day of his death).
Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month [T.N. Tisha B’Av the day before; on Tisha B’Av there is fasting and reading the Book of Lamentations and prayer for the Jewish people in light of all their tragic history, especially the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash; there is a reference in Lamentations Rabbati which juxtaposes the Moshiach’s ascendance in reference to the Temple’s destruction—see Mk 13:2; Lk 19:44], which was the nineteenth year of Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, came to Yerushalayim Nevuzaradan, captain of the guard, which served Melech Bavel,

And all the klei hanechoshet and the basins, and the pans, the shovels, and the snuffers, the caldrons also, and to Babylon. Carried all the bronze of them (Chaldeans) broke, and the Beis Hashem, the Kasdim that were in the moveable Stands, and the Beis Hashem, and the HaNechoshet that was in the Yam Hanechoshet that was in the Ir; and the Sofer who was the chief officer in charge of conscripting the Am HaAretz; and threescore men of the Am HaAretz, that were found in the midst of the Ir. So Nevuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to Melech Bavel to Rivlah.

And Melech Bavel struck them, and put them to death in Rivlah in Eretz Hamat. Thus Yehudah was carried away captive out of his own land.

This is the people whom Nevuchadretzar carried away captive: in the seventh year 3,023 Yehudim: In the eighteenth year of Nevuchadretzar he carried away captive from Yerushalayim 832 nefesh: In the three and twentieth year of Nevuchadretzar Nevuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Yehudim 745 nefesh: the nefesh were 4,600 in all.

And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the Golus of Y’hoyakhin Melech Yehudah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Eveel-Merodach Melech Bavel in the first year of his reign [562 B.C.E.] lifted up the head of Y’hoyakhin Melech Yehudah, and brought him forth out of prison [561 B.C.E.]. And spoke kindly unto him, and set his throne above the kisse of the melachim that was in all. And changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat lechem before him all the days of his life. And for his allowance, there was a regular allowance given him of the Melech Bavel, every day a portion until the yom moto all the days of his life.
YECHEZKEL

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, while I was among those of the Golus by the Nahar Kevar, that Shomayim was opened, and I saw mar'ot Elohim.

2 In the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of the Golus of HaMelech Yoyakhin [593 B.C.E.],

3 The Devar Hashem came expressly unto Yechezkel the kohen, ben Buzi, in Eretz Kasdim (Chaldeans) by the Nahar Kevar; and the Yad Hashem was there upon him.

4 And I looked, and, hinei, a ruach se'arah came out of the tzafon, an anan gadol, and flashing fire, with brilliant light all about it, and out of the midst thereof something gleaming, shining out of the midst of the eish.

5 Also out of the midst thereof came the demut [likeness] of four Chayos. And this was their appearance: they had the demut adam. And every one had arba'ah kenafayim, and every one had arba'ah panim.

6 And their regalim were arba'ah panim, and every one had arba'ah roshim. And their rims were so high that they were dreadful; and their rims were mele'ot einayim saviv (full of eyes round about) the four of them.

7 And they had the hands of an adam under their kenafayim on their four sides; and they four had their panim and their kenafayim.

8 Their kenafayim were joined one to another; they turned not as they went; they went every one face forward.

9 As for the demut of their panim, they four had the face of an adam, and the face of an arayeh, on the right side; and they four had the face of a shor on the left side; they four also had the face of a nesher.

10 Thus were their panim; and their kenafayim were stretched upward; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their geviyot.

11 And they went every one face forward; whither the Ruach was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went.

12 As for the demut of the Chayos, their appearance was like coals of eish burning, and like the appearance of lapidim (torches); it spread back and forth among the Chayos; and the eish was brilliant, and out of the eish went forth barak (lightning).

13 And when the Chayos ran and returned as the appearance of barak (a flash of lightning),

14 Now as I beheld the Chayos, hinei there was one Ofan ba'aretz etzel the Chayos, with its four panim.

15 The appearance of the Ofanim and their making was like unto the color of tarshish; and they four had one demut; and their appearance and their making was as it were an Ofan within an Ofan.

16 Arba'at (four) sidedly they went; and they turned not as they went.

17 As for their rims, they were so high that they were dreadful; and their rims were mele'ot einayim saviv (full of eyes round about) the four of them.

18 And when the Chayos went, the Ofanim went beside them; and when the Chayos were lifted up from ha'aretz, the Ofanim were lifted up.

19 Whithersoever the Ruach was to go, they went, thither was the Ruach to go; and the Ofanim were lifted facing them; for Ruach HaChayah was in the Ofanim.

20 When those went, these went; and when those stood still, these stood still; and when those were lifted up from ha'aretz, the Ofanim were lifted up facing them; for the Ruach HaChayah was in the Ofanim.

21 And the demut of the raki'a upon the rashim HaChayah was as the color of terrible ice crystal, spread out upward above their rashim.

22 And under the raki'a were their kenafayim stretched out, the one toward the other; every one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two, which covered on that side, their geviyot.

23 And when they went, I heard the kol of their kenafayim, like the kol of mayim rabbim, as the Kol Shaddai, the voice of a tumult, as the sound of a machaneh; when they stood still, they let down their kenafayim.

24 And when they were lifted up from ha'aretz, the other went, and when those stood still, these stood still; and when those went, these went.

25 And there was a kol (voice) from the raki'a that was over their rosh, when they stood still, and had let down their kenafayim.

26 And above the raki'a that was over their rosh was the demut kisse, as the appearance of a precious stone, a sapphire; and upon the demut hakisse was the demut like the appearance of adam above upon it.

27 And I saw something gleaming, shining out like the appearance of eish; inside it all around, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw something like the appearance of eish, and it had radiance all around.

28 As the appearance of the keshet (rainbow) that is in the anan in yom hageshem,
so was the appearance of the radiance all around. This was the appearance of the demut Kavod Hashem. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spoke.

2 And He said unto me, Ben Adam, stand upon thy raglayim, and I will speak unto thee.

3 Moreover He said unto me, Ben Adam, eat that thou findest; eat this megillah, and go speak unto Bais Yisroel.

4 And I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that megillah.

5 And He said unto me, Ben Adam, go, get thee unto the Bais Yisroel, and speak My words unto them. For thou art not sent to an Am Imkei Safah (a people of indistinguishable language) and of obscure lashon, but to Bais Yisroel; not to amim rabbim of indistinguishable language and obscure lashon whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have paid heed unto thee. But Bais Yisroel will not pay heed unto thee; for they are meri (rebellious). Have I made thy face chazakim against their faces, and thy metzach chazak (forehead strong) against their metzach.

6 Hinei, I have made thy face chazakim against their faces, and thy metzach chazak (forehead strong) against their metzach.

7 But Bais Yisroel will not pay heed unto thee; for they will not pay heed unto Me; for kol Bais Yisroel are khizkei metzach (hard-set of brow) and keshei-lev (hard-hearted).

8 Hinei, I have made thy face chazakim against their faces, and thy metzach chazak (forehead strong) against their metzach.
and give them warning from Me.
[18] When I say unto the rasha, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the rasha from his derech harasha’a’ah, to save his life; the same rasha shall die in his avon; but I will hold accountable thine yad for his dahm.
[19] Yet if thou warn the rasha, and he turn not from his resha, nor from his derech harasha’a’ah, he shall die in his avon; but thou hast saved thy nefesh.
[20] Again, When a tzaddik doth turn from his tzdeek, and commit evil, and I lay a michshol (stumbling block of temptation) before him, he shall die; because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his chattat, and his tzidkot which he hath worked shall not be remembered; but I will hold accountable thine yad for his dahm.
[21] Nevertheless if thou warn the tzaddik, that the tzaddik sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast saved thy nefesh.
[22] And the Yad Hashem (Hand, Power of Hashem) was there upon me; and He said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there speak with thee.
[23] Then I arose, and went forth into the plain; and, hinei, the Kavod Hakodesh entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spoke with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself in the confines of thine bais.
[24] But thou, O Ben Adam, hinei, they tied on thee ropes, and have bound thee with them, that thou canst not go out among them;
[25] And I will make thy leshon cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be mute, and shalt not be to them an ish mokhi’ach (admonisher); for they are a bais meri.
[26] But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that refuseth, let him refuse; for they are a bais meri.

Thou also, Ben Adam, take thee a levenah (tile, brick), and lay it before thee, and engrave upon it the Ir, even Yerushalayim;
[27] And lay matzor (siege) against it, and erect against it siege works, and build a ramp against it; set the machanot also against it, and set battering rams against it all around.
[28] Moreover take thou unto thee a machavat barzel (iron griddle), and set it for a kir (wall of iron) between thee and the Ir; and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be an ot (sign) to Bais Yisroel.
[29] Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the avon Bais Yisroel upon it; according to the mispar of the yamim that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
[30] And thy okhel (food) which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time shalt thou eat it.
[31] Thou shalt drink also mayim by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
[32] And thou shalt eat it as cakes of se’orim, and thou shalt bake it with dung that is refuse; for they are a bais meri.
[33] For I have laid upon thee the shanim of their avon (iniquity), according to the mispar (number) of the yamim, three hundred and ninety days; so shalt thou bear the avon Bais Yisroel.
[34] And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the avon Bais Yehudah forty days; I have appointed thee a day for each year.
[35] Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the Matzor Yerushalayim (Siege of Jerusalem), and thine zero’a shall be bared, and thou shalt prophesy against it.
[36] And, hinei, I will tie ropes upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy matzor (siege).
[37] Take thou also unto thee chittin (wheat), and se’orim (barley), and fol (beans), and adosim (lentils), and dochan (millet), and kussemim (spelt), and put them in keli echad, and make thee lechem thereof, according to the mispar of the yamim that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
[38] And thy okhel (food) which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day; from time to time shalt thou eat it.
[39] Thou shalt drink also mayim by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
[40] And thou shalt eat it as cakes of se’orim, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of ha’adam, in their sight.
[41] And Hashem said, Even thus shall the Bnei Yisroel eat their lechem tameh among the Goiyim, whither I will drive them.
[42] Then said I, Not so Adonoi Hashem! Hinei, my nefesh hath not been made tuma’ah for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten nevelah or trefah; neither came there basar piggul into my mouth.
[43] Then He said unto me, Behold, I have given thee cattle dung instead of dung of adam, and thou shalt prepare thy
lechem therewith.

|16| Moreover He said unto me, Ben Adam, hinei, I will break the mateh lechem (staff of bread, food supply) in Yerushalayim: and they shall eat lechem weighted out in rations, and with worry; and they shall drink mayim by measure, and with amazed alarm:
|17| In order that lechem and mayim be scarce, and that every ish and achiv be confounded with shock and rot away because of their avon.

5 And thou, Ben Adam, take thee a sharp cherev, take thee a barber's ta'ar (razor), and cause it to pass upon thine rosh and upon thy zakan (beard): then take thee scales for weighing and divide the hair.

|2| Thou shalt burn with flame a third part in the midst of the Ir, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and strike it all around with the cherev; and a third part thou shalt scatter in the ruach; and I will draw out the cherev after them.
|3| Thou shalt also take thereof a few in mispar, and bind them in the folds of thy robes.
|4| Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the eish, and burn them in the eish; for thereof shall an eish spread unto kol Bais Yisroel.
|5| Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; This is Yerushalayim: I have set it in the midst of the Goyim and countries that are all around her.
|6| And she hath rebelled against My mishpatim with resha'ah more than the Goyim, and My chukkot more than the countries that are all around her: for they have refused My mishpatim and My chukkot, they have not walked in them.

7 Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because more than the Goyim that are all around you, ye have been un治理able, and have not walked in My chukkot, neither have done My mishpatim, neither have done according to the mishpatim of the Goyim that are all around you;
|8| Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute mishpatim in the midst of thee in the sight of the Goyim.
|9| And I will do to thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of kol to'avot of thee.
|10| Therefore the avot shall eat banim in the midst of thee, and the banim shall eat their avot; and I will execute shefatim (judgments, punishments) in thee, and kol she'erit of thee will I scatter unto kol ruach.
|11| Therefore, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem; Surely, because thou hast made My Mikdash tameh with all thy shikkutzim, and with all thy to'avot, therefore will I also withdraw; neither shall Mine eye pity, neither will I spare.
|12| A third part of thee shall die by dever, and by ra'av shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the cherev all around thee; and I will scatter a third part into kol ruach, and I will draw out a cherev after them.
|13| Thus shall Mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause My chemah to be satisfied against them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I Hashem have spoken in My kinah, when I have accomplished My chemah against them.
|14| Moreover I will make thee a ruin, and a cherpah among the Goyim that are all around thee, before the eyes of all that pass by.
|15| So it shall be a cherpah (reproach) and a gedufah (taunt), a musar and a meshammah (astonishment, object of horror) unto the Goyim that are all around thee, when I shall execute shefatim (judgments) on thee in anger and in chemah and in tokhchot chemah (furious rebukes). I Hashem have spoken.
|16| When I shall send upon them disastrous khitzim (arrows) of ra'av (famine), which shall be for mashchit (destruction), and which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the ra'av (famine) upon you, and will break your mateh lechem (staff of bread, food supply):
|17| So will I send upon you ra'av (famine) and chayyah ra'ah (wild beasts), and they shall leave thee bereaved as childless: and dever and dahm shall pass through thee; and I will bring the cherev upon thee. I Hashem have spoken.

6 And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

|2| Ben Adam, set thy face toward the mountains of Yisroel, and prophesy against them,

|3| And say, Ye mountains of Yisroel, hear the Devar Adonoi Hashem; Thus saith Adonoi Hashem to the harim (mountains), and to the geva’ot (hills), to the ravines, and to the valleys: Hineni, I, even I, will bring a cherev upon you, and I
will destroy your [idolatrous] high places. 

[4] And your [idolatrous] mizbechot shall be decimated, and your incense altars shall be demolished; and I will cast down your slain before your gillulim (idols). 

[5] And I will lay the pigrei (dead bodies) of the children of Israel before their gillulim; and I will scatter your atzmot all around your mizbechot. 

[6] In all your moshevot (dwellings) the towns shall be laid waste, and the [idolatrous] high places shall be desolate; that your mizbechot will be laid waste and made desolate, and your gillulim (idols) will be broken and cease, and your incense altars will be cut down, and your ma’asim will be abolished. 

[7] And the chalal (slain) shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am Hashem. 

[8] Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the cherev among the Goyim, when ye shall be scattered among the countries. 

[9] And they that escape of you shall remember Me among the Goyim, when ye shall be scattered among the countries. 

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Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying, 

[11] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; strike with thine hand, and stamp with thy regel, and say, Alas for kol to’avot ra’ot Bais Yisroel! For they shall fall by cherev (sword), by ra’av (famine), and by dever (plague). 

[12] He that is far off shall die by dever; and he that is near shall fall by cherev; and he that surviveth and is besieged shall die by ra’av (famine); thus will I accomplish My chemah (fury) upon them. 

[13] Then shall ye know that I am Hashem, when their slain shall be among their gillulim all around their mizbechot, upon every givah ramah (high hill), in all the tops of the harim, and under every spreading tree, and under every leafy elah (oak tree), the makom (place) where they did offer rei’ach nicho’ach to all their gillulim. 

[14] So will I stretch out My yad upon them, and make HaAretz desolate, yes, more desolate than the midbar toward Divlah, in all their moshevet (dwellings); then they shall know that I am Hashem.
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And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine bais, and the zekenim of Yehudah sat before me, that the yad Adonoi Hashem fell there upon me.

Then I beheld, and hinei a demut (likeness) as of the appearance of eish; from the appearance of His waist and downward, eish; and from His waist and upward, as the appearance of zohar (brightness), as of gleaming amber.

And He put forth the form of a yad, and took me by a lock of mine rosh; and the Ruach lifted me up between Ha'Aretz and Shomayim, and brought me in mar'ot Elohim (divinely granted visions) to Yerushalayim, to the Petach Sha'ar Happenimit (entrance of the inner gate), the one facing north; where was the moshav (seat) of the semel hakinah (statue of jealousy), which provoketh [Hashem's] jealousy.

And, hinei, the Kavod Elohei Yisroel was there, according to the mareh (vision) that I saw in the plain.

Then said He unto me, Ben adam, lift up thine eyneyim, and turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see to'evot gedolot (greater abominations).

And He brought me to the petach (entrance) of the khatzer (court); and when I looked, hinei, a hole in the kir (wall)!

Then said He unto me, Ben adam, dig now in the kir (wall); and when I had dug in the kir (wall), hinei, a petach (entrance).

And I went in and saw; and, hinei, every form of remes (creeping things), and behemah sheketz (abominable beasts), and all the gillulim (idols) of the Bais Yisroel, portrayed upon the kir (wall) all around.

But they that survive of them shall escape, and shall be on the harim like doves of the ge'ayot (valleys), all of them moaning, every one for his avon.

All hands shall go limp, and all birkayim (knees) shall be weak as mayim.

They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and terror shall cover them; and bushah (shame) shall be upon all faces, and shaved scalps [the sign of mourning] upon all their heads.

They shall cast their kesef in the streets, and their zahav shall be like niddah; their kesef and their zahav shall not be able to save them in the Yom Evrat Hashem (Day of the Wrath of Hashem); they shall not satisfy their nefashot, neither fill their stomachs; for it has become the stumbling block of their avon.

As for the beauty of his jewelry, he set it in ga'on (pride); but they made the tzelem of their to'avot and of their shikkutzim therein; therefore I will make it like niddah to them.

And I will give it into the hands of the zarim (strangers) for plunder, and to the resha'aim of ha'aretz for loot; and they shall defile it.

My face will I turn also from them, and they shall desecrate My treasure; for the robbers shall enter into it [i.e., Yerushalayim], and defile it.

Make a chain; for ha'aretz is full of mishpat damim, and the ir is full of chamas.

Therefore I will bring the worst of the Govim, and they shall possess their batim (houses); I will also make the ga'on (pride) of the mighty to cease; and their mikkadashim (holy places) shall be defiled.

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He said furthermore unto me, Ben adam, seest thou what they do? Even the to'evot gedolot (great abominations) that Bais Yisroel committed here, causing that I go far off from My Mikdash? But turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see to'evot gedolot (greater abominations).

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[11] And there stood before them seventy ish of the zekenim of the Bais Yisroel, and in the midst of them stood Ya’azanyahu Ben Shaphan, with every ish his mikeret (censer, incense burner) in his yad; and a thick anan (cloud) of ketoret (incense) went up.

[12] Then said He unto me, Ben adam, hast thou seen what the zekenim of Bais Yisroel do in the choshech (dark), every ish in the cheder (room) of his maskit (image)? For they say, Hashem seeth us not; Hashem hath forsaken ha'aretz.

[13] He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see to'evot gedolot (greater abominations) that they do.

[14] Then He brought me to the petach sha'ar Beis Hashem toward the north; and, hinei, there sat nashim weeping for Tammuz.

[15] Then said He unto me, Hast thou seen this, O ben adam? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see to'evot gedolot (greater abominations) than these.

[16] And He brought me into the khatzer Beis Hashem hapenimit [i.e., the Court of the Kohanim], and, hinei, at the petach (entrance) of the Heikhal Hashem, between the Ulam and the Mizbe'ach, were about five and twenty ish, with their backs toward the Heikhal Hashem, and their faces toward the east; and they bowing down toward the east worshiping the sun.

[17] Then He said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O ben adam? Is it a trivial thing to Bais Yehudah that they commit the to'evot (abominations) which they commit here? For they have filled ha'aretz with chamas, and yet have returned to provoke Me to anger; and, behold, they put the branch to their nose.

[18] Therefore will I also deal in chemah (fury); Mine eye shall not pity, neither will I spare; and though they cry in Mine ozneyim with a kol gadol, yet will I not hear them.

9 Then He cried also in mine ozneyim with a kol gadol (loud voice), saying, Cause them that have charge over the Ir to draw near, every ish with his keli mashchet (destroying weapon) in his yad.

[2] And, hinei, shishah anashim (six men) came from the derech of the Sha'ar HaElyon, which lieth toward the north, and every ish a keli mapatz (slaughter weapon) of his in his yad; and one ish among them was clothed with linen, with a keset hasofer (writing case) at his side; and they went in, and stood beside the Mizbe'ach HaNechoshet.

[3] And the Kavod Elohei Yisroel was gone up from the Keruv (Cherub), whereupon it was, to the miftan HaBeis [HaMikdash] (the Threshold of the Beis HaMikdash). And He called to the ish clothed with linen, that had the keset hasofer at his side;

[4] And Hashem said unto him, Go through the midst of the Ir, through the midst of Yerushalayim, and put a TAV upon the mitzekhot (foreheads) of the anashim that grieve and lament for kol hato'evot that are being done in the midst thereof.

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[6] Slay utterly zaken (old man) and bochur (young man), betulah, little children, and nashim; but come not near any ish upon whom is the TAV; and begin at My Mikdash. Then they began with the anashim hazekenim which were before the Beis [HaMikdash][1K 4:17].

[7] And He said unto them, Make the Beis [HaMikdash] tameh, and fill the khaterot (courtyards) with chalalim (slain ones); go ye forth. And they went forth, and slaughtered in the Ir.

[8] And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried out, and said, Ah, Adonoi Hashem! Wilt Thou destroy kol She'erit Yisroel in Thy pouring out of Thy chemah (wrath, fury) upon Yerushalayim?

[9] Then He said unto me, The avon Bais Yisroel and Yehudah is exceeding great, and HaAretz is full of damim, and the Ir full of injustice; for they say, Hashem hath forsaken ha'aretz, and Hashem seeth not.

[10] And as for Me, Mine eye shall show no pity, neither will I spare, but I will recompense their derech upon their rosh.

[11] And, hinei, the ish clothed with linen, that had the keset (writing case) at his side, reported, saying, I have done as Thou hast commanded me.

10 Then I looked, and, hinei, above the raki’a that was over the rosh of the Keruvim there appeared over them something like a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the demut (likeness) of a kisse (throne).
And He spoke unto the ish clothed with linen, and said, Come in between the galgal (wheelwork), even under the Keruv, and fill thine yad with coals of eish from among the Keruvim, and scatter them over the Ir. And he went in in my sight.

Now the Keruvim stood on the right [south] side of the Beis [Hamikdash], when the ish went in; and the anan (cloud) filled the khatzer hapenimit (innermost courtyard, 1Kgs 8:10).

Then the Kavod Hashem went up from the Keruv, and stood over the threshold of the Beis; and the Beis was filled with the anan (cloud), and the khatzer (courtyard) was full of the radiance of the Kavod Hashem.

And the sound of the wings of the Keruvim was heard even as far as the outer court), like the voice of El Shaddai when He speaketh.

And it came to pass, that when He had commanded the ish clothed with linen, saying, Take eish from between the Galgal (Wheelwork), from between the Keruvim; then he went in, and stood beside the Ofan (Wheel).

And one Keruv stretched forth his yad from between the Keruvim unto the eish that was between the Keruvim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen: who took it, and went out.

And Keruvim appeared to have the tavnit (form) of a yad adam under their kenafayim (wings).

And when I looked, hinei, the four Ofanim (wheels) by the Keruvim, one Ofan beside one Keruv, and another Ofan beside another Keruv: and the appearance of the Ofanim was like the color of tarshish.
the streets thereof with the slain.
[7] Therefore therefore saith Adonoi Hashem: Your slain whom ye have placed in the midst of it, they are the basar, and this ir is the caldron; but I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.
[8] Ye have feared the cherev; and I will bring a cherev upon you, saith Adonoi Hashem.
[9] And I will bring you out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the yad of zarim, and will execute shefatim (judgments) among you.
[10] Ye shall fall by the cherev; I will judge you at the border of Yisroel; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.
[11] This ir shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the basar in the midst thereof; but I will judge you at the border of Yisroel;
[12] And ye shall know that I am Hashem; for ye have not walked in My chukkot, neither executed My mishpatim, but have done after the mishpatim of the Goyim that are all around you.
[13] And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Puilah Ben Benayah died. Then I fell down upon my face, and cried out with a kol gadol, and said, Ah, Adonoi Hashem! Wilt Thou make a full end of the she’erit (remnant) Yisroel?
[14] Again the Davar Hashem came unto me, saying,
[15] Ben adam, thy brethren, even thy relatives, the anashim of thy geulah, and kol Bas Yisroel wholly, are those of whom the inhabitants of Yerushalayim have said, They [the Exiles] have gone far from Hashem; unto us is this land given in possession.
[16] Therefore say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; Although I have cast them far off among the Goyim, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a mikdash me’at (little holy place) in the countries where they went.
[17] Therefore say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; I will even gather you from the nations, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you Eretz Yisroel.
[18] And they shall come there, and they shall remove all the shikkutzim thereof and all the to’avot (abominations) thereof from her [Eretz Yisroel].
[19] And I will give them a lev echad, and I will put a ruach chadashah (new regenerated spirit) within you; and I will remove the lev ha’eaven (heart of stone) out of their basar, and will give them a lev basar;
[20] That they may walk in My chukkot, and be shomer over Mine mishpatim, and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim.
[21] But as for them whose lev walketh after the lev of their shikkutzim and their to’avot, I will repay their derech upon their own rosh, saith Adonoi Hashem.
[22] Then did the Keruvim lift up their wings, and the Ofanim (wheels) beside them; and the Kavod Elohei Yisroel was high above them.
[23] And the Kavod Hashem went up from the midst of the Ir, and stood upon the har which is on the east side of the ir.
[24] Afterward the Ruach lifted me up, and brought me in a mar’eh (vision) [inspired] by the Ruach Elohim into Kasdimah (Chaldea, Babylon), to them of the Golus. So the mar’eh (vision) that I had seen went up from me.
[25] Then I spoke unto them of the Golus all the things that Hashem had showed me.

The Davar Hashem also came unto me, saying,
[2] Ben adam, thou dwellest in the midst of a bais hameri (rebellious house) which have eynayim to see, and see not; they have oznayim to hear, and hear not; for they are a bais meri (house of rebellion).
[3] Therefore, thou ben adam, pack for the Golus thy belongings and go into captivity by day before their eyes; and thou shalt remove from thy makom (place, home) to another makom in their sight; it may be they will consider, though they be bais meri (a rebellious house).
[4] Then shalt thou bring forth thy gear by day in their sight, as gear for the Golus; and thou shall go forth at erev in their sight, as they that go forth into the Golus.
[5] Dig thou through the kir (wall) in their sight, and carry out everything thereby.
[6] In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy katef (shoulder), and carry it forth in the twilight; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not ha’aretz; for I have set thee for a mofet (sign, symbol, portent) unto Bais Yisroel [see 2Kgs 25:7].
[7] And I did so as I was commanded. I brought forth my gear by day, as gear for the Golus, and at erev I dug through the kir (wall) with mine yad; I carried it forth in the twilight, and I bore it upon my katef (shoulder) in their sight.
[8] And in the boker came the Davar Hashem unto me, saying,
Ben adam, hath not Bais Yisroel, the bais hameri (the rebellious house), said unto thee. What doest thou?

Say thou unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; This massa (burden) concerneth the nasi [i.e. Zedekiah] in Yerushalayim, and kol Bais Yisroel that are among them.

Say, I am your mofet; just as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they shall be carried away into the Golus and go into captivity.

And the nasi that is among them shall bear [his gear] upon his katef (shoulder) in the twilight, and shall go forth; they shall dig through the kik (wall) to carry out thereby; he shall cover his face, that he see not ha'aretz with the ayin (eye) [See 2Kgs 25:7].

My net also will I spread over him, and he shall be caught in My snare; and I will bring him to Bavel to Eretz Kasdim (Chaldeans); yet shall he not see it, though he shall bring his face to ha'aretz.

Moreover the Devar (Word) shall know that I am Hashem. Where they come; and they shall be dispersed among the Goyim, and disperse them throughout the countries.

And they shall know that I am Hashem, when I shall scatter them among the Goyim, and disperse them throughout the countries.

But I will leave a few anasham of them from the cherев, from the ra'av (famine), and from the dever; that they may declare all their to'avot among the Goyim to where they come; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

Moreover the Devar Hashem came to me, saying.

Ben adam, eat thy lechem with fearful shaking, and drink thy mayim with trembling and with anxiety; and ye shall know that I am Hashem. The days shall be no more delayed; the days are at hand, even the fulfillment of kol chazon.

Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: I will make this mashal to cease, and they shall no more use it as a mashal in Yisroel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, even the fulfillment of kol chazon.

For I am Hashem: I will speak, and the davar that I shall speak shall come to pass; it shall be no more delayed; for in your days, O Bais Hameri (O Rebellious House), will I say the Davar (Word), and will fulfill it, saith Adonoi Hashem.

Again the Devar Hashem came to me, saying.

Ben adam, hinei, they of Bais Yisroel say, The chazon that he seeth is for yamim rabbim to come, and he prophesieth of the times that are far off.

Therefore say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; There shall none of My Devarim be delayed any more, but the Davar which I have spoken shall be done, saith Adonoi Hashem.
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Ketav (Register) of Bais Yisroel, neither shall they enter into Admat Yisroel; and ye shall know that I am Adonoi Hashem.

[10] Because, even because they have seduced My people to lead them astray, saying, Shalom; vein shalom; and one built up a chayitz (wall, partition, temporary wall), and, hinei, others plastered it with [dissolving] mud-plaster.

[11] Say unto them that plaster it with [dissolving, useless] mud-plaster that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing geshem; and great hailstones shall fall; and a ruach se’arot (storm wind) shall burst forth.

[12] Hinei, when the kir (wall) is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the mud-plaster wherewith ye have daubed it?

[13] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem; I will even cause a ruach se’arot (storm wind) in My wrath; and there shall be an overflowing geshem in Mine anger, and great hailstones shall fall, and I will cause a ruach se’arot (storm wind) in My wrath to slay the nefashot that should not die, and to save the nefashot alive that should not live, by your kazav (lying) to My people that hear your kazav?

[14] So will I break down the kir (wall) that ye have plastered with mud-plaster, and bring it down to the ground, so that the yedod (foundation) thereof shall be laid bare, and it shall fall, and ye shall be destroyed in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

[15] Thus will I spend My chemah (wrath) upon the kir (wall), and upon them that have plastered it with mud-plaster, and will say unto you, The kir (wall) is no more, neither they that mud-plastered it;

[16] Namely, the nevi’im of Yisroel which prophesy concerning Yerushalayim, and which see chazon shalom for her, vein shalom, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[17] Likewise, thou ben adam, set thy face against the banot amecha (daughters of your people), which prophesy out of their own lev; and prophesy thou against them,

[18] And say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hoy (woe, doom) to the seamstresses of magic charms on wrists, who make mishpachat (amulets) for the rosh of every size to hunt nefashot! Will ye hunt the nefashot of My people, and yet save your own nefashot alive?

[19] And will ye profane Me among My people for handfuls of se’orim and for pieces of lechem, to slay the nefashot that should not die, and to save the nefashot alive that should not live, by your kazav (lying) to My people that hear your kazav?

[20] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I am against your magic charms, wherewith ye there hunt to ensnare the nefashot like birds, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the nefashot go, even the nefashot that ye hunt like birds.

[21] Your mishpachat (amulets) also will I tear off, and I will save My people out of your yad; and they shall be no more in your yad (hand, power) to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

[22] Because with sheker (falsehood) ye have made the lev taziddik sad, to whom I have not brought sadness; and strengthened the hands of the rasha, that he should not turn from his derech harah to save his life;

[23] Therefore ye shall see no longer shav (vanity, futility), nor practice divinations; for I will save My people out of your yad; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

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14 Then came certain anashim of the zekenim of Yisroel unto me, and sat before me.

2 And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

3 Ben adam, these anashim have set up their gillulim (idols) in their lev, and put the mishchol (stumbling block) of their avon before their face; should I be inquired of at all by them?

4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem:

5 That I may seize Bais Yisroel in their lev, who have become estranged from me, all of them, for their gillulim (idols).

6 Therefore say unto Bais Yisroel, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Make teshuvah, and turn yourselves away from your gillulim (idols); and turn away your faces from all your toavot (abominations).

7 For every one of Bais Yisroel, or of the ger that sojourneth in Yisroel, which separateth himself from Me, and setteth up his gillulim (idols) in his lev (heart), and puteth the mishchol (stumbling block) of his avon (iniquity) before his face, and cometh to a navi (prophet) to inquire of him concerning Me; I Hashem will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his gillulim;

8 That I may seize Bais Yisroel in their lev, who have set up their gillulim (idols) also will I tear off, and I will save My people out of your yad, and they shall be no more in your yad (hand, power) to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

9 Because with sheker (falsehood) ye have made the lev taziddik sad, to whom I have not brought sadness; and strengthened the hands of the rasha, that he should not turn from his derech harah to save his life;

10 And I will set My face against that ish, and will make him an ot (sign) and for meshalim (proverbs [i.e., make him a byword and an object lesson])...
and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

[9] And if the navi be induced to make a pronouncement, I Hashem have induced that navi, and I will stretch out My yad against him, and will make him shmad from the midst of My people Yisroel.

[10] And they shall bear the punishment of their avon; the punishment of the navi shall be even as the punishment of him that inquireth of him; that Bais Yisroel may go no more astray from Me, neither be made tameh any more with all their peysha'im; but that they may be My people, and I may be to them Elohim, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[11] The Devar Hashem came again to me, saying,

[12] Ben adam, when eretz sinneth against Me by persistent ma'al (faithlessness, treachery), then will I stretch out Mine yad upon it, and will break the matteh lechem thereof, and will send ra'av (famine) upon it, and cut off from it adam and behemah; though these three anashim—Noach, Daniel, and Iyov—were in it, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, they would deliver neither ben nor bat; they would but deliver their own nefashot by their tzedakah.

[13] And I will make ha'aretz desolate, because they have committed ma'al (unfaithfulness, betrayal of a trust), saith Adonoi Hashem.

[14] Again the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[15] Ben adam, how is the etz hagefen (wood of the grapevine) better than any tree, or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

[16] Though these sheloshet ha'anashim were in the midst of it, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, they shall deliver neither banim nor banot; only they shall be delivered, but ha'aretz shall be desolate.

[17] Or if I bring a cherev upon that land, and say, Cherev, pass through ha'aretz; so that I cut off adam and behemah from it; though these sheloshet ha'anashim were in it, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, they would deliver neither banim nor banot, but they only themselves would be delivered.

[18] Or if I send a dever (plague) into that land, and pour out My chemah (fury) upon it in dahm, to cut off from it adam and behemah; though Noach, Daniel, and Iyov were in it, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, they would deliver neither ben nor bat; they would but deliver their own nefashot by their tzedakah.

[19] For thus saith Adonoi Hashem: How much worse will it be when I send My four severe judgments upon Yerushalayim—the cherev, and the ra'av (famine), and the chayyah ra'ah (wild beast), and the dever—to cut off from it adam and behemah?

[20] Yet, hinei, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought out, both banim and banot; behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their derech and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the ra'ah that I have brought upon Yerushalayim, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.

[21] And they shall console you, when ye see their drakhim and their doings; and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith Adonoi Hashem.
and your em Chittit (a Hittite). [4] And as for thy moledot (birth), in the day thou wast born thy navel cord was not cut, neither wast thou washed in mayim to cleanse thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. [5] None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out into the open sadeh, when thou thyself were loathed, in thy yom huledet (day of birth). [6] And when I passed by thee, and saw thee flailing about in thine own dahm, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy dahm, Chayi! (live!) Indeed, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy dahm, Chayi! [7] I have caused thee to multiply as the tzmach of the sadeh, and thou hast increased and matured, and thou art come to excellent beauty; thy breasts are beauty; for it was perfect, thy hair is grown, whereas thou wast not salted at all, nor washed away thy dahm from mayim; indeed, I thoroughly washed I thee with Mine. [8] Then washed I thee with mayim, and thou becamest Mine. [9] Then washed I thee with mayim; indeed, I thoroughly washed away thy dahm from thee, and I anointed thee with shemen. [10] I clothed thee also with embroidered cloth, and shod thee with tuchash leather, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. [11] I decked thee also with jewelry, and I put tzemidim (bracelets) upon thy hands, and a necklace chain on thy neck. [12] And I put a nezem (ring) in thy nose, and earrings in thine oznayim, and an atret tiferet upon thine rosh. [13] Thus wast thou decked with zahav and kesef; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and embroidered cloth; thou didst eat fine flour, and devash, and shemen; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst become fit for royalty. [14] And thy shem (name, renown) went forth among the Goyim on account of thy beauty; for it was perfect, through My hadar (splendor) which I had set upon thee, saith Adonoi Hashem. [15] But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the zonah because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy harlotry on every one that passed by; his it became. [16] And of thy begadim thou didst take, and adorned thy banot te'lu'ot (gaudy high places, cult prostitution brilliantly colored harlot 'beds'), and playedst the zonah on every one that passed by; this it became. [17] Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of My zahav and of My kesef, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself tzelamim (images) of zachar (male, i.e., phallic symbols), and didst play the zonah thereof; such things should not come, neither should they be. [18] And tokeest thy embroidered garments, and coveredst them [the idols]; and thou hast set Mine shemen and Mine ketoret before them [the idols]. [19] My lechem also which I gave thee, solet (fine flour), and shemen, and devash, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them [the idols] for a re'ach hannichoach; and it was thus, saith Adonoi Hashem. [20] Moreover thou hast taken thy banim and thy banot, whom thou hast borne unto Me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them [the idols] to be devoured. Was this thy zonah harlotry not enough, [21] That thou hast slaughtered My banim, and offered them to cause them to pass through the eish for them [the idols]? [22] And in all thine to'avit and thy zonah harlot thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast erom (naked) and bare, and wast flailing about in thy dahm. [23] And it came to pass after all thy ra'ah (wickedness) —Oy, oy unto thee! saith Adonoi Hashem— [24] That thou hast also built unto thee a gev (eminent place, cult prostitution shrine), and hast made thee a ramah (platform) in every revoh (public square). [25] Thou hast built thy ramah at rosh derech (crossroad), and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast spread open thy raglayim to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy zonah harlotry. [26] Thou hast also played the zonah fornicator with the Mitzrayim, thy very fleshy neighbors; and hast increased thy zonah harlotry, to provoke Me to anger. [27] Hinei, therefore I have stretched out My yad against thee, and have diminished thine food ration, and delivered thee unto the nefesh (passionate desire) of them that hate thee, the banot Pelishtim (daughters of the Philistines), which are ashamed of thy derech zimmah (lewd deportment).
[28] Thou hast played the zonah also with Ashur, because thou wast insatiable; indeed, thou hast played the zonah with them, and yet couldst not be satisfied.
[29] Thou hast moreover multiplied thy zenut to eretz Kena’an unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied therewith.

[30] How degenerate is thine lev, saith Adonoi Hashem, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of a brazen isha zonah;
[31] In that thou buildest thine gev in rosh kol derech, and makest thine ramah in every rechov; and hast not been as a zonah, in that thou scornest hire;

[32] But as the isha (wife) the mena’efet (one that commiteth adultery), which taketh zarim instead of her ish!
[33] They give nedeh (gifts) to all zonot; but thou givest thy nadan (gift) to all thy lovers, and hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy zenut.
[34] And the opposite is in thee from other nashim in thy zonah harlotry, whereas none doth solicit thee to commit zonah harlotry: and in that thou givest an etnan (payment), and no etnan is given unto thee, therefore thou art opposite.

[35] Therefore, O zonah, hear the Devar Hashem.

[36] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because thy passion was poured out, and thy ervah uncovered through thy zonah was poured out, and thy ervah was uncovered through thy zonah, in that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them around about against thee, and will uncover thy ervah (nakedness) unto them, that they may see all thy ervah (nakedness, pudenda).

[37] Hineni, therefore I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them around about against thee, and will uncover thy ervah (nakedness) unto them, that they may see all thy ervah (nakedness, pudenda).

[38] And I will judge thee, as nashim that are guilty of no’afot (acts of adulteresses, breaking wedlock) and shefach dahm are judged; and I will bring dahm upon thee in chemah (wrath) and kina (jealousy).

[39] And I will also give thee into their yad, and they shall throw down thine gev, and shall break down thy ramot (high places, cult prostitution sites of pagan worship); they shall strip thee also of thy clothes, and shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee erom (naked) and bare.

[40] They shall also bring up a kahal against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and hack thee to bits with their charavot (swords).

[41] And they shall burn thine batim (houses) with eish, and execute shefatim (judgments) upon thee in the sight of many nashim; and I will cause thee to cease from playing the zonah, and thou also shalt give no etnan (payment) any more.

[42] So will I make My chemah (wrath) toward thee to rest, and My kina (jealousy) shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.

[43] Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, but hast provoked Me in all these things; therefore surely I also will repay thy derech upon thine rosh, saith Adonoi Hashem; and thou shalt not commit this zimmah (lewdness) in addition to all thine to’avor.

[44] Hineni, every one that useth proverbs shall use this mashal against thee, saying, As is the imma (mother), so is her bat (daughter).

[45] Thou art bat of thy em, that despised her ish and her banim; and thou art the achot (sister) of thy akhayot, which despised their anashim and their banim; your em was a Chittit (Hittite), and your av an Emori (Amorite).

[46] And thine elder achot (sister) is Shomron, she and her banot that dwell to thy north; and thy younger achot, that dwelleth to thy south, is Sodom and her banot.

[47] Yet hast thou not walked after their drakhim, nor done after their to’avor; but, as if that were too little a thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy drakhim.

[48] As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, Sodom thy achot hath not done, she nor her banot, as thou hast done, thou and thy banot.

[49] Hineni, this was the avon Sodom thy achot; gaon (pride), over fullness of lechem, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her banot, neither did she strengthen the yad of the oni (poor) and evyon (needy).

[50] And they were haughty, and committed to’evah before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw.

[51] Neither hath Shomron committed half of thy chattot (sins); but thou hast multiplied thine to’avor more than they, and hast made thy akhayot (sisters) seem righteous in all thine to’avor which thou hast done.

[52] Thou also, which hast judged thy akhayot (sisters), bear thine own shame for thy chattot (sins) that thou hast committed more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than thou; indeed, be thou disgraced also, and bear thy shame, in that...
thou hast made thy akhayot (sisters) seem righteous.

[53] When I shall restore their fortunes, the fortunes of Sodom and her banot, and the fortunes of Shomron and her banot, then will I restore the fortunes of thy fortune among them:

[54] That thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be disgraced in all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them.

[55] When thy akhayot (sisters), Sodom and her banot, shall return to their former state, and Shomron and her banot shall return to their former state, then thou and thy banot shall return to your former state.

[56] For thy achatot (sister) Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy ga'on (pride),

[57] Before thy ra'ah (wickedness) was uncovered, as at the time of the cherpah (disgrace) of the banot Aram (Syria), and all that are around her, the banot of the Pelishtim (Philistines), which despise thee all around.

[58] Thou hast borne [the penalty of] thy zimmah (lewdness) and thine to'avot, saith Hashem.

[59] For thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Shall it thrive? Shall he not pull up the shorashim (roots) thereof, and cut off the p'ri (fruit) thereof, that it wither? All of its tzemach (sprouted) leaves shall wither, even without great power or many peoples to pluck it up by the shorashim (roots) thereof.

[60] Indeed, hinei, being transplanted, shall it thrive? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? It shall wither in the furrows where it tzemach (sprouted).

[61] Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[62] And I will establish My Brit (covenant) with thee; and thou shalt know that I am Hashem;

[63] That thou mayest remember, and be ashamed, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I have made kapporah (atonement, i.e., when I am pacified, appeased) toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith Adonoi Hashem.

17 And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben adam, put forth an allegory, and speak a mashal unto the Bais Yisroel;

[3] And say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: A nesher hagadol with great kenafayim (wings), long pinions, full of plumage, which had various colors, came unto Levanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar.

[4] He broke off its topmost young twig, and carried it into an eretz kena'an (land of trade); he set it in a city of merchants [i.e., Babylon].

[5] He took also of the zera of ha'reetz, and planted it in a fertile sadeh; he placed it by abundant mayim, and set it out like a willow tree.

[6] And it yitzmach (sprouted), and became a spreading gefen of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him; so it became a gefen (vine), and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

[7] There was also another nesher hagadol with great kenafayim (wings) and many feathers; and, hinei, this gefen (vine) did bend her roots toward him, and shot forth her branches toward him, that he might water it by the furrows where it had been planted.

[8] It was planted in a sadeh tov by mayim rabbim, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear p'ri, that it might be a majestic gefen.

[9] Say thou, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Shall it thrive? Shall he not pull up the shorashim (roots) thereof, and cut off the p'ri (fruit) thereof, that it wither? All of its tzemach (sprouted) leaves shall wither, even without great power or many peoples to pluck it up by the shorashim (roots) thereof.

[10] Indeed, hinei, being transplanted, shall it thrive? Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? It shall wither in the furrows where it tzemach (sprouted).

[11] Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[12] Say now to bais hameri (the rebellious house), Know ye not what these things mean? Tell them: Hinei, Melech Bavel is come to Yerushalayim, and hath taken HaMelech thereof, and the sarim thereof, and led them with him to Bavel;

[13] And hath taken of the royal zera, and cut a Brit with him, and hath taken an oath of him; he hath also taken away the mighty of ha'reetz; that the mamlachah (kingdom) might be abased, that it might not exalt itself, but that by being shomer over hisBrit it might stand.

[14] That the mamlishach (kingdom) might be abased, that it might not exalt itself, but that by being shomer over his Brit it might stand.

[15] But he rebelled against him in sending his malachim into Mizrayim, that they might give him susim and
much people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape that doeth such things? Or shall he break the brit (covenant), and be delivered?

16 As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, surely in the makom where the melech dwelleth that made him melech, whose oath he despised, whose brit he broke, even with him in the midst of Bavel he shall die.

17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great kahal do anything for him in the milchamah, by casting up siege mounds, and building siegework, to cut off him in the milchamah, by casting up siege mounds, and building siegework, to cut off many nefashot.

18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the brit, when, hinei, he had given his oath by breaking the brit (covenant), and still did all these things, he shall not escape.

19 Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem; As I live, surely Mine oath that he hath despised, and My Brit (covenant) that he hath broken, even it will I repay upon his own rosh.

20 And I will spread My net upon him, and he shall be caught in My snare, and I will bring him to Bavel, and will execute justice on him there for his ma'al (unfaithfulness) that he hath been unfaithful against Me.

21 And all his fugitives with all his troops shall fall by the chever, and they that survive and remain shall be scattered toward kol ruach (all winds); and ye shall know that I Hashem have spoken it.

22 Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will plant it; I will break off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high mountain and prominent;

23 On the high mountain of Yisroel will I plant it; and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear p'ri (fruit), and be a majestic cedar; and under it shall dwell kol tzippor (every bird) of every wing; in the zel (shadow) of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

24 And all the trees of the sadeh shall know that I Hashem have brought down the high etz (tree), have exalted the low etz (tree), have dried up the green etz (tree), and have made the etz yavesh (dry tree) to flourish. I Hashem have spoken and have done it.

18 The Devar Hashem came unto me again, saying,

2 What mean ye, that ye use this mashal concerning Admat Yisroel, saying, Avot have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the banim are set on edge?

3 As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this mashal in Yisroel.

4 Behold, all nefashot are Mine; as the nefesh of the av, so also the nefesh of the ben is Mine; the nefesh that sinneth, so also the nefesh of the ben is Mine; as the nefesh of the av, so also the nefesh of the ben is Mine; the nefesh that sinneth, so also the nefesh of the ben is Mine; the nefesh that sinneth, I will punish the ben for his ma'al (unfaithfulness) that he hath been unfaithful against Me.

5 But if an ish be tzaddik, and do that which is mishpat and tzedakah,

6 And hath not eaten sacrifices of gillulim, idols upon the harim, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the gillulim of Bais Yisroel, neither hath made teshuva (repentance) unto Me.

7 And hath not oppressed any ish, hath not withheld the lechem to the hungry, and hath covered the eirom (naked) with a garment;

8 He that hath not loaned gelt on neshekh, neither hath taken any tarbit (interest, usury), that hath withdrawn his yad from iniquity, hath executed mishpat emes between ish and ish,

9 Hath walked in My chukkot, and hath been shomer over My mishpatim, to do emes; he is tzaddik, he shall surely live, saith Adonoi Hashem.

10 If he father a ben-paritz shofech dahm (a violent son who sheds blood), and that doeth the like to his brother,

11 Though he [the av] doeth none of these; he [the ben] hath eaten [sacrifices to idols] upon the harim, and made teshuva (repentance) unto his neighbor.

12 Hath oppressed the oni and evyon, hath spoiled by a robber's violence, hath not restored the chavol (pledge), and hath lifted up his eyes to the gillulim, hath committed toevah (abomination),

13 Hath loaned gelt upon neshekh (usury), and hath taken tarbit (interest); shall he then live? He shall not live; he hath done all these to'evot; he shall surely die; his dahm shall be upon him.

14 Now, hinei, if he father a ben, that seeth all the chattot aviv which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not like such,

15 That hath not eaten sacrifices to idols upon the harim, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the gillulim of Bais Yisroel, hath not made teshuva (repentance) unto Me.

16 Neither hath oppressed any ish, hath not withheld the chavol (pledge), neither hath spoiled by a robber's violence, but hath given his lechem to the hungry, and hath covered the eirom (naked) with a garment,
When the tzaddik turneth away from his tzedek, he shall surely live. All his peysha'im that he hath committed, doeth that which is mishpat and tzedakah, he shall save his nefesh alive.

Yet say ye, Why? Doth not the ben bear the avon (iniquity, guilt) of the av? When the ben hath done that which is mishpat and tzedakah, and hath been shomer over all My chukot, and hath done them, he shall surely live. The nefesh that sinneth, surely die. All his peysha'im that he hath committed, doeth that which is mishpat and tzedakah, he shall save his nefesh alive.

For I have no pleasure in the mot of him that dieth, nor the ben bear the avon of the av; the tzedakat ben shall be upon him, and the rishat rashah shall be upon him. When the ben hath done that which is not tov among his people, hinei, even he shall die in his avon.

Moreover take thou up a kinah (lament) for the nasi'im of Yisroel.

And say, What is immecha, a lioness? She lay down among arayot (lions), rearing her cubs among young lions. And she brought up one of her cubs; it became a strong lion, and it learned to tear teref (prey); it devoured adam.

The Derech Adonoi is not proper. Is it not the drakhim of you that are not proper? When a tzaddik turneth away from his tzedek, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them, for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when a rashah turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is mishpat and tzedakah, he shall save his nefesh alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his peysha'im that he hath committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

The Derech Adonoi is not proper. Is it not the drakhim of you that are not proper? Is My Derech Adonoi not proper? O Bais Yisroel, is My Derech not proper? Is it not the drakhim of you that are not proper? Therefore I will judge you, O Bais Yisroel, every one according to the drakhim of him, saith Adonoi Hashem. Make teshuvah, and turn yourselves from all your peysha'im, so avon shall not be your michshol (stumbling block, downfall).

Cast away from you all your peysha'im, whereby ye have committed peysha; and get you a lev chadash and a ruach chadashah [i.e., regeneration, new birth see Yn 3:5]; for why will ye die, O Bais Yisroel? For I have no pleasure in the mot of him that dieth, saith Adonoi Hashem; therefore, make teshuva and live!
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And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain anashim of the zekenim of Yisroel came to inquire of Hashem, and sat before me.

[2] Then came the Devar Hashem unto me, saying,

[3] Ben adam, speak unto the zekenim of Yisroel, and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Are ye come to inquire of Me? As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, I will not be inquired of by you.

[4] Wilt thou judge them, ben adam, wilt thou judge them? Cause them to know the avoteichem, and shall be for a funeral dirge.

[5] And say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: In the day when I chose Yisroel, and lifted up Mine yad [i.e., took a sheruah] unto the zera Bais Yaakov, and made Myself known unto them in Eretz Mitzrayim, when I lifted up Mine yad unto them, saying, I am Hashem Eloheichem; [6] In the day that I lifted up Mine yad unto them, to bring them forth from Eretz Mitzrayim into a land that I had searched out for them, zavat cholov udevash, which is the most beautiful of all lands;

[7] Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every ish the shikkutzim before his eynayim, and make not yourselves tameh with the gillulim (idols) of Mitzrayim; I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[8] But they rebelled against Me, and would not pay heed unto Me; they did not every ish cast away the shikkutzim from before their eynayim, neither did they forsake the gillulim (idols) of Mitzrayim; then I said, I will pour out My chemah (wrath) upon them, to vent My anger against them in the midst of Eretz Mitzrayim.

[9] But I acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the Goyim, among whom they were living. In bringing them forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, in their sight I made Myself [publicly] known unto them.

[10] Therefore I caused them to go forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, and brought them into the midbar.

[11] And I gave them My chukkot, and made known to them My mishpatim, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them.

[12] Moreover also I gave them My chukkot, and made known to them My mishpatim, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them.

[13] But Bais Yisroel rebelled against Me in the midbar; they walked not in My chukkot, and they despised My mishpatim, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them; and My Shabbatot they greatly defiled; then I said, I would pour out My chemah (wrath) upon them in the midbar, to consume them.

[14] But I acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the Goyim, in whose sight I brought them out.

[15] Yet also I lifted up My Yad unto them in the midbar, that I would not bring them into ha'aretz which I had given them, zavat cholov udevash, the most beautiful of all lands;

[16] Because they despised My mishpatim, and walked not in My chukkot, but profaned My Shabbatot; for their lev went after their gillulim (idols).

[17] Nevertheless since Mine eye spared them from destroying them, I did not make an end of them in the midbar.

[18] But I said unto their banim in the midbar, Walk ye not in the chukkot of avoteichem, neither be shomer over their mishpatim, nor make yourselves tameh with their gillulim (idols).

[19] I am Hashem Eloheichem; walk in My chukkot, and be shomer over My mishpatim, and do them;

[20] And be shomer shabbos over My Shabbatot, keeping them kodesh; and they shall be an Ot between Me and you, that ye may know that I am Hashem Eloheichem.

[21] Notwithstanding, the banim rebelled against Me; they walked not in My chukkot, neither were shomer over My mishpatim to do them, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them; they profaned My Shabbatot; then I said, I would pour out My chemah (wrath) upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midbar.

[22] Nevertheless, I withdrew Mine yad, and acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the Goyim, in
whose sight I brought them forth.

[23] I lifted up Mine yad unto them also in the midbar, that I would scatter them among the Goyim, and disperse them through the countries;

[24] Because they had not executed My mishpatim, but had despised My chukkot, and had profaned My Shabbatot, and their eynayim were after the gillulim of their fathers. 

[25] Therefore I gave them also chukkot that were not tovim, and mishpatim whereby they could not live;

[26] And I pronounced them tameh (unclean) because of their own [ritual] gifts, in that they caused to pass through the eish all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am Hashem.

[27] Therefore, ben adam, speak unto Bais Yisroel, and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Yet in this avoteichem have made gidduf (blasphemy) against Me, in that they have been ma'al (unfaithful) to Me.

[28] For when I had brought them into ha'aretz, for the which I lifted up Mine yad to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered there their zevakhim, and there they presented the ka'as (provocation) of their korban; there also they made their re'ach hannichoach, and poured out there their nesakhim.

[29] Then I said unto them, What is the bamah whereunto ye go? And the shem whereof is called Bamah (High Place) unto this day.

[30] Therefore say unto Bais Yisroel, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Are ye ones making yourselves tameh after the manner of avoteichem? And do ye commit zenut after their shikkutzim?

[31] For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your banim to pass through the eish, ye make yourselves tameh with all your gillulim (idols), even unto this day; and shall I be inquired of by you, O Bais Yisroel? As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, I will not be inquired of by you.

[32] And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all—that ye say, We will be as the Goyim, as the mishpekhot of the countries, to serve wood and even (stone).

[33] As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, surely with a yad chazakah, and with an outstretched zero'a, and with chemah (fury) poured out, will I rule over you;

[34] And I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a yad chazakah, and with an outstretched zero'a, and with chemah (wrath) poured out.

[35] And I will bring you into the midbar of the peoples, and there will I execute judgment with you face to face.

[36] Just as I judged avoteichem in the midbar of the Eretz Mitzrayim, so will I enter into judgment with you, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[37] And I will cause you to pass under the shevet (rod), and I will bring you into the bond of the brit (covenant);

[38] And I will purge out from among you the rebels and the poshim against Me; I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn as gerim, and they shall not enter into Eretz Yisroel; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

[39] As for you, O Bais Yisroel, thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Go ye, serve ye every one his gillulim, and hereafter since ye will not pay heed unto Me; and do not profane Shem Kodshi anymore with your gifts, and with your gillulim.

[40] For in Har Kodshi, in the mountain of the height of Yisroel, saith Adonoi Hashem, there shall all Bais Yisroel, all of them in ha'aretz, serve Me; there will I accept them, there will I require your terumot, the reshit of your offerings, with all your kodeshim.

[41] I will accept you as a re'ach hannichoach, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will show Myself Kadosh among you before the eyes of the Goyim.

[42] And ye shall know that I am Hashem, when I shall bring you into Admat Yisroel, into the country for which I lifted up Mine yad to give it to avoteichem.

[43] And there shall ye remember your drakhim, and all your doings, wherein ye have made yourselves tameh; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.

[44] And ye shall know that I am Hashem when I have dealt with you for the sake of Shmi, not according to your wicked drakhim, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye Bais Yisroel, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[45][21:1] Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[46][21:2] Ben adam, set thy face toward the south, and preach against the south, and prophesy against the forest land of the Negev;

[47][21:3] And say to the forest of the Negev, Hear the Devar Hashem: Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I will kindle an eish in thee, and it shall devour
every green etz (tree) in thee, and every dry etz (tree); the blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the Negev to the north shall be scorched by it.

[48:21:4] And all basar shall see that I Hashem have kindled it; it shall not be quenched.

[49:21:5] Then said I, Ah Adonoi Hashem! They say of me, Doth he not speak meshalim (parables)?

And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,


[3:21:8] And say to Admat Yisroel, Thus saith Hashem: Hineni, I am against thee, will draw forth My cherev out of its sheath, will cut off from thee the tzaddik and the rasha.

[4:21:9] Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the tzaddik and the rasha, therefore shall My cherev go forth out of its sheath against kol basar from the Negev to the tzafon (north);

[5:21:10] That kol basar may know that I Hashem have drawn forth My cherev out of its sheath; it shall not return any more.

[6:21:11] Sigh therefore, thou ben adam, with a breaking heart; and with bitterness groan before their eyenayim.

[7:21:12] And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Why sighest thou? That thou shalt answer, For the news; because it cometh; and every lev shall melt, and all hands shall go limp with fear, and every roosh shall faint, and all birkayim (knees) shall be weak as mayim; hinei, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[8:21:13] Again the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[9:21:14] Ben adam, prophesy, and say, Thus saith Adonoi: Say, A cherev, a cherev is sharpened, and also polished;

[10:21:15] It is sharpened to make a dreadful tevo'ach; it is polished and lightening-like it flashes; should we then make mirth? The Shevet of Beni Moshiach, Gn 49:10; 2Sm 7 will despise kol etz (every tree).

[11:21:16] And it is given to be polished, that it may be grasped with the palm; this cherev is sharpened, and it is polished, to deliver it into the yad of the slayer.

[12:21:17] Cry and wail, ben adam; for it shall be upon My people, it shall be upon all the nasi'im of Yisroel; including terrors by reason of the cherev shall be upon My people; strike therefore upon thy thigh.

[13:21:18] Because it is a testing, and what? Even if the despising Scepter [of Moshiach], will not be?

[14:21:19] Thou therefore, ben adam, prophesy, and strike thine hands together, and let the cherev do double damage the third time, the cherev of the slain; it is the cherev for great slaughter--it surrounds them.

[15:21:20] I have set the point of the cherev against all their she'arim, that their lev may faint, and many may stumble. Ah! It is made for flashing, it is wrapped for slaughter.

[16:21:21] Go thee one way or the other, either on right hand, or on left, wherever thy face is appointed.

[17:21:22] I will also strike Mine palm together, and I will appease My chemah (wrath). I Hashem have said it.

[18:21:23] The Devar Hashem came unto me again, saying,

[19:21:24] Also, thou, ben adam, appoint thee two drakhim, that the cherev of Melech Bavel may come; both two shall come forth out of one land; and make a sign, put it at the rosh derech (crossroads) to the Ir.

[20:21:25] Appoint a derech, that the cherev may come to Rabbah Bnei Ammon, and to Yehudah in fortified Yerushalayim.

[21:21:26] For Melech Bavel stood at the fork in the derech, at the rosh of the two drakhim, to use divination; he shook his khitzim (arrows), he consulted with teraphim, he looked in the liver.

[22:21:27] At his right hand was the kesem (divination) for Yerushalayim, to set up battering rams, to call for a slaughter, to lift up the voice with teru'ah (shouting), to appoint battering rams against the she'arim, to heap up a siege mound, and to build a siege work.

[23:21:28] And it shall be unto them as a kesem shav (false divination) in their sight, to them that have sworn shevu'ot (oaths); but he will call to remembrance the avon, that they may be seized.

[24:21:29] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem; Because ye have made your avon to be remembered, in that your peysha'im are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be captured with the palm.

[25:21:30] And thou, profane wicked nasi of Yisroel, whose day is come, when avon shall have an end,

[26:21:31] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; Remove
the mitznefet (turban),
and take off the ateret;
nothing shall be the same;
exalt him that is low, and
abase him that is exalted.
[27:21:32] I will make it
overthrown, overthrown,
overthrown: and it shall be no
longer, ad bo asher lo
hamishpat (until He come
to whom the right it is); and I
will give it him [Gn 49:10].
[28:21:33] And thou, ben
adam, prophesy and say, Thus
saith Adonoi Hashem
concerning Bnei Ammon, and
concerning their cherpah;
even say thou: The cherev, the
cherev is drawn; for the
slaughter it is polished, to
consume like lightning;
[29:21:34] While they see
chazon shav (vain visions) for
thee, while they divine a kazav
(lie) unto thee, to bring thee
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(lie) unto thee, to bring thee
when their avon shall have an
end.
[30:21:35] Shall I cause it to
return into its sheath? I will
judge thee in the makom
where thou wast created, in
thine retz moledet.
[31:21:36] And I will pour
out Mine za'am (indignation)
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[16] And as soon as she saw them with her eynayim, she lusted upon them, and sent malachim unto them into Chaldea.

[17] And the Bnei Bavel came to her into the mishkav dodim (bed of love), and they made her tameh with their zenut (whoredom), and she was defiled by them, and her nefesh turned away from them in disgust.

[18] So she uncovered her zonah harlotry, and uncovered her ervah: then My Nefesh was alienated from her, just as My Nefesh was alienated from her achot.

[19] Yet she multiplied her zonah harlotry, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the zonah in Eretz Mitzrayim.

[20] For she lusted upon their pilagshim (illicit lovers), whose basar is as the basar of chamorim, and whose issue is like the issue of susim.

[21] Thus thou calledst to remembrance the zimmah (lewdness) of thy youth, when those of Mitzrayim caressed thy bosom because of thy youthful bosom.

[22] Therefore, O Oholivah, thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I will stir up thy lovers against thee, from whom thou hast alienated thy nefesh, and I will bring them against thee on every side;

[23] The Bnei Bavel, and all the Kasdim, Pekod, Shoa, Koa, and all the Bnei Ashur with them; all of them desirable bochurim, pachat and seganim, shalishim and renowned, all of them riding upon susim.

[24] And they shall come against thee with weapons, wheeled chariots, and with a kahal amim, which shall set against thee shield and mogen and kova (helmet) all around; they will array themselves against thee; and I will delegate mishpat to them, and they shall judge thee according to their mishpatim.

[25] And I will set My kina (jealousy) against thee, and they shall deal in chemah (wrath) with thee; they shall cut off thy nose and thine ozayim; and thy remnant shall fall by the cherive; they shall take thy banim and thy banot; and thy remnant shall be devoured by the eish.

[26] They shall also strip thee out of thy begadim, and take away thy beautiful jewels.

[27] Thus will I make thy zimmah (lewdness) to cease from thee, and thy zenut brought from Eretz Mitzrayim; so that thou shalt not lift up thine eynayim unto them, nor remember Mitzrayim any more.

[28] For thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I will deliver thee into the yad of them whom thou hatest, into the yad of them from whom thy nefesh is alienated;

[29] And they shall deal with thee b’sinah (in hatred), and shall take away all thou hast labored for, and shall leave thee erom (naked) and bare; and the ervah of thy zonah harlotry shall be uncovered, both thy zimmah (lewdness) and thy zonah harlotry.

[30] I will do these things unto thee, because thou hast forgotten Me, and thou shalt break it into shards, and thou shalt be devoured by the eish, and the eish shall fall by the cherev; they shall deal in chemah (jealousy) against thee, and they shall give her kos into thine yad.

[31] Thou hast walked in the derech of thy achat; so will I give her kos into thine yad.

[32] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Thou shalt drink of thy achat’s kos deep and wide; thou shalt be laughed to scorn and held in derision; it containeth so much, filled to the brim.

[33] Thou shalt be filled with shikkaron (drunkenness) and sorrow, with the kos of horror and desolation, with the kos of thy achat Shomron.

[34] Thou shalt even drink it and drain it dry, and thou shalt break it into shards, and tear at thine own breasts; for I have spoken it, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[35] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because thou hast forgotten Me, and thrust Me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy zimmah and thy zonah harlotry.

[36] Hashem said moreover unto me: Ben adam, wilt thou judge Oholah and Oholivah? Indeed, declare unto them their to’avot;

[37] That they have committed ni’uf, and dahm is on their hands, and with their gillulim (idols) have they committed ni’uf, and have also caused their banim, whom they bore unto Me, to pass for them through the eish, offering them as [sacrificial] food.

[38] Moreover this they have done unto Me: they have defiled My Mikdash in the same day, and have profaned My Shabbatot.

[39] For when they had slaughtered their banim to their gillulim (idols), then they came the same day, entering into My Mikdash to profane it; and, hinei, thus have they done in the midst of Mine Bais.

[40] And furthermore, they sent for ashanim to come from afar, unto whom malach (messenger) had been sent; and, hinei, they came; the men for whom thou didst wash thyself, didst paint thy eynayim, and didst deck thyself with jewelry,
24 Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying, [i.e., note Fast of Tevet],

[2] Ben adam, write thee the shem of the day, even of this very day; Melech Bavel laid his siege against Yerushalayim this very day.

[3] And utter a mashal unto the bais hameri (the rebellious house), and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; Set on the siyr (cooking pot), set it on, and also pour mayim into it;

[4] Gather the pieces of meat thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice atzmot (bones).

[5] Take the choice of the tzon, and arrange also the atzmot at its bottom, and make it boil well, and let them cook the atzmot of it therein.

[6] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Oy to the ir hadamim (bloody city), to the siyr (cooking pot) whose scum is therein, and whose scum has not been removed from it! Remove it piece by piece; no goral has fallen on it.

[7] For her dahm is in the midst of her; she set it upon an exposed rock; she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with aphar;

[8] That it might cause chemah (fury) to come up to take vengeance; I have set her dahm upon the exposed rock, that it should not be covered.

[9] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Oy to the ir hadamim (bloody city)!! I will even make the pyre great.

[10] Heap on wood, kindle the eish, cook the basar, and spice it well, and let the atzmot be burned.

[11] Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that the nechoshet of it may be hot, and may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be melted in it, that the scum of it may be consumed.

[12] All efforts are wearied, [scum] is not removed, and her great scum went not forth out of her; in the eish shall be her scum.

[13] In thy tuma is zimmah; because I have made thee tahor, and thou wast not tahor, thou shalt not be made tahor from thy tuma any more, until I have caused My chemah (fury, wrath) to subside upon thee.

[14] I Hashem have spoken it; it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I relent: according to thy drakhim, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[15] Also the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[16] Ben adam, hineni, I take up the kahal upon them, and will give them over to be terrorized and plundered.

[17] Forbear to cry, make no evel (mourning) for the mesim (dead ones); bind the turban away from thee the makhmad (mustache), and eat not lechem anashim (bread of the people) in the boker (morning), and cover not thy dema'ot (eyes) with a magefah (darling delight) of thine eynayim (tears) run down.

[18] So I spoke unto HaAm (the people) in the boker (morning); and at erev (evening) my isha (wife) died; and I did in the boker (morning, i.e., the next morning after her death the previous evening) just as I was commanded.

[19] And haam (the people) said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us...
what these things are to us, that thou art so doing?
[21] Speak unto Bais Yisroel, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I will desecrate My Mikdash, the go'an (pride) of your power, the mahkdah of your [plural] eynayim, and the very passion of your nefesh; and your banim and your banot whom ye have left behind shall fall by the cherev.
[22] And ye shall do just as I have done: ye shall not cover your safam (mustache), nor eat lechem anashim.
[23] And your turbans shall be upon your heads, and your sandals upon your feet; ye shall not walk nor weep; but ye shall waste away for your avonot, and groan one toward another.
[24] Thus Yechezkel is unto you as a mofet [See Zech 3:8; Isa 8:18]; according to all that he hath done shall ye do; and when this cometh, ye shall know that I am Adonoi Hashem.
[25] Also, thou ben adam, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their ma'oz (stronghold), the joy of their tiferet (glory), the mahkdah (desire) of their eynayim, and that on which their nefesh is uplifted—even their banim and their banot,
[26] That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear the news [of the fall of Jerusalem] with thine ozneyim?
[27] In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more mute; and thou shalt be a mofet unto them; and they shall know that I am Hashem.
And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben adam, because that Tzor (Tyre) hath said against Yerushalayim, Aha, she is broken that was the daletot (gates) of the nations; she is turned over to me; I shall be filled, now that she is laid waste;

[3] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I am against thee, O Tzor (Tyre), and will cause Goyim rabbim to come up against thee, like the yam (sea) causeth its waves to come up.

[4] And they shall destroy the chomot (walls) of Tzor (Tyre), and break down her migdalim (towers); I will also scrape her aphar from her, and make her into a barren rock.

[5] It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the yam; for I have spoken it, saith Adonoi Hashem; and it shall become a plunder to the Goyim.

[6] And her banot which are in the sadeh shall be slain by the cherev; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

[7] For thus saith Adonoi Hashem; Hineni, I will bring upon Tzor (Tyre) Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel, a melech melachim, from the tzafon (north), with sus, and with chariots, and a kahal with much people.

[8] And her banot which are in the sadeh shall be slain by the cherev; and she shall heap up a siege mound against thee, and build a ramp against thee, and lift up the shield against thee.

[9] And he shall set battering rams against thy chomot (walls), and with his weapons he shall break down thy migdalim (towers).

[10] By reason of the abundance of his susim their dust shall cover thee; thy chomot (walls) shall shake at the noise of the parash (war-horse), and of the galgal (wheel), and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy she’arim, as invaders swarm into a breached ir.

[11] With the hooves of his susim shall he trample down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people by the cherev, and thy strong pillars shall fall to the eretz.

[12] And they shall plunder thy riches, and pillage thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy chomot, and destroy thy batim (houses) of chemdah (desire, i.e., thy finest dwellings); and they shall lay thy stones and thy aphan in the midst of the mayim.

[13] And I will cause the sound of thy shirim (songs) to cease; and the sound of thy kinnorot shall be no more heard.

[14] And I will make thee like the top of a barren rock; thou shalt he for spreading nets upon; thou shalt be rebuilt no more; for I Hashem have spoken it, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[15] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem to Tzor (Tyre): Shall not the coastlands tremble fearfully at the sound of thy fall, when the chalal (wounded) cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee?

[16] Then all the nasi’im of the yam shall come down from their kisse’ot (thrones), and lay aside their robes, and put off their embroidered garments; they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon ha’aretz, and shall tremble at every moment, and be horrified at thee.

[17] And they shall take up a kinah (lament, funeral dirge) for thee, and say to thee, How thou hast perished, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned ir (city), which wast chazakah on the yam, she and her inhabitants, which spread their terror—all who live there [in Tyre].

[18] Now shall the coastlands tremble in the day of thy fall; indeed, the coastlands that are in the yam shall be traumatized at thy exile.

[19] For thus saith Adonoi Hashem: When I shall make thee a desolate ir, like the towns that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the tehom upon thee, and the mayim harabbim (great waters) shall cover thee;

[20] When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the bor (pit), with the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of ha’aretz, in places desolate from of old, with them that go down to the bor (pit), so that thou be not inhabited; but I shall bestow splendor on Eretz Chayyim;

[21] I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more; though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith Adonoi Hashem.

The Davar Hashem came again unto me, saying,

[2] Now, thou ben adam, take up a kinah (lamentation) for Tzor (Tyre);

[3] And say unto Tzor (Tyre), O thou that dwell at the entrance of the yam, which art a merchant of the peoples
for many coastlands,
Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; O Tzor (Tyre), thou hast said, I am perfect in beauty.

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<td>Fine linen with embroidered work from Mitrayim was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy nes (sail); blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah was that which covered thee.</td>
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<td>The inhabitants of Tsidon and Arvad were thy oarsmen; thy chachamim, O Tzor (Tyre), that were in thee, were thy helmsmen.</td>
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<td>The elders of Geval and the chachamim thereof were in thee thy caulkers to caulk thy seams; all the oniyyot of the yam with their oarsmen were in thee to market thy merchandise.</td>
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<td>They of Paras (Persia) and of Lud (Lydia) and of Put (Libya) were in thine army, thy anshei hamilchamah; they hanged the mogen and kova (helmet) in thee; they set forth thy splendor.</td>
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<td>The Bnei Arvad with thine army were upon thy chimot (walls) all around, and the men of Gammad were in thy migdalim (towers); they hung their shields upon thy chimot (walls) all around; they have made thy beauty perfect.</td>
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<td>The Bnei Dedan were thy merchants; many coastlands were the market of thine yad; they brought thee for a payment karnot (tusks) of shen (ivory) and ebony.</td>
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<td>Aram (Syria) was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the goods of thy making; they gave thee for thy wares emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies.</td>
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<td>Yehudah, and Eretz Yisroel, they were thy merchants; they traded the merchandise chittim (wheat) of Minnit, and balsam oil, and devash, and shemen, and balm.</td>
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<td>Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making, for the multitude of all riches; in the yayin of Chelbon, and white wool.</td>
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<td>Vedan also and Yavan (Greece) provided for your wares with fine yarn; wrought iron, cassia, and cane, were among thy merchandise.</td>
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<td>Arabia, and all the nasi'im of Kedar, they traded with thee in lambs, and rams, and goats; in these were they thy merchants.</td>
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<td>The merchants of Sheva and Ra’amah, they were thy merchants; they traded as peddlers with choicest spices, and with all kinds of even yekarah (precious stones), and zahav.</td>
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<td>Charan, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheva, Asshur (Assyria), and Kilmad, were thy merchants.</td>
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<td>These were thy merchants in choice things, in purple clothes, and embroidered work, and in chests of multicolored apparel, bound with chavalim (cords) and cedar boxed in thy marketplace.</td>
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<td>Thy oarsmen have brought thee into mayim rabbim; the east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the yamim (seas).</td>
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<td>And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the sailors of the yam, shall come down from their oniyyot, they shall stand upon the shore;</td>
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[32] And in their wailing they shall take up a kinah (lamentation) for thee, and lament over thee, saying, Who is like Tzor, like the destroyed in the midst of the yam? [33] When thy wares went forth by sea, thou didstst many people; thou didst enrich the melechim of ha'aretz with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. [34] In the time when thou shalt be broken by the yamim (seas) in the depths of the mayim, thy merchandise and all thy khalah (company) in the midst of thee shall fall. [35] All the inhabitants of the coastlands shall be astonished at thee, and their melachim shall be very afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance. [36] The socharim (merchants) among the people shall hiss at thee; thou shalt be no more.

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The Davar Hashem came again unto me, saying, [2] Ben adam, say unto the Nagid Tzor, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because thou hast set thine mind as the lev elohim; [3] Hineni, thou art more chacham than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee; [4] With thy chochmah and with thine tevunah (understanding) thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten zahav and kesef into thy otzarot; [5] By thy great chochmah in thy trade hast thou increased thy riches, and thine lev is lifted up [in pride] because of thy riches; [6] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because thou hast set thine mind as the lev elohim; [7] Hineni, therefore I will bring zarim upon thee, the most terrible of the Goyim; and they shall draw their charavot (swords) against the beauty of thy chochmah, and they shall defile thy splendor. [8] They shall bring thee down to the shachat (pit), and thou shalt die the deaths [actually death; see intensive plural, Isa 53:9] of them that are slain in the midst of the yamim (seas). [9] Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, Elohim ani? But thou art adam, and no El, in the yad of him that slayeth thee. [10] Thou shalt die the deaths [actually death, see v.8] of the arelim (uncircumcised) by the yad of zarim; for I have spoken it, saith Adonoi Hashem. [11] Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying, [12] Ben adam, take up a kinah (lamentation) upon HaMelech Tzor (Tyre), and say unto him, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Thou wast the keruv (anointed cherub) of the har kodesh (Har Kodesh Elohim); thou hast sinned; [13] Thou hast defiled thy mikdashim by the multitude of thine avonot, by the avon of thy trading; therefore will I bring forth an eish from the midst of thee; it shall devour thee, and thou shalt be no more, ad olam. [14] Thou hast defiled thy mikdashim by the multitude of thine avonot, by the avon of thy trading; therefore will I bring forth an eish from the midst of thee; it shall devour thee, and thou shalt be no more, ad olam. [15] Thou hast set thine mind as the keruv (anointed cherub) that guardeth; and I have set thee so; thou wast upon the Har Kodesh Elohim; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of eish. [16] By the multitude of thy trading they have filled the midst of thee with chamas, and thou hast sinned; therefore I will banish thee as profane out of the Har Elohim; and I will destroy thee, O guardian keruv, from the midst of the stones of eish.

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Myself as set apart as kodesh in her.
[23] For I will send into her dever, and damh into her streets; and the slain shall be judged in the midst of her by the cherev upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am Hashem.
[24] And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the Bais Yisroel, nor any painful koz (thorn) of all that are around them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am Adonoi Hashem.
[25] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: When I have gathered the Bais Yisroel from the people among whom they are scattered, and I shall show Myself as set apart as kodesh in them in the sight of the Goyim, then shall they dwell in their adamah (land) that I have given to Avdi Yaakov (My servant Jacob).
[26] And they shall dwell securely therein, and shall build batim (houses), and plant kramim (vineyards); indeed, they shall dwell securely, when I have executed shefatim (judgments) upon all those that despise them all around them; and they shall know that I am Hashem Eloheihem.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben adam, set thy face against Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, and prophesy against him, and against all Mitzrayim:
[3] Speak, and say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I am against thee, Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, the great monster that lieth in the midst of his channels, which hath said, My Nile is mine own, and I have made it for myself.
[4] But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the dag (fish) of thy channels to stick unto thy scales, and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy river channels, and all the dag (fish) of thy channels shall stick unto thy scales.
[5] And I will throw thee out into the midbar, thee and all the dag (fish) of thy river channels; thou shalt fall upon the open sadeh; thou shalt not be picked up together, nor gathered; I have given thee for food to the beasts of ha’aretz and to the oph HaShomayim.
[6] And all the inhabitants of Mitzrayim shall know that I am Hashem, because they have been mishenet kaneh (a staff of reed) to Bais Yisroel.
[7] When they took hold of thee by thy palm, thou didst splinter, and tear all their katef (shoulder); and when they leaned upon thee, thou broke, and madest all their loins unsteady.
[8] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I will bring a cherev upon thee, and cut off adam and behemah from thee.
[9] And Eretz Mitzrayim shall be desolate and in ruins; and they shall know that I am Hashem; because he hath said, The Nile is Mine, and I have made it.
[10] Hineni, therefore I am against thee, and against thy river channels, and I will make Eretz Mitzrayim utterly ruins and desolate, from Migdol to Aswan even unto the border of Kush.
[11] No regel of adam shall pass through it, nor regel of behemah shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited arba’im shanah.
[12] And I will make Eretz Mitzrayim desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her towns among the towns that are laid waste shall be desolate arba’im shanah; and I will scatter the Mitzrayim among the Goyim, and will disperse them through the countries.
[13] Yet thus saith Adonoi Hashem: At the end of arba’im shanah will I gather Mitzrayim from the peoples where they were scattered;
[14] And I will bring back the captives of Mitzrayim, and will cause them to return into Eretz Patros, into the land of their ancestry; and they shall be there a lowly mamlachah.
[15] It shall be the shefalah (lowliest) of the mamlachot; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the Goyim; for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the Goyim.
[16] And it shall be no more the confidence of Bais Yisroel, but shall bring their avon to remembrance, when they turned toward them; but they shall know that I am Adonoi Hashem.
[17] And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the Davar Hashem came unto me, saying,
[18] Ben adam, Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel caused his army to avodah gedolah (labor strenuously) against Tzor (Tyre); every rosh was rubbed bare, and every katef (shoulder) was rubbed raw; yet had he no sachar (pay), nor his army, from Tzor (Tyre), for the avodah that he had served against it.
[19] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem; Hineni, I will give Eretz Mitzrayim unto Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel; and he shall take
her wealth, and take her plunder, and pillage her booty; and it shall be the sachar (wages) for his army.

|20| I have given him Eretz Mitzrayim as his pay for which he worked, because they worked for Me, saith Adonoi Hashem.

|21| In that day will I cause the keren (horn, strength) of Bais Yisroel to atzmiach (branch, sprout), and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

The Davar Hashem came again unto me, saying,

|2| Ben adam, prophesy, say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Wail ye, Alas for the day!

|3| For the day is near, even the Yom Hashem is near, a Yom Anan (Day of Cloud); it shall be the time of the Goyim.

|4| And the cherev shall come upon Mitzrayim, and great anguish shall be in Kush (Ethiopia), when the slain shall fall in Mitzrayim, and they shall take away her wealth, and her yesodot (foundations) shall be broken down.

|5| Kush, and Put, and Lud, and all the mixed horde, and Libya, and the Bnei Eretz HaBrit with them, shall fall by the cherev.

|6| Thus saith Hashem: They also that support Mitzrayim shall fall; and the ga’on (pride) of her strength shall come down; from Migdol to Aswan shall they fall within her by the cherev, saith Adonoi Hashem.

|7| And they shall be desolate betoch (in the midst of) the countries that are desolate, and her towns shall be in the midst of the towns that are laid waste.

|8| And they shall know that I am Hashem, when I have set an eish in Mitzrayim, and when all her allies shall be destroyed.

|9| In that day shall malachim go forth from Me in ships to make the complacently secure Ethiopians afraid, and great anguish shall come upon them, as in the Yom Mitzrayim; for, hinei, it cometh.

|10| Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; I will also cause the multitude of Mitzrayim to cease by the yad of Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel.

|11| He and his army with him, the most terrible of the Goyim, shall be brought in to destroy ha’aretz; and they shall draw their charavot (swords) against Mitzrayim, and fill ha’aretz with the slain.

|12| And I will make the river channels dry, and sell ha’aretz to the yad ra’im; I will make eretz desolate, and all that is therein, by the yad of zaram. I Hashem have spoken it.

|13| Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: I will also destroy the gillulim (idols), and I will cause their elilim (images, false g-ds) to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a nasi of Eretz Mitzrayim; and I will put fear in Eretz Mitzrayim.

|14| And I will make Patros desolate, and will kindle eish, setting fire to Tzoan, and will execute shefatim (judgments, punishments) in No.

|15| And I will pour My fury upon Siyn, the ma’oz (stronghold) of Mitzrayim; and I will cut off the multitude of No.

|16| And I will kindle eish, setting fire to Mitzrayim; Siyn shall writhe in anguish, and No shall be breached, and Noph shall be taken by storm in broad daylight.
cherev into the yad of Melech Bavel, and he shall stretch it out against Eretz Mitzrayim.

[26] And I will scatter the Mitzrayim among the Goyim, and disperse them among the countries; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

[27] And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben adam, speak unto Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, and to his multitude: Whom art thou like in thy greatness?

[3] Hinei, Ashur (the Assyrian) was a cedar in Levanon with yafeh branches, and with a forest shade, and of a high stature; and his top was above the thick boughs.

[4] The mayim made it grow, the tehom (underground water) set him up in height by her streams flowing all around its planting, and sent her rivulets unto all the trees of the sadeh.

[5] Therefore his height was exalted above kol atzei hasadeh (all the trees of the field), and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the mayim rabbim, as it sent them out.

[6] All the oph HaShomayim made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the sadeh give birth to their young, and under his tzel (shadow) dwelt kol Goyim rabbin.

[7] Thus was he beautiful in his gadol (greatness), in the length of his branches; for his shoresh (root) reached to mayim rabbim.

[8] The cedars in the Gan Elohim could not compare with him; the pine trees were not like his boughs, and the plane trees were not like his branches; nor any etz (tree) in the Gan Elohim was like unto him in his beauty.

[9] I have made him beautiful by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the Gan Elohim, envied him.

[10] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because thou hast increased thyself in height, and he hath shot up his top above the thick boughs, and his lev is proudly lifted up in his height,

[11] I have therefore delivered him into the yad of the strong man of the Goyim; he shall surely deal with him; I have driven him out according to his wickedness.

[12] And zarim, the most terrible of the Goyim, have cut him down, and have left him; upon the harim and in all the ge'ayot (valleys) his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the ravines of the earth; and kol Amei Haaretz (all the nations of the earth) departed from his tzel (shade), and forsook him.

[13] Upon his ruin shall all the oph Shomayim remain, and all the beasts of the sadeh shall come to his branches; to the end that none of all the trees by the mayim exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top above the thick boughs, and that no trees that drink mayim may reach up to them in height; for they are all delivered unto mavet, to the depths of haaretz, in the midst of the bnei adam, with them that go down to the bor (pit).

[14] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: In the day when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning; I covered the tehom (deep) for him, and I restrained the rivers thereof, and the mayim rabbim were held back; and I caused Levanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the sadeh wilted and fainted for him.

[15] I made the Goyim to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with them that descend into the bor (pit); and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Levanon, all that drink mayim, shall be consol’d in the depths of haaretz.

[16] They also went down into Sheol with him unto them that be slain with the cherev; and they that were his zero’a, that dwelt under his tzel (shade) in the midst of the Goyim.

[17] To whom art thou thus like in kavod and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the depths of haaretz; thou shalt lie in the midst of the arelim (uncircumcised) with them that be slain by the cherev. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[18] And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben adam, take up a kinah (lamentation) for Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim, and say unto him, Thou art like a lion of the Goyim, and thou art as a sea monster in the yamim (seas); and thou thrash about in thy rivers, and troubledst the mayim with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers.

[3] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: I will therefore
spread out My net over thee with a kahal of amim rabbim; and they shall draw thee up in My net.

[4] Then will I throw thee upon ha’aretz, I will cast thee forth upon the open sadeh, and will cause all the oph HaShomayim to settle upon thee, and I will fill the beasts of kol ha’aretz (the whole earth) with thee.

[5] And I will lay thy basar upon the harim, and fill the ge’ayot (valleys) with thy height.

[6] I will also water with thy water, and fill the ravines shall be full of thee.

[7] And when I shall put out thy light, I will cover the Shomayim, and make the kokhavim thereof dark; I will cover the shemesh with an anan (cloud), and the yarei’ach (moon) shall not give her light.

[8] All the bright lights of Shomayim will I make dark over thee, and set choshech upon thy land, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[9] I will also trouble the hearts of amim rabbim (many peoples), when I shall bring thy destruction among the Goyim, into the countries which thou hast not known.

[10] Indeed, I will make amim rabbim (many peoples) appalled at thee, and their melachim shall be horribly afraid because of thee when I brandish My cherev before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every ish for his own nefesh, in the day of thy downfall.


[12] By the charavot (swords) of the gibborim (mighty) will I cause thy multitude to fall, the most terrible of the Goyim, all of them; and they shall plunder the ga’on (pomp) of Mitzrayim, and all the multitude thereof shall be made shmad.

[13] I will destroy also all the behemah thereof from beside the mayim rabbim; neither shall the regel adam muddy them any more, nor the hooves of beasts muddy them.

[14] Then will I make their mayim clear, and cause their rivers to run like shemen, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[15] When I shall make Eretz Mitzrayim desolate, and the country shall be destitute of that wherever it was full, when I shall strike all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I am Hashem.

[16] This is the kinah (lamentation) wherewith they shall lament her; the banot of the Goyim shall lament her; they shall lament for her, even for Mitzrayim, and for all her multitude, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[17] It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[18] Ben adam, wail for the multitude of Mitzrayim, and send them down, even her, and the banot of the mighty Goyim, unto the depths of ha’aretz, with them that go down into the kevar (bed) in the midst of them that are slain, fallen by the cherev, which are gone down arelim (uncircumcised) into the depths of Eretz Chayyim.


[20] They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the cherev; she is delivered to the cherev; drag her off and all her multitudes.

[21] The mightiest among the gibborim shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with them [that as allies] help him; they are gone down, they lie with the arelim (uncircumcised), slain by the cherev.

[22] Ashur (Assyria) is there and all her kahal; his kevarim are all around him; all of them slain, fallen by the cherev;

[23] Whose kevarim are set in the recesses of the bor (pit), and her kahal (company) is all around her kevar, all of them slain, fallen by the cherev, which caused terror in Eretz Chayyim.

[24] There is Elam and all her multitude around her kevar, all of them slain, fallen by the cherev, which are gone down arelim (uncircumcised) into the lower parts of ha’aretz, which caused their terror in Eretz Chayyim; yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the bor (pit).

[25] They have set her a mishkav (bed) in the midst of the slain with all her multitude; her kevarim are all around him; all of them arelim (uncircumcised), slain by the cherev; for they spread terror in Eretz Chayyim, yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the bor (pit); he is put in the midst of them that are slain.

[26] There is Meshech, Tuval, and all her multitude; her kevarim are all around him; all of them arelim (uncircumcised), slain by the cherev, though they caused their terror in Eretz Chayyim.

[27] And they shall not lie with the gibborim that are fallen of the arelim (uncircumcised), which are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of milchamah; and they have laid their charavot (swords) under their heads, but their avonot shall be upon their atznom, though they were the terror of the gibborim in Eretz Chayyim.

[28] Indeed, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the arelim (uncircumcised), and shalt lie with them that
are slain with the cherev.

[29] There is Edom, her melachim, and all her nasi'im, which despite their gevurah (might) are laid beside them that were slain by the cherev; they shall lie with the arelim (uncircumcised), and with them that go down to the bor.

[30] There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all those of Tzidon, which are gone down with the slain; in shame at the terror which they caused by their gevurah (might); and they lie as arelim (uncircumcised) with them that be slain by the cherev, and bear their shame with them that go down to the bor.

[31] Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be consoled over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the cherev, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[32] For I have caused My terror in Eretz Chayyim; and they lie as arelim (uncircumcised) with them that be slain by the cherev; and all his army slain by the cherev, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[33] Again the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben Adam, speak to the Bnei Amecha, and say unto them, When I bring the cherev upon eretz, if the Am HaAretz take ish echad (one man) within their midst, and appoint him for their tzofeh (watchman, sentinel),

[3] If when he seeth the cherev come upon HaAretz, he blow the shofar, and warn HaAm;

[4] Then whosoever heareth the sound of the shofar, and taketh not warning; if the cherev come, and take him away, his dahm shall be upon his own rosh.

[5] He heard the sound of the shofar, and took not warning; his dahm shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall save his nefesh.

[6] But if the tzofeh (watchman, sentinel) see the cherev coming, and blow not the shofar, and HaAm be not warned; if the cherev come, and take any nefesh from among them, he is taken away in his avon (iniquity); but for his dahm will I require [an accounting] at the yad HaTzofeh.

[7] So thou, O Ben Adam, I have set thee a tzofeh unto the Bais Yisroel; therefore thou shalt hear the Davar at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.

[8] When I say unto the rashah (wicked man), O rashah, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the rashah from his derech, that rashah shall die in his avon (iniquity); but for his dahm will I require [an accounting] at thine yad.

[9] Nevertheless, if thou warn the rashah of his derech to turn from it; if he does not turn from his derech, he shall die in his avon (iniquity); but thou hast saved thy nefesh.

[10] Therefore, O thou Ben Adam, speak unto Bais Yisroel: Thus ye have spoken, saying, If peyshe'a einu (our transgressions, rebellions) and chattoteinu (our sins) be upon us, and because of them we are rotting away, how should we then live?

[11] Say unto them, As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, I have no pleasure in the mot of the rashah; but that the rashah make teshuvah from his derech and live; shuvu (turn ye), shuvu (turn ye) from your drakhim hara'im; for why will ye die, O Bais Yisroel?

[12] Therefore, thou Ben Adam, say unto the Bnei Amecha, The tzidkat hatzaddik (righteousness of a righteous man) shall not save him in his Yom Peysha (Day of Rebellion, Day of his Transgression); as for the rishah harashah, he shall not fall thereby in his Yom Shuv (Day of Turning, Repentance) from his resha; neither shall the tzaddik be able to live his tzadakah in his Yom Chattot (day when he commits sin).

[13] When I shall say to the tzaddik, that he shall surely live, if he trust in his own tzadakah, and commit evil, all his tzidkot (righteousnesses) shall not be remembered; but for his evil that he hath committed, he shall die in it.

[14] Again, when I say unto the rashah, Thou shalt surely die and he turn from his chattat, and do that which is mishpat and tzedakah;

[15] If the rashah give back the chavol (borrower's pledge), give back what he has stolen, walk in the chukkot hachayyim, without committing evil; he shall surely live, he shall not die.

[16] None of his chattot that he hath committed shall be remembered against him; he hath done that which is mishpat and tzedakah; he shall surely live.

[17] Yet the Bnei Amecha say, The Derech Adonoi is not proper; but as for them, their derech is not proper.

[18] When the tzaddik turneth from his tzadakah, and committeth evil, he shall even die thereby.

[19] But if the rashah turn from his resha, and do that which is mishpat and tzedakah, he shall live thereby.

[20] Yet ye say, The Derech Adonoi is not proper. O ye Bais Yisroel, I will judge you every one according
to his drakhim.

[21] And it came to pass in the twelfth shanah of our Golus, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Yerushalayim came unto me, saying, The Ir (City, Jerusalem) has fallen [see Ezek. 24:26];

[22] Now the Yad Hashem was upon me in the erev before he that was escaped arrived; and He had opened my mouth before he came to me in the boker; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

[23] Then the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[24] Ben Adam, they that inhabit those ruins of Admat Yisroel speak, saying, Avraham was one, and he inherited HaAretz; but we are rabbim; HaAretz is given to us for an inherited possession.

[25] Therefore say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Ye eat al hadahm (all flesh), and ye defile to the tzon (flock));

[26] Ye rely upon your cherev, ye work toevah, and ye defile every one his neighbor's isha; and shall ye inherit as a possession HaAretz?

[27] Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: As I live, surely they that are in the ruins shall fall by the cherev, and him that is in the open sadeh will I give to the wild animals to be devoured, and they that be in the metzudot (strongholds) and in the me'arot (caves) shall die of dever (plague).

[28] For I will make HaAretz most desolate, and the ga'on (pride, pomp) of her oz (strength) shall cease; and the harim of Yisroel shall be desolate, that none pass through.

[29] Then shall they know that I am Hashem, when I have made HaAretz a desolation and a waste because of all their to'avot which they have committed.

[30] Also, thou Ben Adam, the Bnei Amecha still are talking against thee by the kirot (walls) and in the doorways of the batim (houses), and speak one to another, every one to achiv (his brother), saying, Come, now, and hear what is the Davar that cometh forth from Hashem.

[31] And they come unto thee as Am cometh, and they sit before thee as Ami, and they hear thy devarim, but they will not practice them; for with their mouth there is agavim (lusts), but their lev pursueth their mouth there, and they do not.

[32] And, hinei, thou art unto Me, prophesy, and say against the ro'im (shepherds) of Yisroel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem unto the ro'im (shepherds); Oy to the ro'im (shepherds); Yisroel became okhel (food) to kol chayyat hasadeh, because there was no ro'eh, neither did My tzon become a prey, and My tzon became okhel to kol chayyat hasadeh, because there was no ro'eh; neither did My ro'im (shepherds) search for My tzon, but the ro'im (shepherds) were ro'im tending to themselves, and tended not My tzon;

[33] And when this cometh to pass—hinei, it will come—then shall they know that a navi hath been among them.

And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[2] Ben Adam, prophesy against the ro'im (shepherds) of Yisroel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem unto the ro'im (shepherds): Oy to the ro'im (shepherds) of Yisroel who are ro'im tending to themselves! Should not the ro'im (shepherds) be ro'im tending to the tzon (flock)?

[3] Ye eat the chelev, and ye clothe you with the tzemer (wool), ye slaughter the healthy; but ye are not ro'im that tend the tzon.

[4] The weak have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was cholah (sick), neither have ye bound up the nishberet (injured ones), neither have ye brought back that which was straying, neither have ye sought haovedet (the lost); but with chazekah (force) and with perek (harshness, severity) have ye ruled them.

[5] And they were scattered, because there is no ro'eh; and they became okhel (food) to kol chayyat hasadeh, when they were scattered.

[6] My tzon wandered through all the harim, and upon every high givah (hill); yes, My tzon was scattered upon all the face of ha'aretz, and none did search or seek after them.

[7] Therefore, ye ro'im, hear the Devar Hashem:

[8] As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, surely because My tzon became a prey, and My tzon became okhel to kol chayyat hasadeh, because there was no ro'eh, neither did My ro'im (shepherds) search for My tzon, but the ro'im (shepherds) were ro'im tending to themselves, and tended not My tzon;

[9] Therefore, O ye ro'im, hear the Devar Hashem:

[10] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I am against them, and I will account for My tzon at their yad, and I will cause them to cease from being ro'im to the tzon; neither shall the ro'im (shepherds) be ro'im tending to themselves any more; for I will save My tzon from their mouth, that they may not be okhel for them.

[11] For thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni,
I, even I, will both search for My tzon, and seek after them. [12] As a ro'eh seeketh after his tzon in the day that he is among his tzon that are scattered; so will I seek after My tzon, and will save them out of kol hamekomot (all the places) where they have been scattered there in the yom anan va'arafei (day of clouds and thick darkness). [13] And I will bring them out from HaAmim, and gather them from the aratzot (countries), and will bring them to their own adadamah, and I will tend them as Ro'eh upon the harim of Yisroel by the ravines, and in all the moshevei HaAretz. [14] I will give them feeding of a ro'eh in a mireh tov (good pasture) and upon the high harim of Yisroel shall their naveh (fold, abode of sheep) be; there shall they lie in a naveh tov, and in a mireh shamen (fat pasture) shall they feed upon the harim of Yisroel. [15] As a ro'eh will I tend My tzon, and I will cause them to lie down, saith Adonoi Hashem. [16] I will seek haovedet (that which was lost), and bring back that which was straying, and will bind up the nishberet (that which was injured), and will strengthen the cholah (that which was sick); but I will destroy the shemenah (stout, sleek) and the chazakah; I will tend to them with mishpat (justice). [17] And as for you, O My tzon, thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I judge between seh and seh, between the rams and the goats. [18] Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the mireh hatov (good pasture), that ye must also trample down with your raglayim what is left of your mirim (pastures)? And to have drunk of the clear mayim, but ye must also foul the rest with your raglayim? [19] And as for My tzon, they feed on that which ye have trampled with your raglayim; and they drink that which ye have fouled with your raglayim. [20] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem unto them; Hineni, I, even I, will act as shofet between the seh biryah (fat lamb) and between the seh razah (emaciated lamb). [21] Because ye have thrust with flank and with shoulder, and butted all the weak emaciated ones with your karnayim, till ye have scattered them abroad; [22] Therefore will I save My tzon, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will act as shofet between seh and seh. [23] And I will set up Ro'eh Echad over them, He shall tend them as ro'eh, even Avdi Dovid; He shall feed them. He shall be their Ro'eh. [24] And I Hashem will be their Elohim, and Avdi Dovid [Moshiach] a Nasi among them; I Hashem have spoken. [25] And I will make with them a Brit Shalom, and will cause the chayyah ra'ah to cease out of HaAretz; and they shall dwell safely in the midbar, and sleep in the ye'arot (forests). [26] And I will make them and the places surrounding My givah (hill) a brocha; and I will cause the geshem ra'ah to come down in its season; there shall be gishmei brocha (showers of blessing). [27] And the etz hasadeh shall yield her p'ri, and ha'aretz shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their adadamah, and shall know that I am Hashem, when I have broken the bars of their ol (yoke), and saved them out of the yad haovedim (hand, power of enslavers) of them. [28] And they shall no more be a prey to the Goyim, neither shall the chayyat HaAretz devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid. [29] And I will raise up for them a planting of renown, and they shall be no more consumed with ra'av in HaAretz, neither bear the shame of the Goyim any more. [30] Thus shall they know that I Hashem Eloheihem am with them, and that they, even Bais Yisroel, are My people, saith Adonoi Hashem. [31] And ye My tzon, the tzon of My mireh, are adam, and I am Eloheichem, saith Adonoi Hashem.

Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying, [2] Ben adam, set thy face against Har Se’ir, and prophesy against it; [3] And say unto it, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, O Har Se’ir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out Mine yad and I will make thee a desolation and a waste. [4] I will lay thy towns waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am Hashem. [5] Because thou hast had an eivat olam (ancient enmity), and delivered over the Bnei Yisroel to the power of the cherev at the time of their calamity, in the time of their avon ketz (final punishment). [6] Therefore, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, I will turn thee unto dahm, and dahm shall pursue thee; since thou hast not hated dahm, even dahm shall pursue thee. [7] Thus will I make Har Se’eir most desolate, and cut off
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Also, thou Ben Adam, prophesy unto the harm of Yisroel, and say, Ye harim of Yisroel hear the Devar Hashem.

[2] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because the oyev hath said against you, Aha, even the bamot olam (ancient heights) are ours in possession,

[3] Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because they have made you desolate, and crushed you on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the she'erit HaGoyim, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are slandered by the people:

[4] Therefore, ye harim of Yisroel, hear the Devar Adonoi Hashem: Thus saith Adonoi Hashem to the harim, and to the ge'ayot, to the geva'ot, to the ravines, and to the ge'ayot, to desolate ruins, to towns deserted which became a plunder and mockery to the she'erit HaGoyim that are all around;

[5] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Surely in the eish of My kina have I spoken against the she'erit HaGoyim, and against all Edom, which have given My land into their possession with simchat kol levav, with she'at nefesh (scorn of soul, contempt), as her migrant for plunder.

[6] Prophesy therefore concerning Admat Yisroel, and say unto the harim, and to the ge'ayot (hills), to the ravines, and to the ge'ayot (valleys), Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I have spoken in My kina (jealousy) which thou hast spoken in My kina (jealousy) which thou hast shown in thy hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

[7] Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I have heard your words concerning Admat Yisroel, and say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: I will multiply upon you, kol Bais Yisroel, even all of it; and the towns shall be inhabited, and the ruins shall be rebuilt;

[8] And I will multiply adnam upon you, kol Bais Yisroel, even all of it; and ye shall be plowed and sown; and I will multiply upon you adnam and behemah; and they shall increase and become numerous; and I will make you inhabited as in former times, and I will make you more prosperous than before; and ye shall know that I am Hashem.

[9] Indeed, I will cause adnam to walk upon you, even My people Yisroel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their nachalah, and thou shalt no more again bereave them of their children.

[10] Therefore thou shalt devour adnam no more, neither bereave thy nation any more, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[11] Neither will I cause men to hear in thee the taunts of the Govim any more, neither shalt thou bear the cherpah of the people any more, neither shalt thou cause thy nation to stumble any more, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[12] Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[13] Ben adam, when Bais Yisroel dwelt in their own land, they made it tameh by their own derech and by their doings; their derech was there;

[14] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Because ye say unto you, Thou art a land which devourest adnam, and hast bereaved thy nation of children;

[15] Thus with your mouth ye have boasted of your greatness against Me, have multiplied your devarim against Me; I have heard them.

[16] And thou shalt know that I am Hashem, and that I have heard all thy insults which thou hast spoken against the harm of Yisroel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given to us to consume.

[17] Thus thou didst rejoice at the nachalah of the Bais Yisroel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou shalt be desolate, O Har Se’ir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

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from it him that goeth and him that cometh.

[8] And I will fill his harim with his slain; in thy geva'ot (hills), and in thy ge'ayot (valleys) and in all thy ravines, shall they fall that are slain with the cherev.

[9] I will make thee shimemot are slain with the cherev. (valleys) and in all thy ravines, shall they fall that are slain with the cherev.

[10] Because thou hast said, These two Goyim [Israel and Judah] and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; although Hashem was there;

[11] Therefore, as I live, saith Adonoi Hashem; I have lifted up Mine yad [in oath-taking], and these two shall be mine, and we will possess it; although Hashem was there;

[12] And thou shalt know that I am Hashem, and that I have heard all thy insults which thou hast spoken in thy hatred against them; and I will make Myself known among them, when I have judged thee.

[13] Thus with your mouth ye have boasted of your greatness against Me, have multiplied your devarim against Me; I have heard them.

[14] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: When kol ha'aretz (the whole earth) rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.

[15] As thou didst rejoice at the nachalah of the Bais Yisroel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee; thou shalt be desolate, O Har Se’ir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

[16] And thou shalt know that I am Hashem.
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before Me as the tuma at haniddah (contamination of a woman during her menstrual period).

[18] Therefore I poured My chema at upon them for their shefach dahm upon ha’aretz, for their gillulim wherewith they had made it tameh;
[19] And I scattered them among the Goyim, and they were dispersed through the countries, according to their derech and according to their doings I judged them.
[20] And when they entered unto the Goyim, to where they went, they profaned Shem Kodshi (Name of My Holiness, Holy Name), when they said to them, These are the Am Hashem, and are gone forth out of His land.
[21] But I had concern for Shem Kodshi (Name of My Holiness, Holy Name), which Bais Yisroel had profaned among the Goyim, where they went.
[22] Therefore say unto Bais Yisroel, thus saith Adonoi Hashem: I do not this for your sakes, O Bais Yisroel, but for the sake of Shem Kodshi, which ye have profaned among Goyim where ye went.
[23] And I will show as kodesh My Shem HaGadol, which was profaned among the Goyim, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the Goyim shall know that I am Hashem, saith Adonoi Hashem.
[24] For I will take you from among the Goyim, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own derech and according to your own drakhim ra'im, and you shall loathe your doings that were not tovim, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your avonot and for your to'avit.
[25] Not for your sakes do I this, saith Adonoi Hashem, be it known unto you; be ashamed and humiliated for your own drakhim, O Bais Yisroel.
[26] A lev chadash also will I give you, and a rauch chadashah will I put within you; and I will take away the lev haevon (stony heart) out of your basar, and I will give you a lev basar.
[27] And I will put My Ruach [Hakodesh] within you, and cause you to walk in My chukkot, and ye shall be shomer over My mishpatim, and do them.
[28] And ye shall dwell in ha’aretz that I gave to avoteichem; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your Elohim.
[29] I will also save you from all your tumot (uncleanness); and I will call for the dagan (grain), and will increase it, and lay no ra’av (famine) upon you.
[30] And I will multiply the p’ri ha’etz, and the increase of the sadeh, that ye shall receive more cherpah of ra’av (famine) among the Goyim.
[31] Then shall ye remember your own drakhim ra'im, and your doings that were not tovim, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your avonot and for your to'avit.
[32] Not for your sakes do I this, saith Adonoi Hashem, be it known unto you; be ashamed and humiliated for your own drakhim, O Bais Yisroel.
[33] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; In the day that I shall have made you tahor from all your avonot, I will also cause you to resettle the towns, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.
[34] And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay shemamah (desolate) in the sight of all that passed by.
[35] And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like Gan Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are become fortified, and are inhabited.
[36] Then the Goyim that are left all around you shall know that I Hashem rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that that was desolate; I Hashem have spoken it, and I will do it.
[37] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Also I will be inquired of by Bais Yisroel, to act in behalf of them; I will increase them adam as numerous as tzon.
[38] As the tzon kadashim, as the tzon Yerushalayim in her mo’adim, so shall the ruined cities be filled with tzon adam; and they shall know that I am Hashem.

The Yad Hashem was upon me, and carried me out in the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of atzmot,
[2] And caused me to pass by them round about; and, hinei, there were rabbit me’od in the open valley; and, hinei, they were very dry.
[3] And He said unto me, Ben Adam, can these atzmot live? And I answered, Adonoi Hashem, Thou knowest.

And I answered, Adonoi Hashem, Thou knowest.
[4] Again He said unto me, Prophesy upon these atzmot, and say unto them, O ye atzmot hayeveshot, hear the Devar Hashem.
[5] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem unto these atzmot: Hinei, I will cause ruach to enter into you, and ye shall live;
[6] And I will lay gidim (sinews, tendons) upon you, and will bring up basar upon you, and cover you with ohr (skin), and put ruach in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall have da’as that I am Hashem.
[7] So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I
prophesied, there was a noise, and hinei a rattling, and the atzmat came together, etzem to its etzem.
|8| And when I beheld, hinei, the gidim and the basar came up upon them, and the ohr covered them above; but there was no ruach in them.
|9| Then said He unto me, Prophesy unto the ruach; prophesy, Ben Adam, and say to the ruach, Thus saith Adoni Hashem: Come from the arba ruchot, O ruach, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.
|10| So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the ruach came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their raglayim, a chayil gadol me’od me’od.
|11| Then He said unto me, Ben Adam, these atzmat are the kol Bais Yisroel. Hinei, I will open your keverot, O My Avot, when I have gathered them from amongst the Goyim, whither they have been taken out of their keverot, and I will cause them to come up out of their keverot, and bring you into Admat Yisroel (the Land of Israel).
|12| Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith Adoni Hashem: Hinei, I will open your keverot, and cause you to come up out of your keverot, and bring you into Admat Yisroel (the Land of Israel).
|13| And ye shall know that I am Hashem, when I have opened your keverot, O My people, and brought you up out of your keverot,
|14| And shall put My Ruach in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land; then shall ye know that I Hashem have spoken it, and performed it, saith Hashem.
|15| The Devar Hashem came again unto me, saying,
|16| Moreover, thou ben adam, take thee Etz Echad, and write upon it, For Yosef, the Etz Ephrayim and for kol Bais Yisroel his chaverim;
|17| And join them one to another into Etz Echad; and they shall become achadim (one) in thine yad.
|18| And when the Bnei Amecha speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? 

|19| Say unto them, Thus saith Adoni Hashem: Hinei, I will take the Etz Yosef, which is in the Yad Ephrayim, and the Shivtei Yisroel his chaverim, and will put them with him, even with the Etz Yehudah, and make them Etz Echad, and they shall be Echad in Mine Yad.
|20| And the Etzim whereon thou writest shall be in thine yad before their eyes.
|21| And say unto them, Thus saith Adoni Hashem: Hinei, I will take the Bnei Yisroel from among the Goyim, whither they have been gone; nigzarnu lanu (we are cut off).
|22| And I will make them into their own land; and they shall become achadim another into Etz Echad; and they shall be Echad in Mine Yad.
|23| Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith Adoni Hashem: Hinei, I will open your keverot, O My people, I will open your keverot, and cause you to come up out of your keverot, and bring you into Admat Yisroel (the Land of Israel).
|24| And Avdi Dovid [Moshiach] shall be Melech over them; and they all shall have Roeh Echad; they shall also walk in My mishpatim, and observe My chukkot, and do them.
|25| And they shall dwell in HaAretz that I have given unto Avdi Yaakov, wherein your Avot have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their baniam, and their bein banim ad olam; and Dovid Avdi [Moshiach] shall be their Nasi l’olam.

|26| Moreover I will make a Brit Shalom with them; it shall be a Brit Olam with them; and I will establish them, and multiply them, and will set My Mikdash in the midst of them l’olam.
|27| My Mishkan also shall be with them; yes, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

|28| And the Goyim shall know that I Hashem set apart as kodesh Yisroel, when My Mikdash shall be in the midst of them l’olam (forever).

|29| And the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,
|30| Ben adam, set thy face against Gog, Eretz HaMagog, the nasi rosh Meshech and Tuval, and prophesy against him,
|31| And say, Thus saith Adoni Hashem: Hineni, I am against thee, O Gog, the nasi rosh Meshech and Tuval;
|32| And I will turn thee around, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will take thee out, and all thine army, susim and parashim, all of them splendidly outfitted, even a kalah rav with body shields and mogen, all of them handling charavot (swords);
|33| Paras, Klash, and Put with them; all of them with mogen and kova (helmet);
|34| Gomer, and all its hordes; Bais Togarmah of the north parts, and all his troops; and amim

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rabbim (many peoples) with thee.
[7] Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy kahal that are assembled unto thee, and serve thou as guard unto them.
[8] After yamim rabbim thou shalt be visited; in the acharit hashanim (future years) thou shalt invade eretz that is recovering from cherev (sword, war), and [whose inhabitants] have been regathered out of amim rabbim, on the harim of Yisroel, which have long lain desolate; but it [the regathered people] is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell securely, all of them.
[9] Thou shalt ascend and advance like a storm, thou shalt be like a storm cloud covering ha’aretz, thou, and all thy troops, and many peoples with thee.
[10] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; It shall also come to pass, that on that day thoughts will arise into thy mind, and thou shalt devise a machashevet ra’ah (an evil plan);
[11] And thou shalt say, I will go up and invade eretz of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without chomot (wails), and having neither bars nor gates,
[12] To take a plunder, and to take a booty; to turn thine yad upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are regathered out of the Goyim, which have gotten mikneh (livestock) and goods, that dwell in the midst of ha’aretz.
[13] Sheva, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take plunder? Hast thou gathered thine army to take booty?
[14] To carry away kesef and zahav, to take away mikneh (livestock) and goods, to take a great plunder?
[15] And thou shalt come from thy makom (place) out of the far north, thou, and amim rabbim (many peoples) with thee, all of them riding upon susim, a kahal gadol, and a mighty army;
[16] And thou shalt come up against My people Yisroel, like an anan (cloud) covering ha’aretz; it shall be in the acharit hayamim, and I will bring thee against My land, so that the Goyim may know Me, when I shall be shown as set apart as kodesh in thee, O Gog, before their eynayim.
[17] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by My avadim the nevi’im of Yisroel, which prophesied in Yisroel, that the Goyim may know Me, when I shall be shown as set apart as kodesh in thee, O Gog, before their eynayim.
[18] And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against Admat Yisroel, saith Adonoi Hashem, that My hot chemah (fury) shall be aroused.
[19] For in My kina (jealousy) and in the eish of My evrah (wrath) have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a ra’ash gadol (great earthquake) in Admat Yisroel;
[20] So that the dagim of the yam, and the oph HaShomayim, and the beasts of the sadeh, and all creeping things that creep upon ha’adamah, and kol ha’adam that are upon the face of adamah, shall shake at My presence, and the harim shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every chomah shall fall to the ground.
[21] And I will call for a cherev against him throughout all My harim, saith Adonoi Hashem; cherev of every ish shall be against his brother.
[22] And I will judge him with dever and with daham; and I will rain upon him, and upon his troops, and upon the amim rabbim (many peoples) that are with him, a torrential rain, and great hailstones, eish, and burning gofrit.
[23] Thus will I magnify Myself, and set Myself apart as kodesh and I will make Myself known in the eynayim of Goyim rabbim, and they shall know that I am Hashem.

Therefore, thou Ben Adam, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Hineni, I am against thee, O Gog, nasi rosh Meshech and Tuval;
[2] And I will turn thee around, and drive thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the far north, and will bring thee upon the harim of Yisroel;
[3] And I will knock thy keshet out of thy left hand, and will cause thine khitzim to fall out of thy right hand.
[4] Thou shalt fall upon the harim of Yisroel, thou, and all thy troops, and the peoples with thee; I will give thee unto the birds of prey of every sort, and to the beasts of the sadeh to be devoured.
[5] Thou shalt fall upon the open sadeh; for I have spoken it, saith Adonoi Hashem.
[6] And I will send an eish on Magog, and among them that dwell complacently secure in the coastlands; and they
shall know that I am Hashem.  
|7| So will I make Shem Kodshi (Name of My Holiness, Holy Name) known in the midst of My people Yisroel, and I will not let them profane Shem Kodshi (Name of My Holiness, Holy Name) any more: and the Goyim shall know that I am Hashem Kadosh b’Yisroel.  
|8| Hinei, it is coming, and it shall be done, saith Adonoi Hashem; this is the day whereof I have spoken.  
|9| And they that dwell in the towns of Yisroel shall go forth, and shall use for fuel and set on fire the weapons, both the mogen and the bucklers, the keshet and the khitzim, and the clubs, and the spears, and they shall burn them with eish sheva shanim;  
|10| So that they shall take no wood [for fuel] out of the sadeh, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall burn the weapons with eish; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and pillege those that looted them, saith Adonoi Hashem.  
|11| And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a makom kever (burial place) there in Yisroel--the valley of those who pass by, east of the yam; and it shall block the path of the passersby; and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it Gey Hamon Gog.  
|12| And seven months shall Bais Yisroel be burying them, that they may make ha’aretz tahor.  
|13| Indeed, kol Ha’aretz shall bury them; and it shall give them renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith Adonoi Hashem.  
|14| And they shall set apart anshei tamid (a regular detail of men) to work at passing through ha’aretz to bury those passing through, those bodies remaining upon the face of ha’aretz, to make it tahor; for the whole of seven months shall they make the search.  
|15| And the ones passing through ha’aretz, when any seeth an etzem adam (human bone), then shall he build a tziyun (marker) beside it, until the mekabberim (buriers) have buried it in the Gey Hamon Gog.  
|16| And also the shem of the Ir shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they make ha’aretz tahor.  
|17| And, thou ben adam, thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the sadeh, Assembly yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to My zevach (sacrificial feast) that I do sacrifice for you, even a Zevach Gadol upon the harim of Yisroel, that ye may eat basar, and drink dahm.  
|18| Ye shall eat the basar gibborim, and drink the dahm of the nasi’im of ha’aretz, as of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bashan.  
|19| And ye shall eat chelev until ye be gluttered, and drink dahm until ye be shikkaron, from My Zevach which I have sacrificed for you.  
|20| Thus ye shall be filled at My shulchan with susim and riders, with gibbor, and with all ish hamilchamah, saith Adonoi Hashem.  
|21| And I will set My Kavod among the Goyim, and kol HaGoyim shall see My mishpat that I have executed, and shall revere My mishpat that I have executed, and shall know that I am Hashem Eloheihem.  
|22| So Bais Yisroel shall know that I am Hashem Eloheihem from that day and forward.  
|23| And the Goyim shall know that Bais Yisroel went into the Golus for their avon; because they were unfaithful to Me; therefore hid I My face from them, and gave them into the yad of their enemies; so fell they all by the cherev.  
|24| According to their tumah and according to their peysa’am have I dealt with them, and hid My face from them.  
|25| Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Now will I bring back the captives of Ya’akov, and have compassion upon kol Bais Yisroel, and will be jealous for Shem Kodshi (Name of My Holiness, Holy Name);  
|26| After that they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness whereby they have been unfaithful against Me, when they dwelt securely in their adamah, and none made them afraid.  
|27| When I have brought them back from the nations, and regathered them out of the lands of their oyevim, and am set apart as kodesh through them in the sight of Goyim rabbim;  
|28| Then shall they know that I am Hashem Eloheihem, Who caused them to be led into the Golus among the Goyim; but I have regathered them unto their own adamah (land), and have left none of them behind any more in the Golus.  
|29| Neither will I hide My face any more from them; for I have poured out My Ruach upon Bais Yisroel, saith Adonoi Hashem.  
|30| In the five and twentieth year of our Golus, in the rosh hashanah [of Yorei (Jubilees)], in the tenth day of the month in the fourteenth year [573 B.C.E.] after the fall of the Ir [Yerushalayim] in the selfie same day the
Yad Hashem was upon me, and brought me there.

[2] In the marot Elohim (visions of G-d, Divine visions) He brought me to Eretz Yisroel, and set me upon a very high mountain, on which was a mivneh (structure) resembling an ir to the negev (south).

[3] And He brought me there, and, hinei, there was an ish, whose appearance was like the appearance of nechoshet, with a cord of linen in his yad, and a keneh hamiddah (measuring rod); and he [the angelic being] stood in the sha'ar (i.e., the Eastern Gate; see further 43:1-5; 44:1-3; Hashem’s glory enters and exits here and Moshiach, see 44:3).

[4] And the ish said unto me, Ben Adam, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine lev upon all that I shall show thee; for I’mai’an (to the intent, in order that) I might show them unto thee art thou seest to Bais Yisroel.

[5] And, hinei, a chomah (wall) was on the outside of the Bais [Hamikdash] compound and was surrounding it, and in the yad of the ish was a keneh hamiddah of six long cubits, each a cubit and a keneh hamiddah of six long cubits, every side; and the wall’s thickness 

[6] Then came he [the angelic being] unto the sha’ar (gateway) which faceth eastward, and went up the ma’alot (steps, stairs) thereof, and measured the saf (threshold) of the sha’ar, which was one rod deep;

[7] And every ta (recess) was one rod wide, and one rod deep; and between the ta’im (rooms) were five cubits; and the saf (threshold) of the sha’ar next to the ulam of the sha’ar on the inside was one rod.

[8] He [the angelic being] measured also the ulam of the sha’ar on the inside, one rod.

[9] Then he measured the ulam of the sha’ar, eight cubits; and the jambs thereof, two cubits; and the ulam of the sha’ar was on the inside.

[10] And the ta’im of the sha’ar eastward were shloshah on this side, and shloshah on that side; they three were of the same measurement; and the jambs had the same measurement on this side and on that side.

[11] And he measured the width of the petach (opening) of the sha’ar, ten cubits; and the length of the sha’ar, thirteen cubits.

[12] The boundary line also before the ta’ot (recesses) was one cubit on this side, one cubit on that side; and the ta were six cubits deep on this side, and six cubits on that side.

[13] He [the angelic being] measured then the sha’ar from the ceiling of one ta to the ceiling of another; the width was five and twenty cubits; petach [opening of the recess] was opposite to petach.

[14] He [the angelic being] made [measurement] of the ulam, three-score cubits, even unto the jamb of the khatzer at the sha’ar all around.

[15] And from the front of the sha’ar, the outer side, unto the front of the interior ulam vestibule was fifty cubits.

[16] And there were chalonot atumot (closed niches) for the ta’im, the sha’ar and for their side walls and these were interior of the sha’ar all around, and likewise the ulam vestibules; and chalonot were round about on the inside; and upon each jamb were timorim (palm trees).

[17] Then he [the angelic being] brought me into the khatzer hakhitzonah (outer courtyard), and, hinei, there were leshashot (chambers), and ritzpah (pavement) constructed for the khatzer (courtyard) all around; thirty leshashot were along the ritzpah.

[18] And the ritzpah was by the side of the she’arim running the length of the she’arim, the lower ritzpah.

[19] Then he [the angelic being] measured the width from the forefront of the lower sha’ar unto the forefront of the khatzer hapenimi (inner courtyard) on its outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

[20] And the sha’ar of the khatzer hakhitzonah that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the width thereof.

[21] And the taim thereof were shloshah on this side and shloshah on that side; and the jambs thereof and the ulam thereof were after the measure of the first sha’ar; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the width five and twenty cubits.

[22] And their chalonot, and their ulam vestibules, and their timorim, had the same measurements as the sha’ar that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by ma’alot sheva; and the ulam thereof were before them.

[23] And the sha’ar of the khatzer hapenimi (inner courtyard) was facing toward the north, and toward the east; and he [the angelic being] measured from sha’ar to sha’ar a hundred cubits.

[24] After that he [the angelic being] brought me toward the south, and, hinei, a sha’ar toward the south; and he measured the jambs.
thereof and the ulam vestibules thereof according to these measures.

[25] And there were chalonot in it and in the ulam vestibule thereof round about, like those chalonot; the length was fifty cubits, and the width five and twenty cubits.

[26] And there were ma'alot shivah (seven steps, stairs) to go up to it, and the ulam vestibule thereof were before them; and it had timorim, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the jambs thereof.

[27] And there was a sha'ar in the khatzer hapenimi toward the south; and he [the angelic being] measured from sha'ar to sha'ar toward the south a hundred cubits.

[28] And he [the angelic being] brought me into the khatzer hapenimi through the south sha'ar; and he [the angelic being] measured the khatzer hapenimi toward the north.

[29] And the ta'im thereof, and the jambs thereof, and the ulam vestibule thereof, according to these measures; and there were chalonot in it and in the ulam vestibule thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits wide.

[30] And the ulam vestibules round about were five and twenty cubits long, and five cubits wide.

[31] And the ulam vestibules thereof were facing the khatzer hachatzonah (the outer courtyard); and timorim were upon the jambs thereof; and the going up to it had ma'alot shmoneh (eight steps, stairs).

[32] And he [the angelic being] brought me into the khatzer hapenimi toward the east; and he measured the sha'ar according to these measures.

[33] And the ta'im thereof, and the jambs thereof, and the ulam vestibule thereof, were according to these measures; and there were chalonot therein in the ulam vestibule thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits wide.

[34] And the ulam vestibule thereof was toward the khatzer hakhitzonah; and timorim were upon the jambs thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had ma'alot shmoneh.

[35] And he [the angelic being] brought me to the northern sha'ar, and measured it according to these measures.

[36] The ta'im thereof, the jambs thereof, and the ulam vestibules thereof, and the chalonot to it round about; the length was fifty cubits, and the width five and twenty cubits.

[37] And the jambs thereof were toward the khatzer hakhitzonah; and timorim were upon the jambs thereof, on this side, and on that side; and the going up to it had ma'alot shmoneh.

[38] And the lishka and the entryways thereof were by the ulam vestibules of the she'arim, where they washed the olah (burnt offering).

[39] And in the ulam of the sha'ar were two shulchanot (tables) on this side, and two shulchanot on that side, to slaughter thereon the olah and the chatat and the asham.

[40] And at the side outside, as one goeth up to the petach hasha'ar, were two shulchanot; and on the other side, which was at the ulam of the sha'ar, were two shulchanot.

[41] Four shulchanot were on this side, and four shulchanot on that side, by the side of the sha'ar; eight shulchanot, whereupon they slaughtered [shachat].

[42] And the four shulchanot were of hewn stone for the olah (burnt offering), of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half wide, and one cubit high; whereupon also they placed the kelim wherewith they slaughtered the olah [burnt offering] and the zevach.

[43] And within were hooks, one handbreadth, set up inside all around; and upon the shulchanot was the basar of the korban.

[44] And outside the sha'ar hapenimi were the lishkhot of the sharim (singers) in the khatzer hapenimi, which was at the side of the northern sha'ar; and their view was toward the south; one at the side of the eastern sha'ar having the view toward the north.

[45] And he [the angelic being] said unto me, This lishka, whose view is toward the south, is for the Kohanim, the Shomrei Mishmeret HaBeis [HaMikdash].

[46] And the lishka whose view is toward the north is for the Kohanim, the Shomrei Mishmeret HaMizbe'ach; these are the Bnei Tzadok among the Bnei Levi, which come near to Hashem to minister unto Him.

[47] So he [the angelic being] measured the khatzer (court), a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits wide, foursquare; and the Mizbe'ach was before the Beis [HaMikdash].

[48] And he [the angelic being] brought me to the Ulam of the Beis [HaMikdash], and measured each jamb of the Ulam, five cubits on
this side, and five cubits on that side; and the width of the sha’ar was shalosh cubits on this side, and shalosh cubits on that side.

41 Afterward he [the angelic being] brought me to the Heikhal, and measured the jamb of the Petach, sheva (seven) cubits.

And the width of the Petach (Entrance) was ten cubits; and the ketefot (shoulders, sidewalls) of the Petach were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side, which was the width of the Ohel.

|2| And the width of the Petach (Entrance) was ten cubits; and the ketefot (shoulders, sidewalls) of the Petach were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side; and he [the angelic being] measured the depth thereof, forty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits.

|3| Then he went into the Penimah (the Innermost [Holy of Holies]), and measured the jamb of the Petach, two cubits; the Petach, six cubits; and the width of the Petach, sheva (seven) cubits.

|4| So he measured the depth thereof, twenty cubits; and the width, twenty cubits, along the Heikhal; and he [the angelic being] said unto me, This is the Kodesh HaKodashim.

|5| After he [the angelic being] measured the wall of the Beis [HaMikdash], six cubits; and the width of every tzela (side chamber, cell), four cubits, around the Beis [HaMikdash] on every side.

|6| And the tzela’ot (side chambers, cells) were tzela over tzela, thirty-three in number; and there were ledges on the wall which was of the Beis for the tzela’ot round about, that they might take hold there, but they had not hold in the wall of the Beis [HaMikdash].

|7| And tzela’ot (side chambers, cells) were broader at each story; a ramp spiraled upward by stages around the Beis [HaMikdash]; therefore the width of the Beis increased as it went upward, so from the lowest to the highest through the middle.

|8| I saw also the height of the Beis [HaMikdash] all around; the yesodot (foundations) of the tzela’ot were a full rod of six cubits long.

|9| The thickness of the wall, which was for the tzela toward the outside, was five cubits; and that which was open was the space at the end of the tzela’ot of the Beis [HaMikdash].

|10| And between the leshakhot was the space the width of twenty cubits around the Beis [HaMikdash] all around.

|11| And the petach of the tzela were toward the space that was open, one petach toward the north, and another petach toward the south; and the width of the place that was open was five cubits all around.

|12| Now the Binyan (building, structure) that was before the Gizrah (separation, separating courtyard, restricted space, behind the Beis HaMikdash) at the end toward the west was seventy cubits wide; and the wall of the Binyan was five cubits thick all around, and the length thereof ninety cubits.

|13| So he [the angelic being] measured the Beis [HaMikdash], a hundred cubits long; and the Gizrah, and the Binyan, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long;

|14| Also the width of the face of the Beis [HaMikdash], and of the Gizrah toward the east, a hundred cubits.

|15| And he [the angelic being] measured the length of the Binyan along the front of the Gizrah which was behind it, and the atikeha (corner structures) thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the Heikhal Penimi, and the ulam vestibules of the Khatzer;

|16| The doorposts, and the narrow chalolin, and the atikim balconies around on their three stories, opposite the saf (threshold), paneled with etz all around, and from the ground up to the chalonot, and the chalonot were covered;

|17| To that above the Petach, even unto the Beis HaPenimi, and at the outside, and by the wall all around penimi (inner) and khitzon (outer), by measure.

|18| And it was carved with keruvim and timorim, so that a palm tree was between a keruv and a keruv; and every keruv had two faces;

|19| So that the face of an adam was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side; it was carved throughout kol HaBeis all around.

|20| From the ground unto above the Petach were keruvim and timorim carved, and on the wall of the Heikhal.

|21| The mezuzas of the Heikhal were squared; as for the front of the Kodesh [HaKodashim], the appearance of the one mezuah was like the appearance of the other.

|22| The Mizbe’ach was of etz and was three cubits high, and the length...
42 Then he [the angelic being] brought me forth into the khatzer hakhatzonah, the way toward the north; and he brought me into the lishka that was opposite the Gizrah, and which was opposite the Binyan toward the north.

2 Before the length of a hundred cubits was the Petach HaTzafon, and the width was fifty cubits.

3 Opposite the twenty cubits of the khatzer hapenimah, and opposite the ritzpah which was for the khatzer hakhatzonah, was atik (balcony) against atik in three stories.

4 And before the leshakhot was a mahalach (walkway) ten cubits in width leading inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors toward the north.

[5] Now the upper leshakhot were narrow; for the atikim took space from these, from the lower, and from the middlemost of the Binyan.

[6] For they were in three stories, but had not ammudim like the ammudim of the khatzerot; therefore they were set back from the ground more than the lowest and the middlemost.

[7] And the wall that was outside over against the leshakhot, toward the khatzer hakhatzonah on the forepart of the leshakhot, the length thereof was fifty cubits.

[8] For the length of the leshakhot that were in the khatzer hakhatzonah was fifty cubits; and, hineh, before the Heikhal were a hundred cubits.

[9] And from below these leshakhot was the entrance on the east side, as one goeth into them from the khatzer hakhatzonah.

[10] In the thickness of the wall of the khatzer toward the east, facing the Gizrah, and over against the Binyan, were leshakhot (side rooms).

[11] And the derech before them was like the appearance of the leshakhot which were toward the north, as long as they, and as wide as they; and all their exits were both according to their arrangements, and according to their doorways.

[12] And according to the doorways of the leshakhot that were toward the south was a petach in the rosh of the derech, even the derech directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

[13] Then said he [the angelic being] unto me, The leshakhot hatzafon and the leshakhot hadarom, which are before the Gizrah, they are leshakh hokodash, where the Kohanim that approach unto Hashem shall eat the kadshei hakadashim; there shall they put the kadshei hakadashim, and the minchah, and the chutzat, and the asham (trespass offering); for the place is kadosh.

[14] When the Kohanim enter therein, then shall they not go out of the Kodesh into the khatzer hakhatzonah, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are kodesh; and shall put on begadim acherim (other garments); then shall they approach the precinct of the people.

[15] Now when he [the angelic being] had made an end of measuring the Beis HaPenimi, he brought me forth toward the shoter whose view is toward the east, and measured it all around.

[16] He measured the eastern side with the measuring rod, five hundred rods, with the keneh hamiddah [measuring rod] all around.

[17] He measured the northern side, five hundred rods, with the keneh hamiddah all around.

[18] He measured the southern side, five hundred rods, with the keneh hamiddah.

[19] He turned about to the western side, and measured five hundred rods with the keneh hamiddah.

[20] He measured it by the four sides; it had a wall all around, five hundred rods long, and five hundred wide, levadavi (to make a separation) between the Kodesh (Holy Precinct, area) and the Chol (Common Precinct, area).
[43] Afterward he [the angelic being] brought me to the sha’ar, even the sha’ar that looketh toward the east; 

[2] And, hinei, the Kavod Elohei Yisroel came from the derech of the east; and His voice was like a kol mayim rabbim and ha’aretz was radiant with His Kavod. 

[3] And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw by the Nahar Kevar; and visions were like the vision I saw when He came to destroy the Ir; and the vision that I saw, even according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the design. 

[4] And the Kavod Hashem came into the Beis HaMikdash by the derech of the sha’ar whose view is toward the east. 

[5] So the Ruach [Hakodesh] lifted me up, and brought me into the khatzer hapenimi and, hinei, the Kavod Hashem filled the Beis [HaMikdash]. 

[6] And I heard Him speaking unto me out of the Beis HaMikdash: and the ish was standing beside me. 

[7] And He said unto me, Ben Adam, this is the makom (place, home) of My Kisse, and the makom of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the Bnei Yisroel Iolam, and My Shem Kadosh shall Bais Yisroel no more be tameh, neither shall Bais Yisroel no more be Shem Kodesh by their to’evot; and their mezuzah by My threshold, and their mezuzah by My threshold, shall be square, twelve cubits long, by twelve wide; and the moulding about it shall be half a cubit; and the base thereof shall be a cubbit about; and its ma’alot (steps, stairs) shall look toward the east. 

[8] In their setting of their high places, nor by the pegarim (buried dead bodies), nor by the pegarim (buried dead bodies), and their melachim, nor by the pegarim (buried dead bodies) of their melachim in their high places. 

[9] Now let them put away their zenut (whoredom), and the pegarim (buried dead bodies) of their melachim, far from Me, and I will dwell in the midst of them Iolam. 

[10] Thou Ben Adam, declare the Beis [HaMikdash] to Bais Yisroel, that they may be ashamed of their avonot; and let them measure the techunah (arrangement) thereof, and the exits thereof, and the entrances thereof, and all the tzurot thereof, and all the chukkot thereof, and all the torot thereof, and write it before their eyes, that they may be shomer over the whole tzurah thereof, and all the chukkot thereof, and do them. 

[11] And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known to them the tzurah (form, fashion) of the Beis [HaMikdash], and the techunah (arrangement) thereof, and the exits thereof, and the entrances thereof, and all the tzurah thereof, and all the chukkot thereof, and all the torot thereof, and write it before their eyes, that they may be shomer over the whole tzurah thereof, and all the chukkot thereof, and do them. 

[12] This is the torat HaBeis [HaMikdash]: upon the rosh hahar the entire boundary thereof round about shall be kodesh kadamash. Hinei, this is the torat HaBeis [HaMikdash]. 

[13] And these are the middot HaMizbe’ach (measurements of the Mizbe’ach) in cubits. 

[14] And from the base upon ha’aretz even to the lower enclosure shall be two cubits, and from the lesser enclosure even to the greater enclosure shall be four cubits, and the width one cubit.
Then he brought me back the derech sha'ar HaMikdash HaKhitzon, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.

2 And then Hashem unto me: This sha'ar shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no ish shall enter in by it; because Hashem Elohei Yisroel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

3 It is for the Nasi; the Nasi shall enter in by it; and I entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

4 Then he brought me the derech sha'ar ha'tzafon to the front of the Beis HaMikdash; and I looked, and, hinei, the Kavod Hashem filled the Beis HaMikdash; and I fell upon my face.

5 And Hashem said unto me, Ben Adam, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the chukkat Beis Hashem, and all the torot thereof, and mark well the entrances of the Beis [HaMikdash], with every exit of the Mikdash.

6 And thou shalt say to the meri (rebellious), even to the Bais Yisroel, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; O ye Bais Yisroel, let it suffice you of all your to'avit (abominations).

7 In that ye have admitted into My Mikdash bnei nechor (foreigners), arelim in lev, and arelim in basar, to be in My Mikdash, to defile it, even My Beis, when ye offer My lechem, the chelev and the dahm, saith Hashem Eloheihu.

8 And ye have not been shomer over the mishmeret of Mine Kadashim; but ye have set as shomrim of My mishmeret in My Mikdash, any for yourselves.

9 Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: No ben nechor, arel lev, nor arel basar, shall enter into My Mikdash, of any ben nechor that is among the Bnei Yisroel, let it suffice you of all your avot (abominations).

10 And the Levi'im that were shomer over the mishmeret of Mine Kadashim; but they have broken My Brit (Covenant) because of all your to'avit.

11 Yet they shall be mesharetim (ministers) in My Mikdash, for all the avodah thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

12 But the Kohanim the Levi'im, the Bnei Tzadok, that were shomer over the Mishmeret of My Mikdash when the Bnei Yisroel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before Me to offer unto Me the chelev and the dahm, saith Adonoi Hashem; they shall not come near unto Me, to do the office of a Kohen unto Me, nor to come near to any of My kadashim, in the Kodesh HaKodashim; but nasu their shame, and their to'avit which they have committed.

13 And they shall not come near unto Me, to do the office of a Kohen unto Me, nor to come near to any of My kadashim, in the Kodesh HaKodashim; but nasu their shame, and their to'avit which they have committed.

14 But I will make them Shomrei Meshneret HaBeis [HaMikdash], for all the avodah thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

15 But the Kohanim the Levi'im, the Bnei Tzadok, that were shomer over the Mishmeret of My Mikdash when the Bnei Yisroel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before Me to offer unto Me the chelev and the dahm, saith Adonoi Hashem; they shall not come near unto Me, to do the office of a Kohen unto Me, nor to come near to any of My kadashim, in the Kodesh HaKodashim; but nasu their shame, and their to'avit which they have committed.

16 They shall enter into My Mikdash, and they shall come near to My Shulchan, to minister unto Me, and they shall be shomer over My mishmeret.

17 And it shall come to pass, when they enter in at the Shaarei HaBeis HaPenimit, within.

18 They shall have linen breeches upon their loins, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with that clothing with which one perspires.

19 And when they go forth into HaKhitzonah, even into the derech sha'ar HaMikdash and mesharetim in HaBeis [HaMikdash]; they shall do the sho'chet slaughter of the olah [burnt offering] and the zevach for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.
the Khatzer HaKhitzonah to HaAm, they shall take off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the lishkhot hakodesh (holy chambers) and they shall put on begadim acharim; and they shall not set apart as kodesh HaAm with their begadim.

[20] Neither shall they shave their rosh, nor allow their hair to grow long; they shall keep trimmed their rosh.

[21] Neither shall any Kohen drink yayin, when they enter into the Khatzer HaPenimit.

[22] Neither shall they take for their nashim an almanah, nor a gerushah; but they shall take betulot of the zera Bais Yisroel, or an almanah who was almanah of a Kohen.

[23] And they shall teach My people the difference between the kodesh and chol, and cause them to discern between the tameh and the tahor. They shall also give unto the Kohen the reshit of your dough, that he may cause the brocha to rest on thine bais.

[24] And in a riv they shall cause them to discern between the kodesh and chol, and people the difference between the tameh and the tahor.

[25] And they shall come near no met adam to make themselves tameh; but for av, or for em, or for ben, or for bat, for ach, or for achat that hath had no ish, they may make themselves tameh.

[26] And after he is made tahor, they shall reckon unto him shivat yamim.

[27] And in the yom that he goeth into the Kodesh, unto the Khatzer HaPenimit, to minister in the Kodesh, he shall offer his chatat, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[28] And it shall be unto them for a nachalah; I am their nachalah; and ye shall give them no achuzzah in Yisroel; I am their achuzzah.

[29] They shall eat the minchah, and the chattat, and the asham; and kol cherem in Yisroel shall be theirs.

[30] And the reshit kol bikkurim of all things, and every terumah of all, of every sort of your terumot, shall belong to the Kohanim; ye shall also give unto the Kohen the reshit of your dough, that he may cause the brocha to rest on thine bais.

[31] The Kohanim shall not eat of any thing nevelah, or terefah, whether it be oph or behemah.

Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot HaAretz as nachalah, ye shall offer a terumah (holy portion, gift) unto Hashem, kodesh [a holy precinct, district] from HaAretz; the length shall be five and twenty thousand [six-cubit rods] long, and the width shall be ten thousand. This shall be kodesh in all the boundary thereof round about.

[2] Of this area there shall be for the Kodesh a square five hundred by five hundred all around; and fifty cubits round about for the migrash (open space) thereof.

[3] And of this middah shalt thou measure the length of five and twenty thousand, and the width of ten thousand; and in it shall be the Mikdash and the Kodesh HaKodashim.

[4] The kodesh of HaAretz shall be for the Kohanim the Mesharetim of the Mikdash, which shall come near to minister unto Hashem; and it shall be a place for their batim (houses), and a mikdash for the Mikdash.

[5] And the five and twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of width shall also the Leviim, the Mesharetim of the Beis [HaMikdash], have for themselves, for a achuzzah for twenty leshakhkhot.

[6] And ye shall allot the achuzzah of the Ir five thousand wide, and five and twenty thousand long, alongside the terumat hakodesh; it shall be for kol Bais Yisroel.

[7] And a portion shall be for the Nasi on the one side and on the other side of the terumat hakodesh, and of the achuzzah of the Ir, before the terumat hakodesh, and before the achuzzah of the Ir, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward; and the length shall correspond to one of the chalakim (portions, i.e., tribal portions or allotments) from the west boundary unto the east boundary.

[8] In the land shall be his achuzzah in Yisroel; and My Nasiim (Princes, Rulers) shall no more oppress My people; and the rest of HaAretz they shall give to Bais Yisroel according to their Shivtei Bnei Yisroel.

[9] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Let it suffice you, O Nasi’im (Princes, Rulers) of Yisroel: remove chamas and oppression, and execute mishpat and tzedakah, take away your gerushot (exactions) from My people, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[10] Ye shall have me’oznei tzedek (honest scales), and an ephah tzedek, and a bas tzedek.

[11] The ephah and the bas shall be of one measure, that the bas may contain the tenth part of a chomer, and the ephah the tenth part of a chomer; the measure thereof shall be after the chomer.
[12] And the shekel shall be twenty gerah; twenty shekalim, five and twenty shekalim, fifteen shekel, shall be the minah for you.  
[13] This is the terumah that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of a chomer of chittim, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of a chomer of se'orim;  
[14] Concerning the chok of shemen, the bas of shemen, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bas out of the cor, which is a chomer of ten bas; for ten basim are a chomer;  
[15] And one seh out of the tzon, out of two hundred, out of the mashkeh of Yisroel; for a minchah, and for an olah, and for shelamim, to make kapporah for them, saith Adonoi Hashem.  
[16] Kol HaAm HaAretz shall give this terumah for the Nasi in Yisroel.  
[17] And it shall be the part of the Nasi to give olot, and minchah, and nesekh, in the Chagim, and in the Rosh Chodesh, and in the shivat yamim; and for kol Am HaAretz a bull shall be eaten.  
[18] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: The Sh'ar HaHeKhatzer HaPeninit that looketh toward the east shall be shut during the sheshet yemei hama'aseh (the six days of labor); but on Shabbos it shall be opened, and in the yom of the Rosh Chodesh it shall be opened.  
[19] And the Kohan shall take of the dahm of the chattat, and put it upon the mezuzat HaBeis [HaMikdash], and upon the four pinnot of the enclosure of the Mizbe'ach, and upon the mezuzat Sha'ar HaHeKhatzer HaPeninit.  
[20] And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that is unwitting, and for him that is ignorant; so shall ye make kapporah for the Beis [HaMikdash].  
[21] In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the Pesach, a Chag shevu'ot yamim; matzot shall be eaten.  
[22] And upon that day shall the Nasi prepare for himself and for kol Am HaAretz a bull for a chattat [See MJ 4:15].  
[23] And shivat yamim of the Chag he shall prepare an aloh to Hashem, seven bulls and seven rams temimim (without blemish) daily the shivat hayamim; and a goat daily for a chattat.  
[24] And he shall prepare a minchah of an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of shemen for an ephah.  
[25] In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the same in the Chag [of Sukkot] of the shivat hayamim, according to the chattat, according to the olah, and according to the minchah, and according to the shemen. Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: The Sha'ar HaHeKhatzer HaPeninit that looketh toward the east shall be shut during the sheshet yemei hama'aseh (the six days of labor); but on Shabbos it shall be opened, and in the yom of the Rosh Chodesh it shall be opened.  
[26] And the Nasi shall enter by the derech ulam HaSha'ar and he shall go out by the derech thereof.  
[27] But when the Am HaAretz shall come before Hashem in the Mo'adim, he that entereth in by the derech Sha'ar Tzafon, to worship shall exit by the derech Sha'ar Negev; he shall not return by the derech Sha'ar Negev; he shall not return by the derech Sha'ar Tzafon; he shall not return by the derech HaSha'ar whereby he came in, but shall go out opposite it.  
[28] And the Nasi in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go out, shall go out.  
[29] And in the Chagim and in the Mo'adim the minchah shall be an ephah to a bull, and an ephah to a ram, and to the kevavim as much as he wishes, and a hin of shemen to an ephah.  
[30] Now when the Nasi shall prepare a nedavah olah or shelamim nedavah unto Hashem, one shall then open for him the Shabbatot and in Rosh Chodesh.  
[4] And the Olah that the Nasi shall offer unto Hashem in the Yom HaShabbos shall be six kevavim temimim, and a ram without blemish.  
[5] And the minchah shall be an ephah for a bull, and the minchah for the kevavim whatever his hand gives, and a hin of shemen to an ephah.  
[6] And in the yom of the Rosh Chodesh it shall be a young bull temimim, and six kevavim, and a ram; they shall be without blemish.  
[7] And he shall prepare a minchah, an ephah for a bull, and an ephah for a ram, and for the kevavim as much as he wishes, and a hin of shemen to an ephah.  
[8] And when the Nasi shall enter, he shall go in by the derech ulam HaSha'ar and he shall go out by the derech thereof.  
[9] But when the Am HaAretz shall come before Hashem in the Mo'adim, he that entereth in by the derech Sha'ar Tzafon to worship shall exit by the derech Sha'ar Negev; and he that entereth by the derech Sha'ar Negev shall go out by derech Sha'ar Tzafon; he shall not return by the derech HaSha'ar whereby he came in, but shall go out opposite it.  
[10] And the Nasi in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in; and when they go out, shall go out.  
[11] And in the Chagim and in the Mo'adim the minchah shall be an ephah to a bull, and an ephah to a ram, and to the kevavim as much as one wishes to give, and a hin of shemen to an ephah.  
[12] Likewise the Am HaAretz shall worship at the Petach HaSha'ar before Hashem in the Shabbatot and in Rosh Chodesh.
Sha'ar that looketh toward the east; and he shall prepare his Olah and his Shelamim, as he did on the Yom HaShabbos; then he shall go out; and after his going out one shall shut the Sha'ar.

[13] Thou shalt daily prepare an Olah unto Hashem of a keves of the first year tamim (without blemish); thou shalt prepare it baboker baboker.

[14] And thou shalt prepare a Minchah for it baboker baboker, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of shemen, to moisten a minchah; that they bear them not out into the Khatzer HaKhitzonah and so set apart as kodesh HaAm.

[15] Thus shall they prepare the keves, and the minchah, and the shemen, baboker baboker for an olah tamim.

[16] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: If the Nasi give a mattanah (gift) unto any of his banim, the nachalah thereof shall belong to his banim; it shall be their achuzzah by nachalah.

[17] But if he give a mattanah of his nachalah to one of his avadim, then it shall be his to the Shenar HaDeror [Jubilee Year]; then it shall return to the Nasi; but his nachalah shall belong only to his banim [see Is 53:10].

[18] Moreover the Nasi shall not take of the nachalal HaAm by oppression, to thrust them out of their achuzzah; but he shall give his banim nachalah out of his own achuzzah; that My people be not scattered each man from his achuzzah.

[19] After he [the angelic being] brought me through the entrance, which was at the side of the Sha'ar, into the lishkhot hakodesh of the Kohanim, which looked toward the tzafonah; and, hinei, there was a place at its western sides.

[20] Then said he [the angelic being] unto me, This is the place where the Kohanim shall cook the asham (trespass offering) and the chattat, where they shall bake the minchah; that they bear them not out into the Khatzer HaKhitzonah and so set apart as kodesh HaAm.

[21] Then he [the angelic being] brought me forth into the Khatzer HaKhitzonah, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the Khatzer; and, hinei, in the Khatzer I saw in every corner of the Khatzer there was a Khatzer.

[22] In the four corners of the Khatzer there were enclosed Khatzerot forty cubits long and thirty wide; these four corners were of one measure.

[23] And there was a row of masonry saviv (around) inside them, round about these four, and it was made with hearths at the bottom of the rows round about.

[24] Then said he [the angelic being] unto me, These are the Bais HaMevashelim, where the Mesharetim of the Bais shall cook the zevach HaAm.

[25] Afterward he [the angelic being] brought me again unto the Petach HaBeis [HaMikdash]; and, hinei, mayim issued out from under the threshold of the Beis [HaMikdash] eastward; for the forefront of the Beis [HaMikdash] stood toward the east, and the mayim came down from under from the right side of the Beis [HaMikdash], at the south side of the Mizbe'ach.

[26] Then he [the angelic being] brought me out of derech Sha'ar Tzafonah, and led me about the derech outside unto the outer Sha'ar by the derech that looketh eastward; and, hinei, there flowed out mayim on the right side.

[27] And when the ish that had the measuring line in his yad went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the mayim; the mayim were to the ankles.

[28] Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the mayim; the mayim were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the mayim were to the loins.

[29] Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a nachal (stream) that I could not cross over; for the mayim were risen, mayim to swim in, a nachal that could not be crossed over.

[30] And he [the angelic being] said unto me, Ben Adonai, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the nachal.

[31] Now when I had returned, hinei, at the bank of the nachal were etz rav me'od (very many trees) on the one side and on the other.

[32] Then said he [the angelic being] unto me, These mayim issue out toward the east country, and go down into the Aravah, and go into the [Dead] Sea; which being brought forth into the Sea, the mayim shall be healed.

[33] And it shall come to pass, that every nefesh chayyah, which moveth, whithersoever the nachalim shall come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of dag (fish), because these mayim shall come there; for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the nachal cometh.

[34] And it shall come to pass, that the fishermen shall stand
upon it from En-Gedi even unto En-Eglaim; they shall be a place to spread forth nets; their dag (fish) shall be according to their kinds, as the dag (fish) of the Yam HaGadol [Mediterranean Sea], exceeding many.

[11] But the miry places thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to melach.

[12] And by the nachal upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow kol etz ma'achal, whose aleh (leaf) shall not fade, neither shall the p’ri thereof fail; it shall yield fresh fruit every month, because the mayim for them flowed out of the Mikdash; and the p’ri thereof shall be for food, and the aleh (leaf) thereof for terufah (healing).

[13] Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: This shall be the boundary, whereby ye shall inherit HaAretz according to the Shnei Asar Shevatim (Tribes).

[14] And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; concerning the which I lifted up Mine Yad to give it unto your Avot; and HaAretz HaZot shall fall unto you for nachalah.

[15] And this shall be the boundary of HaAretz toward the north side, from the Yam HaGadol, the derech Chetlon, as men go to Tzedad;

[16] Chamat, Berotah, Sibrayim, which is between the boundary of Damascus and the boundary of Chamat, Chamat Khatzer Hattikhon, which is by the boundary of Chavran.

[17] And the boundary from the Yam shall be Khatzar Enon, the boundary of Damascus, and the north northward, and the boundary of Chamat. And this is the north side.

[18] And the east side ye shall measure from Chavran, and from Damascus, and from Gil’ad, and from Eretz Yisroel by Yarden, from the boundary unto the eastern sea [Dead Sea]. And this is the east side.

[19] And the south side southward, from Tamar even to the waters of Merivot in Kadesh, the nachalah to the Yam HaGadol. And this is the south side southward.

[20] The west side also shall be the Yam HaGadol from the boundary, until opposite the approach to Chamat. This is the west side.

[21] So shall ye divide HaAretz Hazot unto you according to the Shivtei Yisroel.

[22] And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for a nachalah unto you, and to the gerim that sojourn among you, which shall father banim among you; and they shall be unto you as native-born among the Bnei Yisroel; they shall have nachalah with you among the Shivtei Yisroel.

[23] And it shall come to pass, that in what shevet (tribe) the ger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his nachalah, saith Adonoi Hashem.

Now these are the shmot of the Shevatim (Tribes). From the northern frontier near the derech Chetlon, as one goeth to Chamat, to Chatzar Enan, to the northward border of Damascus, near Chamat; for these are his, from the eastern side to the western side, Dan, one portion.

[2] And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, Asher, one portion.

[3] And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, Naphtuli, one portion.

[4] And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, Menasheh, one portion.

[5] And by the border of Menasheh, from the east side unto the west side, Ephrayim, one portion.

[6] And by the border of Ephrayim, from the east side even unto the west side, Reuven, one portion.

[7] And by the border of Reuven, from the east side unto the west side, Yehudah, one portion.

[8] And by the border of Yehudah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the terumah [dedicated reserve of land] which ye shall offer of five and twenty elef [cubits] wide, and in length equal to one of the other portions, from the east side unto the west side; and the Bais [HaMikdash] shall be within it.


[10] And for them, even for the kohanim, shall be this terumah hakodesh; toward the north five and twenty elef, and toward the west ten elef in width, and toward the east ten elef in width, and toward the south five and twenty elef in length; and the Mikdash Hashem shall be within thereof.

[11] It shall be for the kohanim hamekudash (set apart as kodesh) of the Bnei Tzadok; which have been shomer over My mishmeret, which went not astray when the Bnei Yisroel went astray, as the Levi’im went astray.

[12] And this terumiyah (separated portion) for the kohanim, out of the terumat ha’aretz, kodesh kodashim, next to the
border of the Levi'im.

[13] And over against the border of the kohanim, the Levi'im shall have five and twenty elef in length, and ten elef in width; all the length shall be five and twenty elef, and the width ten elef.

[14] And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor transfer the reshit ha'aretz (prime land); for it is kodesh unto Hashem.

[15] And the five alafim, that are left in the width over against the five and twenty elef, shall be chol (secular, unconsecrated) for the Ir, for dwelling, and for migrash (open lands); and the Ir shall be within thereof.

[16] And these shall be the measurement thereof; the north side four alafim and five hundred, and the south side four alafim and five hundred, and on the east side four alafim and five hundred, and the west side four alafim and five hundred.

[17] And the migrash (open land) of the Ir shall extend toward the north two hundred and fifty [cubits], and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.

[18] And the remainder of that area running lengthwise along the terumat hakodesh shall measure ten alafim [cubits] eastward, and ten alafim westward; and the increase thereof shall be for lechem unto them that serve the Ir.

[19] And they that serve the Ir shall serve it out of all the Shivtei Yisroel.

[20] All the terumah shall be foursquare, five and twenty elef by five and twenty elef; ye shall set apart as the terumat hakodesh and the property of the Ir.

[21] And the remainder shall be for the Nasi, on the one side and on the other of the terumat hakodesh, and of the property of the Ir, along the five and twenty elef of the terumah toward the east border, and westward along the five and twenty elef toward the west border, along the chalakim (tribal portions) for the Nasi; and it shall be the terumah hakodesh; and the Mikdash HaBayit shall be within thereof.

[22] Moreover from the property of the Levi'im, and from the property of the Ir, being in the midst of that which belongs to the Nasi, between the border of Yehudah and the border of Binyamin, shall be for the Nasi.

[23] As for the rest of the Shevatim, from the east side unto the west side, Binyamin, one portion.

[24] And by the border of Binyamin, from the east side unto the west side, Shim'on, one portion.

[25] And by the border of Shim'on, from the east side unto the west side, Yissakhar, one portion.

[26] And by the border of Yissakhar, from the east side unto the west side, Zevulun, one portion.

[27] And by the border of Zevulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad, one portion.

[28] And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of Merivat-Kadesh, to the wadi [of Egypt] the Yam HaGadol (the Great Sea, i.e., Mediterranean Sea).

[29] This is ha'aretz which ye shall allot unto the Shivtei Yisroel for nachalah, and these are their portions, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[30] And these are the outer limits of the Ir on the north side, four alafim and five hundred measures.

[31] And the she'arim of the Ir shall be after the shmot of the Shivtei Yisroel; three she'arim northward: one sha'ar of Reuven, one sha'ar of Yehudah, one sha'ar of Levi.

[32] And at the east side four alafim and five hundred; and three she'arim: one sha'ar of Yosef, one sha'ar of Binyamin, one sha'ar of Dan.

[33] And at the south side four alafim and five hundred measures; and three she'arim: one sha'ar of Shim'on, one sha'ar of Yissakhar, one sha'ar of Zevulun.

[34] At the west side four alafim and five hundred, with their three she'arim: one sha'ar of Gad, one sha'ar of Asher, one sha'ar of Naphtali.

[35] It was all around eighteen elef in circumference; and the shem of the Ir from that day shall be, Hashem Shammah (Hashem is there).

[36] T.N. Ezekiel 34:24 speaks of the Davidic Nasi. Here is a Messianic Kingdom where Hashem has His Prince who is also referred to in 37:25; 44:3; 45:7, 16-17, 22; 46:2-18; 48:21-22. Anytime a Davidic ruler is mentioned in Scripture, that Davidic office points forward to Moshiach, even if the foreshadow only imperfectly (see 45:22) points toward the perfect fulfillment to come.

In the next book, a preacher (Hosea) is victimized by the sin of adultery, one torment of which is the fact that adultery throws into question the paternity of the children (Hos 2:4 [2:6]), even as G-d is made a cuckold by devotion to false religion, and the legitimacy as His children of such wayward religious adherents is thereby made questionable.
HOSHEA

1
The Devar Hashem that came unto Hoshea, ben Beeri, in the yamim of Uziyah, Yotam, Achaz, and Yechizkiyah, melachim of Yehudah, and in the yamim of Yarov’am ben Yoash, Melech Yisroel.

[2] The beginning of the Devar Hashem by Hoshea: And Hashem said to Hoshea, Go, take unto thee an eshet zumunim (wife of whoredoms) and yeladamim of zumunim; for haaretz hath committed great whoredom, by departing from Hashem.

[3] So he went and took Gomer bat Divlayim; which is Pitied.

[4] And Hashem said unto him, Call shmo Lo-ruchamah (not pitied); for I will not have mercy upon her banim; for yet a little while, and I will visit vengeance upon Bais Yehu for the demei Jezreel (massacre at Jezreel), and I will destroy the Bnei Yisroel (Jezreel Valley).

[5] And it shall come to pass upon Yom Hahu, that I will break the keshet Yisroel (bow of Israel), in the Emek Yizre’el (Jezreel Valley).

[6] And she conceived again, and bore a bat. And G-d said unto him, Call shmo Lo-echalal (not pitied); for I will not make her as a midbar (wilderness), and turn her like an eretz tziyyah (parched land), and kill her with tzamah (thirst).

[7] But I will have mercy upon the Bais Yehudah, and will save them by Hashem Eloheihem, and will not save them by keshet, nor by cherem, nor by midbarim, by susim, nor by cherev, nor by parashim.

[8] And I will not have mercy upon her banim; for they are the bnei zumunim.

[9] Then said G-d, Call shmo Lo-ami (not My people), and to you (pl) not eh’l yeh (I am, which is common sg form of YOD HEH VAY HEH-HASHEM, i.e., to you I am not Hashem).

[10] [2:1] Yet the number of the Bnei Yisroel shall be as the sand of the yam (sea), which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are lo ami (not My people), there it shall be said unto them, Ye are Lo am mi (not my people), it shall be said unto them.

[11] [2:2] Then shall the Bais Yehudah and the Bnei Yisroel be gathered together, and appoint for them Rosh Echad [Moshiach; see Isa chp 11; Hoshea 3:5], and they shall come up out of haaretz; for gadol shall be the Yom Yizre’el (Day of Jezreel [G-d will sow]), and they shall be gathered together, and appoint for them Rosh Echad [Moshiach; see Isa chp 11; Hoshea 3:5].

[2:3] Say ye unto your achayot, Ruchamah (not pitied); and to your achim, Ami (My people); and to your achayot, Ruchamah (Pitied).

[2:4] Plead with imechem (your mother), plead; for she is not my isha (wife), neither am I her ish (husband); let her therefore put away her zenunim (husband); let her therefore expose her na’afufim (adulteries) out of her sight, and her naaafufim (adulteries) out of her sight, and her naaafufim (adulteries) out of her sight.

[2:5] Lest I strip her from between her breasts; and her na’afufim (adulteries) out of her sight, and her naaafufim (adulteries) out of her sight, and her naaafufim (adulteries) out of her sight.

[2:6] Therefore, hinei, I will hedge up thy path with thorns, and wall in thy wall, that she shall not find her netivah (way).

[2:7] And she shall chase after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them; then shall she say, I will go and return to my ish harishon (first husband); for then was it better with me than now.

[2:8] For she did not have da’as that I gave her dagan (grain), and tirosh (harlot’s wages) that my lovers gave her; and I multiplied her kesef and zahav, which they prepared for Ba’al.

[2:9] Therefore will I return, and take away My dagan in the season thereof, and My tirosh in the season thereof, and will take back My wool and My flax given to cover her nakedness.

[2:10] And now will I expose her navlut (lewdness) in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of Mine hand.

[2:11] I will also cause all her masos (exultation, joy) to cease, her Chag (feast), her Chodesh (New Moons), and her Shabbatot, and all her Chodesh (New Moons), and her Shabbatot, and all her Mo’adim (appointed feasts).

[2:12] And I will destroy her gefanim (vines) and her te’eenim (fig trees), whereof she hath said, These are my etnan (harlot’s wages) that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the wild beasts of the sadeh shall devour them.

[2:13] And I will visit upon her the yamim of Ba’alim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her ring and her jewelry, and she went after her lovers, and

[2:14] And I will destroy her gefanim (vines) and her te’eenim (fig trees), whereof she hath said, These are my etnan (harlot’s wages) that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the wild beasts of the sadeh shall devour them.

[2:15] And I will visit upon her the yamim of Ba’alim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her ring and her jewelry, and she went after her lovers, and
[3] Then said Hashem unto me, Go again, love an isha (woman, wife) beloved of her re’a (friend, companion), yet a noefet (adulteress), just like the ahavat Hashem toward the Bnei Yisroel, who look to elohim acharim, and love heathen religion raisin cakes [Tirmeyah 44:19].

[2] Therefore, hinei, I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of kesef, and for a chomer and a half of se’orim. [IK 1:18-19 OJBC]

[3] For I said unto her, Thou shalt abide with Me in emunah (faithfulness, fidelity): then shalt thou call Me Ishi (My Husband); and shalt call that thou shalt call Me Elyon (my God).

[4] So I bought her to me for seven hundred sela'im of silver, and for a chomer and a half of se’orim. [IK 1:18-19 OJBC]

[5] And in Yom Hahu, saith Hashem, that thou shalt call Me El Shaddai (God Almighty); and shalt call Me No’e (Punishment).

[6] And I said unto her, Thou shalt abide with me yamim rabbim without zevach, and thou shalt be no kohen to Me; therefore will I change the acharit hayamim (last days).

[7] The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me; therefore will I change their kavod into kalon (ignominy, shame).

[8] Then said Hashem unto me, Go again, love an isha (woman, wife) beloved of her re’a, yet a noefet (adulteress), just like the ahavat Hashem toward the Bnei Yisroel, who look to elohim acharim, and love heathen religion raisin cakes [Tirmeyah 44:19].

[9] Therefore shall ha’aretz mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall waste away languishing, with the wild beasts of the sadeh, and with the fowls of Shomayim; yea, the dagim of the yam also shall disappear.

[10] Therefore shalt thou stumble and fall in the yom, and the navi also shall stumble and fall with thee in the lailah, and I will destroy thy em.

[11] Ami are destroyed for lack of da’as (knowledge); because thou hast rejected da’as, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no kohen to Me; seeing thou hast forgotten the torat Eloheicha, I will also forget thy banim.

[12] By aloh (false swearing, perjury), and ratzo’ach (murder), and ganov (stealing), and na’of (committing adultery) they break away, and damim b’damim they follow (bloodshed follows bloodshed).

[13] And they that strive with the acharim, and without a melech, and without a sar, and without an ephod (sacred vest for consulting a deity), and without teraphim (household idols); and without a matzevah (stone pillar, monument) and without an ephod (sacred vest used for consulting a deity), and without a melech [i.e., Moshiachi]; and shall fear Hashem and His goodness in the acharit hayamim (last days).

[14] Therefore shalt thou stumble and fall in the yom, and the navi also shall stumble and fall with thee in the lailah, and I will destroy thy em.

[15] Therefore shalt thou repent (change one’s purpose), and return (come back) to Me, saith Hashem, and I will Changes the acharit hayamim (last days).

[16] For the Bnei Yisroel shall repent (change one’s purpose), and return (come back) to Me, and they shall say, Thou art Elohai (my God).

[17] And I will sow her for Myself in ha’aretz; and I shall have rachamim upon lo ruchamah; and I shall say to them which were lo ami, Thou art ami (My people); and they shall say, Thou art Elohai (my G-d).

[18] Therefore shalt thou repent (change one’s purpose), and return (come back) to Me, saith Hashem, and I will Changes the acharit hayamim (last days).

[19] For the Bnei Yisroel shall repent (change one’s purpose), and return (come back) to Me, and they shall say, Thou art Elohai (my God).
deeply love kalon (ignominy, shame).

[19] The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and their zevakhok (sacrifices) shall bring them bushah (shame).

Hear ye this, O kohanim; and pay heed, ye Bais Yisroel; and give ye ear, O Bais HaMelech; for hamishpat (the judgment) is against you, because ye have been a pach (snare, bird trap) at Mizpah, and a reshet (net) spread upon Tavor.

[2] And the revolters have deepened their slaughter, and I will be musar (punishment; see regarding Moshiach, Isa.53:5) of them all.

[3] I know Ephrayim, and am displeased with Bezalel; for they provoke Me to anger by committing whoredom, and their daughters-in-law shall commit ni'uf (adultery) and yayin (drunkenness) and yayin (drunkenness) and yayin (drunkenness). Thus the Am shall give Me the name of Am (people) in the world (be-yom ha'olam), and shall not find Him; He hath torn, and He will not visit punishment upon your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit ni'uf (adultery); because the men consort with zonot, and they sacrifice with kedeshot (temple prostitutes); thus the Am without binah (understanding) shall come to ruin.

[4] Their doings do not permit them to turn unto Eloheihem; for the ruach zenunim hath caused them, and they have not known Hashem.

[5] And the ga'on Yisroel (pride of Yisroel) doth testify against you, because ye have committed whoredom, and Yisroel is tameh (unclean, defiled).

[6] Their doings do not permit them to turn unto Eloheihem; for the ruach zenunim is in the midst of them, and they have not known Hashem.

[7] They have dealt treacherously against Hashem; for they have begged banim zarim (strange, illegitimate children); now shall a [Rosh] Chodesh come to ruin.

[8] Blow ye the shofar in Giveah, and the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at Beit-Aven; after thee, O Binyamin!

[9] Ephrayim shall be desolate in the Yom Tokheichah (Day of Rebuke); among the Shivtei Yisroel have I made known that which is certain.

[10] The sarim (princes) of Yehudah were like them that remove the gevul (boundary stone); therefore I will pour out My wrath upon them like mayim.

[11] Ephrayim is oppressed and crushed in mishpat (judgment), because he willingly walked after tzav (human statute [Isa.28:10,13]). Therefore will I be unto Ephrayim like maggots, and to the Bais Yehudah like rottenness.

[12] When Ephrayim saw his sickness, and Yehudah saw his sores, then went Ephrayim to the Assyrian, and sent to the great king; yet he was not able to heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

[13] For I will be unto Ephrayim like a lion, and as a great lion to the Bais Yehudah; I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there will be no one rescuing.

[14] I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their guilt, and seek My face; in their tzar (affliction, distress) they will beg My favor.

[15] I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their guilt, and seek My face; in their tzar (affliction, distress) they will beg My favor.

[16] For Yisroel slideth back (i.e., is stubborn, rebellious, unmanageable) like a backsliding parah (stubborn, rebellious cow); can Hashem now feed them like a lamb in a wide field?

[17] Ephrayim [i.e., the Northern Kingdom, Israel] is joined to atzabim (idols); leave him alone.

[18] When their drink is sour (i.e., when intoxicated), they have committed whoredom; her mogenim (shields, rulers)
the geshem (winter rain), as the malkosh (spring rain, i.e., as the latter and former rain, which is the winter and spring rain) unto ha’aretz.

[4] O Ephrayim, what shall I do unto thee? O Yehudah, what shall I do with thee? For your chesed (faithfulness, loyalty) is as an anan boker (morning cloud), and as the early dew that disappears.

[5] Therefore have I cut them to pieces with the nevi'im; I have slain them by the words of My mouth; thy mishpatim are as the ohr (light, lightning) that goeth forth.

[6] For I desired chesed, and not zevach; and the da’as of My people, turn the Shevut Ami (Captivity punishment) for thee, when I would have healed Yisroel.

[7] But they are like Adam, they have transgressed the brit (covenant); there have they dealt treacherously against Me.

[8] Gil’ad is a city of evil-doers, is trodden with dahm. Gil’ad has devoured his zahav and his kesef, and though they have made sarim (princes) over them, they have not made ready their lev like an oven, while they lie in wait; their anger smolders kol hulaalah; in the boker it burneth like an eish of flame.

[9] They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their shofetim; all their melakhim are fallen; there is none among them that calleth unto Me.

[10] Ephrayim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephrayim is a flat cake not turned over.

[11] And the ga’on Yisroel testifieth to his face; and they do not return unto Hashem Eloheihem, nor seek Him for their own dereisin in Eretz Mitzrayim.

[12] When they shall go, I will spread My reshet (net) upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of Shomayim; I will chastise them, when I hear them congregating.

[13] Woe unto them! For they have strayed from Me. Sod (destruction) unto them because they have committed peshagah against Me! Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken kazar (lies) against Me.

[14] And they have not cried unto Me with their levavot, when they wailed upon their beds; they congregate themselves for dagan and tirosh, and they depart from Me.

[15] Though I have trained and strengthened their zero’ot (arms), yet do they plot rah against Me.

[16] They return, but not to Most High; they are like a faulty keshet; their sarim (princes) shall fall by the chever for the insolence of their leshon; this shall be their derision in Eretz Mitzrayim.

Set the shofar to thy lips.

He [the Assyrian enemy] shall come as a nesher against the Bais Hashem, because they have transgressed My brit (covenant), and committed pesha against My torah.

[2] Yisroel shall cry unto Me, Elohai, we know Thee. We, Yisroel! Yisroel hath cast off the avon (iniquity) of Ephrayim; Yisroel is tameh (unclean, defiled).

[3] Yisroel hath cast off the ko’ach, and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, yet he hath no da’as.

[4] They have set up sarim (princes) with their lies. The oyev (enemy) shall pursue him.

[5] Thy egel (calf-idol), O Shamron, I am casting off; Mine anger is kindled against them; how long will they be against the Bais Hashem, because they have committed peshagah against Me! Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken kazar (lies) against Me.

[6] They are from Yisroel! The craftsman made it; therefore it
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is not Elohim; but the egel of Shomron shall be broken in pieces.

[7] For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind; the stalk [of standing grain] hath no tzemach (shoot); it shall yield no kemach (floor); and even if it yielded it, zarim would devour it.

[8] Yisroel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the Goyim like a worthless keli (vessel).

[9] For they are gone up to Assyria, a pere (wild donkey) off by itself alone; Ephrayim hath sold herself to ahavim (lovers).

[10] Yea, though they have bargained among the Goyim, now will I gather them, and they shall begin to diminish on account of the massa (burden) of Melech Sarim.


[12] I have written to him the letter of his bais; but Ephrayim was with my G-d; now will I gather them, and they shall bear guilt; He will remember their iniquity and great hatred.

[13] They sacrifice basar for the sacrifices of Mine offerings, and eat it; but Hashem accepteth them not; now will He remember their avon (iniquity), and visit punishment on their sins; they shall return to Mitzrayim.

[14] For Yisroel hath multiplied the mizbechot; and Yehudah hath increased the mizbechot; therefore He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins.


[16] Ephrayim is struck, their fruit is snatched away, because they did not pay heed unto Him; and they shall be nodedim (wanderers) among the Goyim.

10 Yisroel is a running gefen, he bringeth forth p’ri unto himself; according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the mizbechot; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly matzevot (stone pillars, monuments).


[3] They shall not dwell in Hashem’s land; but Ephrayim shall return to Mitzrayim, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

[4] They shall not offer yavin offerings to Hashem, neither shall they be pleasing unto Him; their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread for their nefesh shall not come into the Beis Hashem.

[5] What will ye do in the Yom Mo’ed, and in the Yom Chag Hashem?

[6] For, lo, they are gone because of destruction; Mitzrayim shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them; nettles shall possess their valuables of kesef; thorns shall be in their tents.

[7] The days of pekudah (visitation for divine punishment) are come, the yamim of recompence are come; Yisroel shall know it; their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be pleasing unto Him; their offerings shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread for their nefesh shall not come into the Beis Hashem.

[8] The watchman of Ephrayim was with my G-d; but the navi is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the bais of his G-d.

[9] They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the yamim of Giveah; therefore He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins.

[10] I found Yisroel like grapes in the midbar; I saw your avot as the bikkurah in the fig tree at her first season; but they went to Ba’al-peor, and separated themselves unto that shame; and their abominations were according as they loved.

[11] As for Ephrayim, their kavad shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the beten (womb), and from the conception.

[12] Though they bring up their banim, yet will I bereave them, that there shall not be a man left: yea, woe also to them when I depart from them!

[13] Ephrayim, as I saw Tzor, is planted in a pleasant place; but Ephrayim shall bring forth his banim to the murderer.

[14] Give them, O Hashem. What wilt Thou give? Give them a miscarrying rechem ( womb) and dry breasts.

[15] All their wickedness is in Gilgal; for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of Mine bais, I will love them no more; all their sarim (princes) are sorerim (rebels).

[16] Ephrayim is struck, their shoresh (root) is dried up, they shall bear no fruit; yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their beten ( womb).

[17] My G-d will cast them from Mine earth; I will love them no more; all their sarim (princes) are sorerim (rebels).

Rejoice not, O Yisroel, for joy, as other people; for thou hast gone a-whoring from thy G-d, thou hast loved a reward upon every threshing floor.

10 Yisroel is a running gefen, he bringeth forth p’ri unto himself; according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the mizbechot; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly matzevot (stone pillars, monuments).

[2] Their lev is deceitful; now shall they bear guilt; He shall break down their mizbechot, He shall destroy their matzevot.

[3] For now they shall say, We have no Melech, because we feared not
Hashem; but if we did have a Melech, what could he do for us?

| 1 | They have spoken words, swearing falsely in cutting brit (covenant); thus mishpat springeth up as poisonous herb in the furrows of the sadeh. |
| 2 | The more I called them, and to the mountains, Cover us; to the hills, Fall on us. |
| 3 | Yet it was I who taught tzedakah, reap in chesed; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Hashem, till He come and rain tzedek upon you. |
| 4 | They have spoken words, swearing falsely in cutting brit (covenant); thus mishpat springeth up as poisonous herb in the furrows of the sadeh. |
| 5 | The inhabitants of Shomron tremble because of the eglot (calf- idols) of Beit-Aven; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, likewise the komer (idolatrous priests) over it, who shout for joy over its kavod, for it has gone into the Golus for them. |
| 6 | It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a minchah (present) to the great king; Ephrayim shall receive disgrace, and Yisroel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. |
| 7 | As for Shomron, her melech will float off like a twig upon the surface of the mayim. |
| 8 | The high places also of Aven, the chattat Yisroel, shall be made shmad; the kotz (thorn) and the dardar (thistle) shall come up on their mezbechot; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. |
| 9 | O Yisroel, thou hast sinned from the yamei Giveah; they have continued. |
| 10 | When I please, I will chastise them; amim shall be gathered against them, when they are punished for their shetel avon (double iniquity). |
| 11 | When Yisroel was a naar (child), I loved him, and called Beni (My son) out of Eretz Assyria; and I will place them in their batim (houses), saith Hashem. |
| 12 | Sow to yourselves in tzedakah, reap in chesed; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Hashem, till He come and rain tzedek upon you. |

| 11 | Sow to yourselves in tzedakah, reap in chesed; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Hashem, till He come and rain tzedek upon you. |
| 12 | Ephrayim has no shtei avon (double iniquity). |
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and by his strength he sarah (struggled with, persevered) with Elohim; [4] [5] Yea, he (Yisroel) sarah (had power over) the malach, and prevailed; he wept, and made techinnah unto Him; He found him at Beit-El, and there He spoke with us; [5] [6] Even Hashem Elohei Tza'vos; Hashem is His [memorial] Name! [6] [7] Therefore turn thou to Eloheicha; be shomer over chessed and mishpat and wait on Eloheicha tamid (continually). [7] [8] A Kena'an (merchant), in whose hand are the scales of mirmar (deceit) He loveth to oppress. [8] [9] And Ephrayim boasts, Yet I am become an oisher, I have found me out wealth; in all my gain they shall find none avon (iniquity, offense) in me that would be chet (sin). [9] [10] And I that am Hashem Elohei from Eretz Tzva'os; Hashem is His [memorial] Name! [10] [11] I have also spoken to the nevi'im, and I have multiplied chazon (vision, revelation, prophecy), and spoken parables by the nevi'im. [11] [12] Is there aven (iniquity) in Gil‘ad? Surely they are vanity; they sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal; yea, their mizbechot are as piles of stones in the furrows of the fields. [12] [13] And Ya'akov fled into the country of Aram, and Yisroel served for an isha, and for an isha he was shomer over sheep. [13] [14] And by a navi Hashem brought Yisroel out of Mitrayim, and shomer [Yisroel] a navi was. [14] [15] Ephrayim has provoked bitter anger; therefore shall He leave his blood-guiltiness upon him, and his scorn shall Adoni of him return and repay unto him. When Ephrayim spoke there was trembling; he was exalted in Yisroel; but when he became guilty in Ba'al, he died. [2] And now they sin more and more, and have made for themselves massekah (idol) of their kesef, and atzabim according to their faculty of binah (understanding), all of it the work of the craftsmen; they say of them, Let adam that sacrifice kiss calf-idols. [3] Therefore they shall be like the anan boker (morning cloud) and as the early dew that disappears, like the motz (chaff) that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing floor, and as the smoke out of the window. [4] Yet I am Hashem Eloheicha from Eretz Mitrayim, and thou shalt know no Elohim but Me; for there is no Moshaia besides Me. [5] I did know thee in the midbar, in the eretz taluvot (land of burning heat). [6] According to their pasture [i.e., as I fed them], so were they filled; they were filled, and their lev became proud; therefore have they forgotten Me. [7] Therefore I will be unto them as a lion; as a leopard by the derech will I lie in wait; as a lion he will devour them like a dov (bear) that is bereaved of her cubs, and will rip open the covering of their lev, and there will I devour them like a lion; as the wild beast of the sadeh would tear them. [8] I will meet them as a dov (bear) that is bereaved of her cubs, and will rip open the covering of their lev, and there will I devour them like a lion; as the wild beast of the sadeh would tear them. [9] O Yisroel, thou art destroyed; because thou art against Me, thine Ezer (Help). [10] Where now is thy melech? Where in all thy cities are thy shofetim of whom thou saidst, Give me a melech and sarim? [11] I gave thee a melech in Mine anger, and took him away in My wrath [Isa 53:10]. [12] The avon (iniquity) of Ephrayim is bound up; his chattat is lurking. [13] The chevlei yoledah (birth pangs of a woman in childbirth) shall come upon him; he is a ben lo chacham; for when it is time he does not come to the opening of the womb. [14] Should I ransom them from the power of Sheol? Should I redeem them from mavet? O Mavet, where are the dever (pestilence, plague) of thee? O Sheol, where is thy destruction? Nocham (sorrow, compassion, pity) shall be hidden from Mine eyes. [15] Even though he thrives among his achim, an east wind shall come, the Ruach Hashem shall come up from the midbar (desert), and his makor (spring, fountain) shall become dry, and his well shall be dried up; it shall plunder the otsar of every keli chemdah (precious vessel). [16] [14:1] Shomron shall bear guilt; for she hath rebelled against her Elohim; they shall fall by the cherem; their olalim shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped open.

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may render the sacrifices of our lips.[MJ 13:15]

[3 [4]] Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon susim; neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are Eloheinu; for in Thee the yatom (orphan) findeth compassion.

[4 [5]] I will heal their meshuvah (backsliding); I will love them freely; for Mine anger is turned away from him.

[5 [6]] I will be as the tal (dew) unto Yisroel; he shall blossom as the lily, and strike root as Levanon.

[6 [7]] His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the zayit (olive tree), and his hod (splendor) as Levanon.

[7 [8]] They that dwell under his tzel (shade) shall return; they shall revive as the dagan, and grow as the gefen; the remembrance thereof shall be as the yayin of Levanon.

[8 [9]] Ephrayim shall say, What have I to do any more with atzabim? It is I who answer and look after him; I am like an evergreen cypress. From Me is thy p’ri found.

[9 [10]] Who is chacham, and he shall have binah of these things? Prudent, and he shall know them? For the Darkhei Hashem are right, and the tzaddikim shall walk in them; but the poshe’im (transgressors) shall fall therein.

T.N. In the next book we have the prophecy that the Ruach Hakodesh will be poured out in the last days and even the most humble people will be empowered thereby to witness. When 120 Messianic Spirit-filled Jewish people began to preach the Besuras HaGeulah for the first time, they knew that something of this very prophecy had come to pass (See Ac chp 2).

**YOEL**

1 The Devar Hashem that came to Yoel Ben Petuel:

[2] Hear this, ye zekenim, and give ear, all ye yoshvei ha’aretz (inhabitants of the land). Hath anything like this been in your days, or even in the days of your avot (fathers)?

[3] Tell ye your banim (children) of it, and let your banim tell their banim, and their banim to the next generation.

[4] That which the locust swarm hath left hath the arbeh (great locust) eaten; and that which the arbeh hath left hath the crawling locust eaten; and that which the crawling locust hath left hath the other locust eaten.

[5] Awake, ye shikkorim (drunkards), and weep; and wail, all ye drinkers of yayin, for the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

[6] For a Goy is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of an aryeh (lion), and he hath the fangs of a lioness.

[7] He hath laid my gefen (drunkards), and weep; and wail, all ye drinkers of yayin, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.

[8] Lament like a betulah girded with sackcloth for the ba’al (husband) of her youth.

[9] The minchah and the nesekh is cut off from the Beis Hashem; the kohanim, the mesharetim (ministers) of Hashem, mourn.

[10] The sadeh (field) is wasted, the adamah (land) mourneth; for the grain is withered.

[11] Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen [i.e., farmers]; wail, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the katzir (harvest) of the sadeh is perished.

[12] The gefen is dried up, and the teenah languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even all the trees of the sadeh, are withered; because sasson (joy) is withered away from the bnei Adam.

[13] Gird yourselves, and lament, ye kohanim; howl, ye mesharetim of the Mizbe’ach; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye mesharetim of my G-d; for the minchah and the nesekh is withheld from the Beis of your G-d [i.e., the Beis Hamikdash].

[14] Sanctify ye a tzom (fast), call an atzarah (solemn assembly), gather the zekenim and all the yoshvei ha’aretz into the Beis Hashem Eloheichem, and cry unto Hashem,

[15] Alas for the day! For the Yom Hashem [see Isa13: 9-13; Am 5:18-20; 8:9-14; Zeph 1:14-23 on the coming Day of the L-rd when Hashem intervenes to execute mishpat and righteousness] is karov (near, at hand), and like destruction from Shaddai shall it come.

[16] Is not the okhel (food) cut off before our eyes, yea, simchah (joy) and gladness from the Beis Eloheinu [the Beis Hamikdash]?

[17] The seed is rotten under the clods, the otzarot (storehouses) are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the grain is withered.

[18] How do the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the edrei hatzon (flocks of sheep) are made desolate.

[19] To Thee, Hashem, will I cry; for the eish hath devoured the pastures of the midbar, and the flame hath
burned all the trees of the field.

[20] The beasts of the field cry also unto Thee; for the rivers of mayim (water) are dried up, and the eish hath devoured the pastures of the midbar.

Blow ye the shofar in Tziyon, and sound an alarm on My Har Kodesh; let all the yoshvei ha'aretz tremble; for the Yom Hashem cometh, for it is near at hand;

[2] A day of choshech and of gloominess, a day of annan (cloud) and of thick darkness, as the shachar (dawn) spread upon the mountains; an am rav (great people, army) and strong: there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of dor v'dor. And he shall be as the appearance of susim; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

[3] An eish devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth; ha'aretz is as the appearance of susim; and as horsemen, so shall they run. An eish devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth; ha'aretz is as the appearance of susim; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

[4] The appearance of them shall escape them. Like the noise of merkavot is very great; for the executor of His devar (word, command) is strong; for the Yom Hashem is gadol and very terrible; and who can endure it?

[5] Therefore also now, saith Hashem, turn ye back to Me with all your lev, and with tzom, and with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your lev, and with all your lev, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

[6] And Hashem shall utter a word; it shall be heard, like the voice of a mighty man; for Hashem will utter a cry in Tziyon, sanctify a tzom, call an atzarah (solemn assembly); and let them say, Spare Thy people, Hashem, and make not Thine nachalah (inheritance) an object of scorn, a byword among the Goyim. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their G-d?

[7] Then will Hashem be jealous for His land, and take pity on His people.

[8] Yea, Hashem will answer and say unto His people, Hineni, I am sending you dagan, and tirosh, and yayin and yitzhar, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you an object of scorn among the Goyim;

[9] But I will remove far off from you the northern [army, army of locusts], and will drive him into an eretz barren and desolate, with his vanguard toward the eastern sea [Dead Sea], and his rearguard toward the western sea [Mediterranean Sea], and his stench and foul smell will go up. Surely it hath done great things.

[10] Fear not, O land; be glad, and rejoice; for Hashem hath done great things.

[11] Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the midbar do spring up, for the etz beareth her fruit, the te'elah and the gefen do yield together. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the midbar do spring up, for the etz beareth her fruit, the te'elah and the gefen do yield together.

[12] And rend your lev, and with all your lev, and with TZION, sanctify a tzom, call an atzarah (solemn assembly); and let them say, Spare Thy people, Hashem, and make not Thine nachalah (inheritance) an object of scorn, a byword among the Goyim. Why should they say among the peoples, Where is their G-d?

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[23] Be glad then, ye bnei Tzioni, and rejoice in Hashem Eloheichem; for He hath given you the former rain according to (His) tzedakah, and He will cause to come down for you the rain, the yoreh (former rain), and the malkosh (latter rain) as before. And the threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with yayin and yitzhar.

[24] Then will Hashem be jealous for His land, and take pity on His people.

[25] Yea, Hashem will answer and say unto His people, Hineni, I am sending you dagan, and tirosh, and yayin and yitzhar, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you an object of scorn among the Goyim;
locust, and the locust swarm, My great army which I sent among you. 
[26] And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the Shem of Hashem Eloheichem, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be ashamed. 
[27] And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Yisroel, and that I am Hashem Eloheichem, and there is no other; and My people shall never be put to shame.

[28 (3:1)] And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Ruach [Hakodesh] upon all basar; and your banim and your banot shall prophesy, your zekenim shall dream chalomot, your bochurim and your zekenim shall dream visions: [29 (3:2)] And also upon the avadim and upon the shefatim in those days will I pour out My Ruach [Hakodesh, see Ac 2:1-42], and I will show mofetim in the heavens and in the earth, dahm, and eish, and pillars of smoke. 
[30 (3:3)] And I will show mofetim in the heavens and in the earth, dahm, and eish, and pillars of smoke. 
[31 (3:4)] The shemesh shall be turned into choshech, and the yarei'ach into dahm, before the great and terrible Yom Hashem come. 
[32 (3:5)] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Shem of Adonoi shall be saved; for in Mt Tziyon and in Yerushalayim shall be deliverance, as Hashem hath said, and in the seridim whom Hashem shall call. 

[Jer 23:5-6; Zech 6:11-12; Ezra 3:8;] 
[4 (1:1)] For, hinei, in those days, and in that time, when I shall restore the fortunes of Yehudah and Yerushalayim, 
[2 (4:2)] I will also gather all Goyim, and will bring them down into the valley of Yehoshafat, and will enter into judgment against them there concerning My people and for My nachalah Yisroel, whom they have scattered among the Goyim, and My land they divided up. 
[3 (4:3)] And they have cast lots for My people; and have traded the yeledim as barter for zonot, and sold the yaldah for yavin, that they might drink. 
[4 (4:4)] Yea, and what have ye to do with Me, O Tzor, and Tzion, and all the coasts of Peleshet? Will ye render Me a pay-back? And if ye recompense Me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own rosh; 
[5 (4:5)] Because ye have taken My keseif and My zahav, and have carried into your temples My godtayim pleasant things: 
[6 (4:6)] Also the Bnei Yehudah and the Bnei Yerushalayim have ye sold unto the Yevanim (Greeks), that ye might remove them far from their territory. 
[7 (4:7)] Hineni, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own rosh; 
[8 (4:8)] And I will sell your banim and your banot into the hand of the Bnei Yehudah, and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a Goy far off; for Hashem hath spoken it. 
[9 (4:9)] Proclaim ye this among the Goyim; Prepare milchamah, wake up the gibbonim, let all the anshei hamilchamah draw near and attack; 
[10 (4:10)] Beat your plow-blades into charavot (swords) and your pruning knives into spears; let the weak say, I am strong. 
[11 (4:11)] Assembly yourselves, and come, all ye Goyim, and gather yourselves together round about; Hashem, thither cause Thy gibborim to come down. 
[12 (4:12)] Let the Goyim be strong, and come up to the valley of Yehoshafat; for there will I sit to judge all the Goyim round about. 
[13 (4:13)] Put ye in the sickle, for the katzir is ripe; go in, tread; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow; for their raah is great. 
[14 (4:14)] Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the Yom Hashem is near in the valley of decision. 
[15 (4:15)] The shemesh and the yarei'ach shall be darkened, and the kohavim shall withdraw their shining. 
[16 (4:16)] Hashem also shall roar out of Tziyon, and utter His voice from Yerushalayim; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but Hashem will be the machshef (refuge) of His people, and the maoz of the Bnei Yisroel. 
[17 (4:17)] So shall ye have da'as that I am Hashem Eloheichem dwelling in Tziyon, My Har Kodesh; then shall Yerushalayim be kodesh, and there shall no zarim pass through her any more. 
[18 (4:18)] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with cholov; and all the ravines of Yehudah shall flow with mayim, and a ma’ayon shall come forth out of the Beis Hashem, and shall water the valley of Sheetim. 
[19 (4:19)] Mizrayim shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate midbar, for the chamas against the Bnei Yehudah, because they have shed dahm naki (innocent blood) in their land. 
[20 (4:20)] But Yehudah shall dwell for ever, and Yerushalayim from
dor vdor.

|21 (4:21)| For I will cleanse them of bloodguilt which I have not yet cleansed; for Hashem dwelleth in Tziyon.

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Yisroel in the yamim of Uziyah Melech Yehudah, and in the yamim of Yarow’ am ben Yoash Melech Yisroel, two years before the earthquake.

And he said, Hashem roars from Tziyon, and utters His voice from Yerushalayim; and the pastures of the ro’im (shepherds) mourn, and the summit of Mt Carmel withers.

Thus saith Hashem: For shloshah peysha'im of Damascus, even for arba’ah, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they threshed Gil’ad with threshing sledges of barzel (iron);

But I will send an eish onto Bais Chatzael, which shall devour the fortresses of Ben-hadad.

I will break down also the gate bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from Bikeat-Aven, and him that holdeth the shevet (sceptre) from Bais Eden; and the people of Aram shall go into golus unto Kir, saith Hashem.

Thus saith Hashem: For shloshah peysha'im of Edom, even for arba’ah, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the cherev, and did cast off all rachamim, and his anger did rage perpetually, and he kept his wrath netzach;

But I will send an eish upon the chomah (wall) of Tzor, which shall devour the fortresses thereof.

Thus saith Hashem: For shloshah peysha'im of Moav, even for arba’ah, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of Melech Edom into lime;

But I will send an eish upon Moav, and it shall devour the fortresses of Keriyot; and Moav shall die with tumult, with war cries, and with the blast of the shofar;

And I will cut off the shofet (judge) from the midst thereof, and will slay all the sarim (princes) thereof with him, saith Hashem.

Thus saith Hashem: For shloshah peysha'im of Yehudah, even for arba’ah, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the torat Hashem, and have not been shomer over His chukkim, and their lies caused them to err, after the halakhah of their avot;

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Thus saith Hashem: For shloshah peysha'im of Yisroel, even for arba’ah, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the torat Hashem, and have not been shomer over His chukkim, and their lies caused them to err, after the halakhah of their avot;

And they lay themselves down upon clothes taken in pledge by every mizbe’ach, and they guzzle the yayin of the fined in the Beis Eloheichem.

Yet destroyed I HaEmori before them,
whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his p'ri from above, and his shorashim from beneath.

|10| Also I brought you up from Eretz Mitzrayim, and led you arba'im shanah through the midbar, to possess the Eretz HaEmori (land of the Amorite).

|11| And I raised up of your banim for nevi'im, and of your bochurim for Nezirim. Is it not even thus, O ye Bnei Yisroel? saith Hashem.

|12| But ye gave the Nezirim yayin to drink; and commanded the nevi'im, saying, Prophesy not.

|13| Hinei, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

|14| Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, and the chazak shall not strengthen his ko'ach, neither shall the gibbor deliver his own nefesh; neither shall he that handleth the keshet; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver his own nefesh; neither shall he that rideth the sus deliver himself.

|15| And he that is courageous among the gibborim shall flee away naked in that Yom, saith Hashem.

Hear this word that Hashem hath spoken against you, O Bnei Yisroel, against the kol hamishpochoh which I brought up from Eretz Mitzrayim, saying,

|2| You only have I known of all the mishpechot ha'adamah: therefore I will punish you for kol avonotechem.

|3| Can shnayim walk together, except they be agreed?

|4| Will an aryeh roar in the thicket, when he hath no prey? Will a lion roar from his den, if he has taken nothing?

|5| Can a bird fall in a pach ha'aretz (trap on the ground), when his snare is not set? Can a pach spring up from ha'aretz without making a capture?

|6| Shall a shofar be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be disaster in a city, and Hashem hath not caused it?

|7| Surely Adonoi Hashem will do nothing, but He revealeth His sod (secret) unto His avadim hanevi'im.

|8| The aryeh hath roared, who will not fear? Adonoi Hashem hath sworn, who can but prophesy?

|9| Publish in the fortresses at Ashdod, and in the fortresses in Eretz Mitzrayim, and say, Assemble yourselves upon harei Shomron, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppression in the midst thereof.

|10| For they have no da'as to do right, saith Hashem, who store up chamas and shod in their fortresses.

|11| Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: An adversary shall surround the land; and he shall bring down thy strongholds from thee, and thy fortresses shall be plundered.

|12| Thus saith Hashem: As the ro'eh taketh out of the mouth of the aryeh two legs, or a piece of an ozen; so shall the Bnei Yisroel be saved that dwell in Shomron—with the corner of a mittah (bed), and the edge of a couch.

|13| Hear ye, and testify in Bais Ya'akov, saith Adonoi Hashem Elohei HaTzva'os, On the Yom that I visit her to punish the peysha'im of Yisroel, I will also visit to punish the mizbe'achot of Beit-El; and the horns of the mizbe'ach shall be cut off, and fall to ha'aretz.

|14| And I will strike the bais hachoref with the bais hakayitz; and the batim (houses) of ivory shall perish, and the batim rabbim (great houses) shall have an end, saith Hashem.

Hear this word, ye cows of Bashan, that are on Mt Shomron, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their adonim, Bring, and let us drink.

|2| Adonoi Hashem hath sworn by His Kodesh, that, hinei, the yamim shall come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks, and the last of you with fishhooks.

|3| And ye shall go out of the breaks in the wall, every cow right behind the next; and ye shall be cast out toward Harmonah, saith Hashem.

|4| Come to Beit-El, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply peysha'im; and bring your zevakhim every boker, and your ma'asrot (tithes) every third day;

|5| And offer a todah thank offering with chametz (leavened bread), and proclaim and publish the nedavot (freewill offerings); for this ye love, O Bnei Yisroel, saith Adonoi Hashem.

|6| And I also have given you cleanness of teeth [i.e., famine] in all your towns, and want of lechem in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith Hashem.

|7| And also I have withheld the geshem from
you, when there were yet shloshah chodashim to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one town, and caused it not to rain upon another town; one chelek (part) was rained upon, and the chelek, whereupon it rained not, withered.

[8] So two or three towns wandered unto one town, to drink mayim; but they were not satisfied; yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith Hashem.

[9] I have struck you with blight and mildew; when your ganim (gardens) and your kramim (vineyards) and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the locust devoured them; yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith Hashem.

[10] I have sent among you the dever after the manner of Mitzrayim; your bocherim have I slain with the cherev, and have taken away your susim; and I have made the stench of your machanot to come up unto your nostrils; yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith Hashem.

[11] I have overthrown some of you, as Elohim overthrew Sodom and Amora (Gomorrah), and ye were like a firebrand snatched from the burning; yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith Hashem.

[12] Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Yisroel; and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet Eloheicha, O Yisroel.

[13] For, hinei, He that formeth the harim, and createth the ruach, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the shachar darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth, Hashem Elohei Tzva’os Shmo.

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Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a kinah (lamentation), O Bais Yisroel.

[2] The Betulat Yisroel is fallen; she shall no more rise; she is forsaken in her own land; there is none to raise her up.

[3] For thus saith Hashem: The city that went out by a thousand will be left a hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred will be left ten, for Bais Yisroel.

[4] For thus saith Hashem unto Bais Yisroel: Seek ye Me, and live;

[5] But seek not Beit-El, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer Sheva; for Gilgal shall surely go into golus, and Beit-El shall come to naught.

[6] Seek Hashem, and live; lest He break out like eish in Bais Yosef, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Beit-El.

[7] Ye who turn mishpat into wormwood, and cast tzedakah to the ground,

[8] Seek Him that maketh the Pleiades and Orion, and turneth tzalmavet into boker, and maketh the yom into lailah; that calleth for the waters of the yam, and poureth them out upon the face of ha’aretz; Hashem Shmo;

[9] Who causeth shod (destruction) to flash upon the strong, and shod upon the fortified city.

[10] They hate the mochiach (reprover of injustice) in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh tamim (uprightly).

[11] Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat; ye have built batim (houses) of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant kramim (vineyards),

but ye shall not drink yayin of them.

[12] For I have da’as of your manifold peysha'im and your mighty chattaim (sins); they afflict the tzaddik, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the sha’ar (gate, court) from their right.

[13] Therefore the maskil (prudent) shall keep silence in such times; for it is an evil time.

[14] Seek tov, and not rah, that ye may live; and so Hashem Elohei Tzva’os shall be with you, just as ye say He is.

[15] Hate the rah, and love the tov, and establish mishpat in the sha’ar; it may be that Hashem Elohei Tzva’os will be gracious unto the she’erit Yosef.

[16] Therefore Hashem Adonoi Elohei Tzva’os saith thus: Wailing shall be in all rechovot; and they shall cry in all the public squares, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the ikkar (farmer) to mourning, and such as are skillful of lamentation to wailing.

[17] And in all kramim (vineyards) shall be wailing; for I will pass through thee, saith Hashem.

[18] Hoy unto you that desire the Yom Hashem! Why do ye seek it? The Yom Hashem is choshech, and not ohr.

[19] As if a man did flee from an ari, and a dov met him; or went into the bais, and leaned his hand on the kir (wall), and a nachash bit him.

[20] Shall not the Yom Hashem be choshech, and not ohr? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

[21] I hate, I despise your chagim (religious festivals), and I will not stand in your atzerot (solemn assemblies).

[22] Though ye offer Me olot and your minchot, I will not accept them; neither
Thus hath Adonoi Hashem showed unto me; and, hinei, He formed locusts in the beginning of the springing up of the second crop; and, hinei, it was the second crop after the mowing of the melech.

[2] And it came to pass, that when they had made an end of eating the vegetation of ha'aretz, then I said, O Adonoi Hashem, forgive, I beseech thee; how shall Yaakov survive? For he is katon.

[3] Hashem relented for this; It shall not be, saith Hashem.

[4] Thus hath Adonoi Hashem showed unto me; and, hinei, Adonoi Hashem called to punish with eish, and it devoured the tehom rabbah (great deep), and did devour the chelek of tehom rabbah, which devoured Yaakov.

[5] Then said I, O Adonoi Hashem, cease, I beseech thee; how shall Yaakov survive? For he is katon.

[6] Hashem relented for this: This also shall not be, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[7] Thus He showed me; and, hinei, Hashem stood upon a pedestal of his pedestal, saith Adonoi Hashem.

[8] And Hashem showed unto me, Ados, what seest thou? And I said, A plumb line.

[9] And Hashem commandeth, and He will strike the bais hagadol into ruins, and the bais hakaton into pieces.

[10] Do susim run upon the rock? Do men plow there with oxen? For ye have turned mishpat into poison, and the p'ri of zedakah into wormwood;

[11] Ye which rejoice over Israel, being exalted in Tziyon, and have a *hitachon* in Har Shomron, the notables of the foremost Goyim, to whom Bais Yisroel comes! Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Damascus, saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os Shamo.

[12] Pass ye unto Galneh, and see; and from thence go ye to great Chamat; then go down to Gat of the Pelishtim (Philistines); be they better than these mamlachot? Or their territory more vast than your territory?

[13] Ye that put far away the Yom Rah, and cause the shevet chamas to come near; That drink yayin in instruments. Who prattle to the tune of the nevel (harp); like Dovid [HaMelech] they invent string instruments.

[14] But, hineni, I will raise up against you a Goy (Nation), O Bais Yisroel, saith Hashem Elohei Tzva'os; and they shall afflict you from the territory of Chamat unto the Wadi of the Aravah.

T.N. Notice in the next chapter that Amos refuses to be intimidated by an apostate religious leader who dares to war against Scripture. Amos gives a prophetic prediction that this chalatan will be defrocked by Hashem by being dragged off to an unclean heathen land.
conspired against thee in the midst of Bais Yisroel; the land is not able to hear all his words.

[11] For thus Amos saith, Yarov’ am shall die by the cherev, and Yisroel shall surely be led away into the golus out of their own land.

[12] Also Amatzyah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into Eretz Yehudah, and there eat lechem, and prophesy there:

[13] But prophesy not again any more at Beit-El; for it is the Mikkdash Melech, and it is the Bais Mamalah.

[14] Then answered Amos, and said to Amatzyah, I was no navi, neither was I a ben nevi; but I was a herder, and a dresser of sycamore-fig trees;

[15] And Hashem took me as a herder of the tzon; and Hashem said unto me, Go, prophesy unto My people Yisroel.

[16] Now therefore hear thou the Devar Hashem: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against the Bais Yitzchak.

[17] Therefore thus saith Hashem: Thy isha shall be a yachid (only son), and the end thereof as a yom mar (bitter day).

[8] Shall not ha’aretz (the land) tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? And the whole land shall rise like the Nile; and there shall be many that fall, and never rise up again.

[9] I saw Adonoi standing by the mizbe’ach; and He said, Strike the pillar capitals [of the heathen shrine], that the thresholds may shake; and smash them upon the heads of all; and I will slay the last of them with the cherev; he that fleeth of them shall not get away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

[10] Though they dig down to Sheol, thence shall Mine hand take them; though they climb up to Shomayim, thence will I bring them down;

[11] And though they hide themselves in the summit of Carmel, I will search and take them; though they be hid from My sight in the midst of Bais Yisroel, the heathen shall hear thereof and be afraid.

[12] And though they go into the golus (exile) before their enemies, thence will I command the Nachash, and it shall slay them; and I will set Mine eyes upon them for rah, and not for tov.

[13] And Adonoi Hashem HaTzva’os is He that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like the Nile; and sink like the mayim, but of hearing the Divrei Hashem;

[14] And they shall wander from yam to yam, and from the tzafon (north) even to the mizrach (east), they shall run to and fro to seek the Devar Hashem, and shall not find it.

[15] In that Yom shall the betulot hayafot (fair virgins) and bochurim faint for thirst.

[16] They that swear by the sin of Shomron, and say, Chai Elohecha, O Dan; and, The Derech Beer Sheva liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

8 Thus hath Adonoi Hashem showed unto me; and hinei a basket of kayitz (summer fruit). And Hashem said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of kayitz (summer fruit). Then said Hashem unto me, The ketz (end) is come upon My people Yisroel; I will not again pass by them [and spare them] anymore.

[3] And the cheshir of the heikhal shall turn to waodings in that Yom, saith Adonoi Hashem; there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth.

[4] Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy, even to make the anivei aretz (poor of the land) to fail,

[5] Saying, When will the Rosh Chodesh be over, that we may sell grain? And Shabbos, that we may market wheat, making the eifah (bushel) small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by mirmah (deceit)?

[6] That we may buy the poor for keseif, and the needy for a pair of sandals; yea, and sell the sweepings with the wheat?

[7] Hashem hath sworn by the ga’on Yaakov, Surely I will never forget any of their ma’asim.

[8] Shall not ha’aretz (the land) tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? And the whole land shall rise like the Nile; and heave and sink, as by the Nile of Mizrayim.

[9] And it shall come to pass in that Yom, saith Adonoi Hashem, that I will cause the shemesh to go down at noon, and I will darken ha’aretz in that Yom, saith Adonoi Hashem;

[10] And I will turn your chagim into mourning, and all your shirot into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every rosh; and I will make it as the mourning of a yachid (only son), and the end thereof as a yom mar (bitter day).

[11] Hinei, the yamim come, saith Adonoi Hashem, that I will send a ra’av (famine) in the land, not a ra’av (famine) of lechem, nor a thirst for mayim, but of hearing the Divrei Hashem;

[12] And they shall wander from yam to yam, and from the tzafon (north) even to the mizrach (east), they shall run to and fro to seek the Devar Hashem, and shall not find it.

[13] In that Yom shall the betulot hayafot (fair virgins) and bochurim faint for thirst.

[14] They that swear by the sin of Shomron, and say, Chai Elohecha, O Dan; and, The Derech Beer Sheva liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.
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[6] It is He that buildeth his ma'alot (stairs) in Shomayim, and hath founded His agu'dah (fitted together vault) over Eretz; He that callesh for the waters of the yam, and poureth them out upon the face of ha'aretz; Hashem Shmo.
[7] Are ye not as children of Ethiopia unto Me, O Bnai Yisroel? saith Hashem. Have not I brought up Yisroel out of Eretz Mitzrayim? And the Pelishtim (Philistines) from Caphtor, and Aram from Kir?
[8] Hinei, the eyes of Adonoi Hashem are upon the mamlachah hachatta'ah, and I will destroy it from off the face of ha'aretz; nevertheless I will not utterly destroy Bais Yaakov, saith Hashem.
[9] For, hinei, I will command, and I will sift Bais Yisroel among all Goyim, like as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon ha'aretz.
[10] All the chattai ami (sinners of My people) shall die by the cherev, which say, the ra'ah shall not overtake nor come to us.
[11] In that Yom will I raise up the Sukkat Dovid that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will build it as in the yamei olam; that they may possess the she'erit Edom and all the Goyim, which are called by Shmi, saith Hashem Eloheicha.

OVADYAH

The chazon (vision) of Obadyah: Thus saith Adonoi Hashem concerning Edom: We have heard a report from Hashem, and an envoy is sent among the Goyim, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her (Edom) in battle.
[2] Hinei, I have made thee small among the Goyim; thou art greatly despised.
[3] The zadon (pride, presumption, arrogance) of thine lev (heart) hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his lev, Who shall bring me down to the ground?
[4] Though thou exalt thyself to soar as the nesher, and though thou set thy nest among the kokhavim (stars), thence will I bring thee down, saith Hashem.
[5] If ganavim (thieves) came to thee, if shodedei lailah (robbers by night) – oh how art thou cut off! – would they not have stolen only till they had enough? If the grape gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?
[6] How is Esau searched out! How are his hidden treasures pillaged!
[7] All the men of thy alliance have forced thee and brought thee even to the border; the anshei shlo'mechcha (the men that were at peace with thee) have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy lechem (bread) have laid a mazor (net, trap) under thee; there is none detecting it.
[8] Shall I not in that day, saith Hashem, even destroy the chachamim (wise men) out of Edom, and understanding out of the Har Essav?
[9] And thy gibborim (mighty men), O Teman, shall be dismayed and lose courage, to the end that every one of the Har Essav may be cut off by slaughter.
[10] For thy chamas against thy brother Ya’akov, bushah (shame) shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off l’olam (for ever).
[11] In the day that thou stood aloof on the other side, in the day that the zarim (strangers) carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots for Yerushalayim, even thou wast as one of them.
[12] But thou shouldest not have gloated over the day of thy brother in the day of his misfortune; neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the Bnei Yehudah in the day of their destruction; neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the Yom Tzarah (Day of Trouble).
[13] Thou shouldest not have entered into the sha’ar Ami (gate of My people) in the day of their calamity; yea, thou shouldest not have looked down on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity;
Neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossroads, to cut off those of his that did escape; neither shouldst thou have delivered up those of his that did survive in the Yom Tzarah.

For the Yom Hashem is near upon all the Goyim: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

For as ye have drunk upon My Har Kodesh (Holy Mountain), so shall all the Goyim drink continually; yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

But upon Mt Tziyon shall be deliverance, and there shall be kodesh (holiness); and the Beis Ya'akov shall possess their inheritances.

And the Beis Ya'akov shall be an eish (fire), and the Beis Yosef a flame, and the Beis Esav for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the Beis Esav; for Hashem hath spoken.

And they of the Negev shall possess Har Esav; and they of the Shefelah, the Philistines; and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Shomron; and Benjamin shall possess Gile'ad.

And those of the Golus of Bnei Yisroel shall possess that of the Canaanites, even unto Tzarphat; and those of the Golus of Yerushalayim, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the Negev.

And Moshirim (Deliverers) shall come up on Mt Tziyon to judge the Har Esav; and HaMamlachah (the Kingdom) shall be Hashem's.
And the Devar Hashem came unto Yonah the second time, saying,

But it displeased Yonah with a ra'ah gedolah, and he was very angry.

And the Devar Hashem came unto Yonah the second time, saying,

Arise, go unto Nineveh, that ir hagedolah, and preach unto it the preaching that I give thee.

[1] Now Hashem had prepared a dag gadol (great fish) to swallow up Yonah. And Yonah was in the belly of the dag shloshah yamim and shloshah leilot (three days and three nights).

[2] Then Yonah davened unto Hashem Elohay from out of the dag's belly,

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| 2 (2:2) | Then Yonah davened unto Hashem Elohay from out of the dag's belly, |
| 2 (2:3) | And said, I cried by reason of mine tzoros unto Hashem, He heard me; out of the belly of Sheol cried I, and Thou hearest my voice. |
| 3 (2:4) | For Thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the yamim (seas); and the depth closed me round about, the seaweed were wrapped about me. |
| 4 (2:5) | Then I said, I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look again toward Thy Heikhal Kodesh. |
| 5 (2:6) | The mayim Kodesh. |
| 6 (2:7) | I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; ha'aretz with her bars closed me behind me; yet hast Thou brought up my life from behind me l'olam; yet hast Thou brought up my life from the dag's belly, |
| 7 (2:8) | When my nefesh fainted within me, I remembered Hashem; and my tefillah came unto Thee, into Thine Heikhal Kodesh. |
| 8 (2:9) | They that observe lying vanities forsake their own chesed. |
| 9 (2:10) | But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of todah; I will pay that which I have vowed. Yeshuah (Salvation) is from Hashem. |
| 10 (2:11) | And Hashem spoke unto HaDag (The Fish), and it vomited out Yonah upon the yabashah (dry land). |
| 3 | And the Devar Hashem came unto Yonah the second time, saying, |
| 4 | And Yonah began to enter into the city one day's journey, and he cried out and preached, and said, Yet arba'im yamim (40 days), and Nineveh shall be overthrown. |
| 5 | So the people of Nineveh had emunah in Elohim, and proclaimed a tzom, and put on sackcloth, from their ketanim. |
| 6 | For word came unto HaMelech of Nineveh. For Nineveh was an exceeding ir gedolah of a journey of shloshet yamim. |
| 7 | And he caused it to be proclaimed a tzom, and put on sackcloth, from their ketanim. |
| 8 | But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and covered them with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. |
| 9 | Therefore now, Hashem, take, I beseech Thee, my nefesh from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. |
| 10 | And Hashem Elohim prepared a climbing gourd, and made it to come up over Yonah, that it might be a tzel (shade) over his rosh, to deliver him from his displeasure. So Yonah had simchah gedolah about the climbing gourd. |
| 11 | But HaElohim prepared a tola'at (worm) when the shachar (dawn) came the next day, and it chewed the climbing gourd that it withered. |
| 12 | And it came to pass, when the shemesh did arise, that Elohim prepared a vehement chamas that is in their hands. |
| 13 | Who can tell if HaElohim will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not? |
| 14 | Then said Hashem, Doest thou well to be angry? |
| 15 | So Yonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a sukkah, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would happen to the city. |
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And said, It is better for me to die than to live. [9] And Elohim said to Yonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the climbing gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto mot (death). [10] Then said Hashem, Thou hast had pity on the climbing gourd, though thou hast not labored for it, neither madest it grow; which came up a ben lailah, and I will lay bare her foundations. [11] And should not I spare Nineveh, that ir hagedolah, wherein are more then sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their yamin (right hand) and their semol (left hand); and also much cattle? www.afii.org/911.htm

The Devar Hashem that came to Michah HaMorashti in the yamim of Yotam, Achaz, and Yechizkiyah, melachim of Yehudah, which he saw concerning Shomron and Yerushalayim: [2] Hear, all ye peoples; hearken, O Eretz (earth), and all that is therein; and let Adonoi Hashem be witness against you, Adonoi from His Heikhal Kodesh. [3] For, hinei, Hashem cometh forth out of His dwelling place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of ha'aretz. [4] And the mountains shall melt under Him, and the valleys shall be split apart, like wax before the eish, and like mayim that are poured down a steep place. [5] Because of the peysha (transgression) of Ya’akov is all this, and because of the chattot Bais Yisroel. What is the peysha of Ya’akov? Is it not Shomron? And what are the high places of Yehudah? Are they not Yerushalayim? [6] Therefore I will make Shomron like a rubble heap of the sadeh, and like a place for planting a kerem (vineyard); and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will lay bare her foundations. [7] And all the pesilim thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the etnan (temple proceeds of cult prostitution) shall be burned with the eish, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate; for she [i.e., Shomron] gathered of the etnan (wage) of a zonah, and they shall revert to the etnan (wage) of a zonah. [8] Therefore I will weep and wail, I will go barefoot and arom (half-naked); I will wail like the jackals, and mourn like the ostriches. [9] For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Yehudah; it is come unto the sha’ar ami (gate of my people) even to Yerushalayim. [10] Declare ye it not at Gat, weep ye not at all; at Beit L’aphrah (House of Dust) roll thyself in the aphar (dust). [11] Pass ye on your way, thou inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame; the inhabitants of Tza’anan dare not come out. Beit-Ha’etzel is in mourning; it withdraws from you its support. [12] For the inhabitant of Marot waited anxiously for relief; but rah (evil) came down from Hashem unto the sha’ar Yerushalayim. [13] O thou inhabitant of Lachish, harness the merkavah to the swift horses; it was the reshit chattat (beginning of sin) to Bat Tziyon; for the transgressions of Yisroel were found in thee. [14] Therefore shalt thou give shilluchim (parting gifts) to Moreshet-Gat; the batim (houses) of Achziv shall be a deception to the melachim of Yisroel. [15] Yet will I bring HaYoresh (The Heir, the one who takes possession) unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah; the kavod Yisroel shall come unto Adullam. [16] Shave your head in mourning for the children who were your delight; make yourselves as bald as the nesher (vulture); for they are gone into the golus from thee.

Hoy (Woe) to them that devise aven (iniquity), and plot rah (evil) upon their mishkavim (beds)! At ohr haboker they carry it out, because it is in the power of their hand. [2] And they covet sadot, and seize them; and batim (houses), and take them away; so they oppress a man and his bais, even a man and his nachalah (inheritance). [3] Therefore thus saith Hashem: Hineni, against this mishpochah do I plan a ra’ah, from which ye shall not remove your tzavarot (necks); neither shall ye walk haughtily; for an et ra’ah (time of evil) it is. [4] In Yom HaHu shall one take up a mashal against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly ruined; He (Hashem) hath changed the chelek of Ami (my People); how hath He (Hashem) removed it from me! To the shovev (faithless, apostate) He (Hashem) apportions our sadot. [5] Therefore thou shalt have none that shall divide for you the land by lot in the Kahal Hashem.
And I said, Hear, O Rashei Yaakov, and ye Ketzinim of Bais Yisroel. Is it not for you to have da’as of Mishpat (Justice)?

[2] Who hate the tov, and love the rah; who tear off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their atzamot (bones);

[3] Who also eat the flesh of Ami, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their atzamot, and chop them in pieces, like for the pot, and like the basar within the caldron.

[4] Then shall they cry unto Hashem, but He will not hear them; He will even hide His face from them at that time, because of the evil way they behaved themselves in their doings.

[5] Thus saith Hashem concerning the nevi'im that make Ami err, leading them astray, the nevi'im that bite with their teeth, and preach, Shalom! And whoever putteth nothing into their mouths, vikdashesh milchamah (they sanctify war) against him.

[6] Therefore lailah shall be unto you, because of the chazon; and chochsheh shall come upon you because of the soothsaying, the divination; and the shemesh shall go down over the nevi'im, and hayom shall be dark over them.

[7] Then shall the chozim (seers) be ashamed, and the kosemim (diviners) blush in bushah; yea, they shall all cover their safam (mustache, i.e., their lips); ki ein ma’aneh Kol Elohim (for there is no answer of G-d).

[8] But truly I am full of ko’ach by the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Hashem, and of mishpat, and of gevurah (might), to preach unto Ya’akov his peysha, and to Yisroel his chattat. [Yeshayah 53:5,8,12]

[9] Hear this, I pray you, ye Rashei Bais Ya’akov, and Ketzinim of Bais Yisroel, that abhor mishpat, and twist kol haYesharah (all the right, the straight).

[10] Boneh Tziyon b’damim (they build up Tziyon with blood), and Yerushalayim with avlah (iniquity).

[11] Her Rashim judge for a bribe, and her kolanim play the hireling moreh (teacher), and her nevi'im are fortune-tellers for kese; yet will they lean upon Hashem? And say, Is not Hashem among us? No ra’ah will come upon us.

[12] Therefore because of you, Tziyon shall be plowed as a sadeh, and Yerushalayim shall become a rubble heap, and the Har HaBeis [HaMikdash, i.e., the Temple Mount] shall become a mound of scrubs [T.N. fulfilled 586, B.C.E., 70 C.E.].

But in the acharit hayamim (the last days) it shall come to pass, that the Har Beis Hashem shall be established as the rosh heharim (chief of mountains), and it shall be exalted above the hills; and amim (peoples) shall stream unto it.

[12] And Goyim rabim shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the Har Hashem, and to the Beis Elohe Bais Ya’akov; and He (Hashem) will be moreinu of His drakhim (ways), and we will walk in His orkhot (ways); for torah shall go forth from Tziyon, and the Devar Hashem from Yerushalayim.

[13] And He shall judge among amim rabim, and Hashem will be mochiach (arbitrator) for Goyim atzumim afar off; and they shall beat their charavot (swords) into plow blades, and their
And thou, O Migdal Eder (tower of the flock), hill of Bat Tziyon, unto thee shall it come, even the hammemitot (spears) into pruning knives; And Goy el Goy (nation against nation) will not take up cherev (sword), neither shall they learn milchamah (war) any more. 

But they shall sit every man under his efen (vine) and under his te'ennah (fig tree); and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of Hashem Tzva'os hath spoken. 

For Kol HaAmmim will walk every one b'shem Elohay, and we will walk b'shem Hashem Eloheinu Iadam ve'ed. 

In Yom HaHu, saith Hashem, will I gather that which is lamet, and I will gather those which have been thrust out, and those that I have afflicted; 

And I will make that which is lame a She'erit (remnant), v'hannahala'ah (and that which is far remnant), v'hannahala'ah. 

And thou, O migdal eder (tower of the flock), hill of Bat Tziyon, unto thee shall it come, even the hammemitot (spears) into pruning knives; And Goy el Goy (nation against nation) will not take up cherev (sword), neither shall they learn milchamah (war) any more. 

And thou shalt go forth out of thy land, and thou shalt dwell in the city, and thou shalt gather those which have been thrust out, and those that I have afflicted; 

And I will make that which is lame a She'erit (remnant), and Hashem shall redeem thee; thou be rescued; there shall be no one to say in thy land, what is this or that? For Hashem shall come again to Zion, and to Yerushalayim, and unto the habitation of My She'erim (remnant), v'hannahala'ah, thy re'emim (high places) shall be as a woven garmen (garment) and as a garmen (garment) of milk. 

Therefore will He give them up, until the Et Dominion (earth's dominion) beful and thou shalt return unto Bnei Yisroel. 

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out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; and thou shalt have no more sorcerers; thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy sacred pillars out of the midst of thee; and lo, thou shalt no more bow down to, worship the work of thine hands.

And I will cut off keshafim (witchcrafts) out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more sorcerers; thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy sacred pillars out of the midst of thee; and lo, thou shalt no more bow down to, worship the work of thine hands.

And I will cut off thy Asherim (i.e., sacred poles of the Asherah cult of Canaan) out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities.

And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the Goyim that were without mishma'at (obedience).

Hear ye now what Hashem saith: Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.

Hear ye, O harbim (mountains), the riv Hashem (dispute, case, lawsuit of Hashem); listen, ye enduring mosedei eretz (foundations of the earth); for Hashem hath a case against His people, and He will contend with Yisroel.

O Ami (My people), what have I done unto thee? And wherein have I been a burden to thee? Testify against Me.

For I brought thee up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, and redeemed thee out of the bais avadim (house of slaves); and sent before thee Moshe, Aharon, and Miryam.

Therefore also will I make thee sick in striking thee, in making thee desolate because of chattotecha.

Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy emptiness remains in thee; and thou shalt put away but not save; and that which thou deliverest will I give up to the cherev (sword).

Thou shalt sow the zera, but thou shalt not reap the katzir (harvest); thou shalt tread the zayit (olives), but thou shalt not anoint thee with shemen (olive oil); and yayin shalt thou not drink.

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With what shall I come before Hashem, and bow myself before Elohei Marom (G-d on High)? Shall I come before Him with olot (burnt offerings), with calves a year old?

Will Hashem be pleased with thousands of eilim (rams), or with ten thousand rivers of shemen (olive oil)? Shall I give my bechor (firstborn) for my peysha, the p'ri (fruit) of my beten for the chattat (sin) of my nefesh?

He hath showed thee, O adam (man), what is tov. And what doth Hashem require of thee, but to do mishpat, and ahavat chesed, and to walk humbly with Eloheicha?

Hashem's voice crieth unto the ir (city): To fear Thy Shem (Name) is wisdom; heed the rod and the One who appointed it.

Are there yet the otzerot (treasures) of wickedness in the bais rasha (the house of the wicked), and the scant measure, the too small eifah (bushel) which is accursed?

Shall I acquit the one with dishonest scales, and with the bag of mirmah (deceitful) weights? [T.N. see Moshiach without mirmah, Yeshayah 53:9]

For the oisher (the wealthy) thereof are full of chamas (violence), and the inhabitants thereof have spoken sheker, and their leshon (tongue) is remiyah (guile) in their mouth. [see Moshiach without chamas, Yeshayah 53:9]

Woe is me! For I am become like a gathering of kayitz (summer fruit), like a gleaning of the vintage; there is no grape cluster to eat, none of the early figs my nefesh desired.

The chasid has disappeared from ha'aretz; and there is none yashar (upright, straight) among men; they all lie in wait for dahm; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

The best of them is like a brier; the yashar (upright, straight) asketh for a bribe; and hagadol uttereth the evil of his nefesh (soul); so they weave it.

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[(most) upright] is sharper than a thorn hedge; the yom of thy watchmen and thy pekuddah (visitation) cometh; now shall their confusion follow.

[5] Trust ye not in a re'a, put ye not confidence in an alluf (confidant); keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy kheyk (bosom).

[6] For the ben dishonoureth the av, the bat riseth up against her em, the kallah against her chamot; a man's enemies are the men of his own bais.

[7] Therefore I will look [in hope] for Hashem; I will wait for Elohei Yishi (the G-d of my Salvation); Elohai (my G-d) will hear me.

[8] Don't joyously gloat over me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in choshech, Hashem shall be ohr unto me.

[9] I will bear the wrath of Hashem, because I have sinned against Him, until He plead my case, and execute mishpat for me; He will bring me forth into the ohr, and I shall behold His tzedakah.

[10] Then mine enemy shall see it, and bushah (shame) shall cover her which said unto me, Where is Hashem thy G-d? Mine eyes shall behold her; now shall she be trodden down like the mire of the streets.

[11] In the yom that thy fences are to be built, in Yom HaHu (that Day) shall the chok (prescribed limit, boundary) be far away.

[12] In that yom also it shall come into your possession from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, even from Egypt to the Euphrates, from yam to yam, and from har to har.

[13] Notwithstanding ha'aretz shall be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

[14] Tend as a shepherd Thy people with Thy staff, the tzon of Thine nachalah, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed in Bashan and Gil’ad, as in days of old.

[15] According to the days of thy coming out of Eretz Mitzrayim will I shew unto it marvellous things.

[16] The Goyim shall see and be ashamed at all their might; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

[17] They shall lick the aphar (dust) like the nachash, like crawlers that crawl on eretz (ground); they will come trembling out of their dens; they shall be afraid of Hashem Eloheinu, and shall turn in fear because of Thee.

[18] Mee El kamocha (Who is a G-d like unto Thee), removing avon, and passing over peysha of the She'erit of His Nechalah? Hashem retaineth not His anger forever, because He delighteth in chesed.

[19] He will turn again; He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue avonoteinu (our iniquities); and tashlich (thou wilt cast, throw) all their sins into the depths of the yam.

[20] Thou wilt give emes to Ya'aakov, and chesed to Avraham, as Thou hast sworn from days of long ago.

[T. N. Notice that Moshiach, in spite of his humble birth is not a mere human being, as it says of Moshiach that the One who shall come forth unto Me [Hashem] that is to be Moshe Yisroel; whose goings forth [i.e. origins] have been mikedem, (from everlasting; see Chabakuk 1:12), mimei olam (from the days of eternity).]
[9] Whatever plot ye against Hashem, Hashem will make an utter end of anyone doing it; tzarah (affliction) will not arise a second time.

[10] For while they be twisted together as sirim (thorns), and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

[11] There is one come out of thee [see 1:1], that imagineth evil against Hashem, a yo'etz Beliya'al (a counselor of Beliya'al [i.e., Sennacherib]).

[12] Thus saith Hashem: Though they are strong, and likewise rabbim, yet shall they thus be cut down, and he [the Assyrian] shall pass away. Though I have afflicted thee [O Yehudah], I will afflict thee no more.

[13] For now will I break his motah (yoke) from off thee, and will break thy fetters in pieces.

[14] And Hashem hath given a command concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown [i.e., to perpetuate his name]; out of the bais of thy gd's will I cut off the pesel (graven image) and the molten image; I prepare thy kever (grave); for thou art vile.

[15] Hinei, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth Besorah (Good News), that publisheth Shalom, O Yehudah, keep thy chagim, fulfill thy nedarim; for the Belya'al shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Hoy (woe) to the ir damim (bloody city)! It is all full of lies and booty; no end to the plunder; [2] The crack of the shot (whip), and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing susim, and of the jolting merkavah (chariot); [3] The parash (horsemen, cavalry) charging, the flash of the cherev and the glittering spear; and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of dead bodies; and there is no end of their geviyot (corpses); they stumble over their geviyot; [4] Because of the multitude of the harlotries of the alluring zonah, the ba'alat keshafim (the mistress of sorceries), that enslaveth Goyim through her prostitutions, and mishpochot through her keshafim; [5] Hineni, I am against thee, saith Hashem

2 (2:2) A shatterer [Nineveh's overpowering enemy] is come up before thy face, [O Nineveh]; guard thy fortress, watch the derech, fortify thy loins, marshal all thy kouch (power), even the lioness, walked with their cubs, and none made them afraid?

[12] (2:13) The arayeh did tear in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his lairs with prey, and his dens with torn flesh.

[13] (2:14) Hineni, I am against thee [O Nineveh], saith Hashem Tzva'os, and I will burn your chariots in the smoke, and the cherev shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey from hakaretz, and the voice of thy malachim (messengers) shall no more be heard.

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Tzva’os; and I will lift thy skirts over thy faces, and I will show the Goyim thy nakedness, and the mamlachot thy shame.

6 And I (Hashem) will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee contemptibly vile, and will make thee a spectacle.

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is in ruins; who will bemoan her? From where shall I seek menachamim (comforters) for thee?

8 Art thou better than No Amon (Thebes), that was situated on the Nile, that had the mayim round about it, whose rampart was the yam, and her waters were her chomah?

9 Ethiopia and Mitzrayim were her strength, and it was boundless; Put and Luvim (Libya) were her allies.

10 Yet she went into golus, she went into captivity; her olalim also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast goral (lots) for her honorable men, and all her gedolim were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be drunken, thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek maoz from the enemy.

12 All thy strongholds shall be like te’enim (fig trees) with the first ripe figs; if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the peh (mouth) of the ochel (eater).

13 Hinei, thy troops in the midst of thee are nashim (women); the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies; the eish shall devour thy gate bars.

14 Draw thee water for the matzor (siege), fortify thy strongholds, go unto clay, and tread the mortar, repair the brickwork.

15 There shall the eish devour thee, the cherev shall consume thee, it shall eat thee up like the grasshopper. Make thyself many as the grasshopper, make thyself many as the arbeh (locust).

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants more than the kohavim of HaShomayim; but, like the locust, they strip the land, then fly away.

17 Thy commanders are as the swarming locusts, and thy officials as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges on a cold day, but when the shemesh ariseth they flee away, and their place is whereabouts unknown.

18 Thy ro’im (shepherds) slumber, O melech of Asshur (Assyria); thy nobles shall dwell in the dust; thy people are scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

19 There is no healing of thy shever (fracture, injury) for the yamim which, though it be told you, of it ye will have no emunah (faith).

20 For, hineni, I raise up the Kasdim (Chaldeans), that Goy bitter and impetuous, which shall march far and wide over the earth, to confiscate the mishkanot (dwelling places) that are not their own.

21 They are terrible and dreadful; their mishpat and their dignity shall proceed from themselves.

22 Their susim also are swifter than the leopards, keener than the evening wolves; and their parash (cavalry) shall charge ahead, and their parash shall come from afar; they shall fly as the nesher (eagle), swooping to devour.

23 They shall come all for chamas; the swarm of their faces is directed forward, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

24 And they shall scoff at the melachim, and the roznim (dignitaries) shall be a scorn unto them; they shall laugh at every stronghold; for they shall heap dirt (earthen ramps), and take it.

25 Then they sweep on like the ruach (wind), guilty men whose g-d is his own koach.

26 Art thou not mikedem (from everlasting, [T.N. Also said of Moshiach, indicating Moshiach’s coeternal divine nature: see Michoh 5:12; see Dan 7:13-14; 3:12], Hashem Elohai (my G-d) Kedoshi (my Holy One) We shall not die. Hashem, Thou hast appointed them for mishpat; O Tzur, Thou hast ordained them for reproof.
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[13] Thou art of eyes of tehor (pureness), not to behold rah, and canst not look on wickedness; why lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the rasha devoureth the tzaddik, the man that is more righteous than he?

[14] And makest adam as the dagim of the yam, as the creeping things, that have no moshel over them?

[15] They take up all of them with a khakkah (hook), they catch them in their net, and gather them in their dragnet; therefore they have simcha (joy) and are glad.

[16] Therefore they make zevakhim (sacrifices) unto their net, and burn incense unto their dragnet; because by them their portion is sumptuous, and their food plenteous.

[17] Shall they therefore empty their net, and without mercy continually shay the Goyim?

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the matzor (rampart), and will watch to see what Hashem will speak in me, and what He shall answer to my tokhakhah (complaint).

[2] And Hashem answered me, and said, Write the chazon, and make it plain upon tablets, so that a herald may run with it.

[3] For the chazon is yet for a moshel (an appointed time); it speaks of HaKetz (the End), mo'ed (an appointed time); it beam out of the timber shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

[4] Hinei, his nashamah which is puffed up is not upright in him; but the tzaddik shall live by his emunah. [Bereshis 15:6]

[5] Yea also, yayin is a boged (betrayer, treacherous); he is a proud man, never at rest, who enlargeth his appetite as Sheol; like Mavet, it cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto it kol HaGoyim, and collecteth unto it kol HaAmim;

[6] Shall not all these take up a marshal against such, with mocking poem riddles against him, and say, Hoy (Woe) to him that increaseth that which is not his! For how long? And to him that loadeth himself by the weight of pledges (i.e., *heaps up by borrowing*)?

[7] Shall not thy biters (charging neshekh) arise suddenly and awake that shall oppress thee, and thou shalt be for plunder unto them?

[8] Because thou hast plundered many Goyim, all the remnant of the Amim shall plunder thee; because of [shefach] dahm, and for the chamas eretz, the city, and of all that dwell therein.

[9] Hoy (Woe) to him that coveteth an evil gain for his bais, that he may set his ken (nest) on high, that he may be delivered from the power of ruin!

[10] Thy counsel hast brought shame to thy bays by cutting off amim rabim and hast sinned against thy nashamah.

[11] For the even (stone) shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

[12] Hoy (Woe) to him that buildeth a town with [shefach] dahm, and foundeth a city by iniquity!

[13] Hinei, is it not from Hashem Tzva'os that the people shall labor only to feed the eish, and the people shall weary themselves in vain?

[14] For the earth shall be filled with the da'as of the kavod Hashem, as the waters cover the yam.

[15] Hoy (Woe) unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, pressing thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!

[16] Thou art filled with shame instead of kavod; drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered; the kos of Hashem's right hand shall be turned against thee, and utter shame shall be on thy kavod.

[17] For the chamas of the Levanon shall cover thee, and the decimation of animals, by which you terrorized them, because of [shefach] dahm, and for the chamas eretz, and to the city, and all that dwell therein.

[18] What profiteth the pesel (graven image) that the maker thereof hath shaped it; the molten image, and moreh sheker, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb elilim (idols)?

[19] Hoy (woe) unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb even (stone), Arise, it shall teach! Hinei, it is laid over with zahav and kesef, and there is no ruach at all in it.

[20] But Hashem is in His Heikhal Kodesh; let kol ha'aaretz keep silence before Him.

A tefillah of Chabakuk HaNavi. On Shigionoth.

[2] Hashem, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid; Hashem, revive Thy work in the midst of the shanim, in the midst of the shanim make known; in wrath remember mercy.

[3] G-d came from Teman, and HaKadosh from Mt Paran. Selah. His hod (glory) covered HaShomayim, and ha'aaretz was full of His tehillah (praise).
And His brightness was like the ohr; He had rays of light flashing from His yad; and there was His power hidden.

Before Him went the dever (plague), and pestilence went forth at His feet.

He stood, and measured ha'aretz; He beheld, and made the Goyim tremble; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow; His ways are olam (everlasting).

I saw the tents of Kushan in affliction; and the dwellings of Eretz Midyan did tremble.

Was Hashem displeased against the rivers? Was Thine anger against the yam, that Thou didst ride upon Thine susim and Thy merkavot of yeshuah (salvation)?

Thy keshet (bow) was made bare. Oathes were sworn over mattot (rods, arrows). Selah. Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.

Thou didst march through the land in indignation, Thou didst thresh the Goyim in anger.

Thou buildedst for the salvation of Thy people, even for deliverance of Thy Moshiach; Thou crushed the rosh of the bais of the wicked, Thou stripped him thigh to neck. Selah.

Thou didst pierce with his spears the head of his horde; they came out like a whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing was like unto devouring the aniyim (the poor) in secret.

Thou didst walk through the yam with Thine susim, through the heap of mayim rabbim.

When I heard, my heart trembled; my lips quivered at the voice; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself, that I might wait patiently for the Yom Tzarah to come on the nation invading us.

Although the etz te’enah shall not blossom, neither shall grape be on the gefen; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no okhel; the tzon shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls;

Yet I will rejoice in Hashem, I will joy in the G-d of my salvation.

Hashem Adonoi is my strength, and He will make my feet like the feet of a deer, and He will make me to walk upon mine high places. To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

The Devar Hashem which came unto Tzephanyah ben Cushi, ben Gedalyah, ben Amaryah, ben Chizkiyah, in the yamim of Yoshiyahu (Josiah) ben Amon, Melech Yehudah.

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In the same Yom also will I visit to punish all those that leap over the threshold [See 1 Sm 5:5], which fill their masters’ batim (houses) with chamas (violence) and mirmah (deceit).

And it shall come to pass in that Yom, saith Hashem, that there
shall be the noise of a cry from Sha'ar HaDagim, and a wail from the Second Quarter of the city, and a loud crash from the hills.

[11] Howl, ye inhabitants of HaMakhtesh [a locality in Yerushalayim], for all the merchants are cut down; all they that weigh out kesef are cut off.

[12] And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Yerushalayim with nerot (lamps), and visit to punish the [proud] men that are [complacently] settled on their wine dregs; that say in their lev, Hashem will not do tov, neither will Hashem do rah.

[13] Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their batim a desolation; they shall also build batim, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant kramim (vineyards), but they shall not drink the yayin thereof.

[14] Therefore as I live, saith Hashem Tzva'os, Elohei Yisroel, Surely Moav shall be as Sodom, and the Bnei Ammon as Amora (Gomorrah), a place of weeds and salt pits, and desolation ad olam; the She'erit Ami shall plunder them, and the remnant of My nation shall possess them.

[15] Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by My cheriev.

[16] And Hashem will stretch forth His hand against the Am Hashem Tzva'os, and against the Am Hamite, and against the Am Semite, and against the Am She'arim, and against the Am Philistim, and against all the coasts and islands of the Goyim.

[17] And I will bring distress upon adam, that they shall walk like ivrim, because they have sinned against Hashem; and their dahm shall be poured out like dust, and their bowels like dung.

[18] Neither their kesef nor their zahav shall be able to save them in the Yom Evrat Hashem (Day of Hashem’s Wrath); but kol ha'aretz (the whole earth) shall be devoured by the eish Hashem's kina (jealousy, zeal, passion); for He shall make a complete end, a terrible end, of kol yoshvei ha'aretz (all them that dwell on the earth).

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O shameiful nation.

[2] Before the decree brings forth, before the day passes like the chaff, before the charon af Hashem comes upon you, before the Yom Af Hashem (Day of Hashem’s Anger) comes upon you;

[3] Seek ye Hashem, all ye anvei ha'aretz (humble of the land), which have wrought His mishpat; seek tzedek, seek anavah (meekness, humility); it may be ye shall be hid in the Yom Af Hashem.

[4] For Azah (Gaza) shall be abandoned, and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod in broad day, and Ekron shall be uprooted.

[5] Hoy (Woe) unto the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Keretim (Cretans)! The Devar Hashem is against you, O Kena'an, eretz of the Pelshitim (Philistines). I will even destroy thee, that there no inhabitant remains.

[6] And the seacoast shall be dwellings and meadows for ro'im (shepherds), and pens for tzon.

[7] And the coast shall be for the she'erit Bais Yehudah; they shall feed thereupon; in the batim (houses) of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the erev; for Hashem Eloheichem shall visit them, and restore their fortunes.

[8] I have heard the reproach of Moav, and the revilings of the Bnei Ammon, whereby they have reproached My nation, and magnified themselves against their territory.

[9] Therefore as I live, saith Hashem Tzva'os, Elohei Yisroel, Surely Moav shall be as Sodom, and the Bnei Ammon as Amora (Gomorrah), a place of weeds and salt pits, and desolation ad olam; the She'erit Ami shall plunder them, and the remnant of My nation shall possess them.

[10] This shall they have in return for their ga'on (pride), because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the Am Hashem Tzva'os.

[11] Hashem will be terrible unto them; for He will reduce to nothing all the elohei ha'aretz (g-ds of the land); and men shall worship Hashem, everyone from his place, even all the coasts and islands of the Goyim.

[12] Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by My cheriev.

[13] And Hashem will stretch out His hand against the tzafon (north), and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, a dry waste like a midbar.

[14] And herds shall lie down in the midst of it, all the beasts of the Goyim; both the desert owl and the screech owl will roost on her columns; their voice shall hoot in the thresholds; the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; the beams of cedar will be exposed.

[15] This is HaIr HaAlizah (the rejoicing city) that dwelt carelessly, that said in her lev, I am, and there is none beside me; how is she become a desolation, a place for...
beasts to lie down in! Every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and shake his fist.

3 Hoy (woe) to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city [i.e., Jerusalem]!

[2] She obeyed not the voice; she received not musar (correction); her bitachon (trust) was not in Hashem; she drew not near to her G-d.

[3] Her sarim (princes) within her are roaring arayot; they leave nothing for the boker (morning).

[4] Her nevi'im are arrogant, anshei bogedot (treacherous persons); her kohanim have profaned the kodesh, they have done violence to the torah [T.N. which they were ordained to faithfully observe and teach].

[5] Hashem Tzaddik is in the midst thereof; He will do no injustice; boker by boker doth Hashem dispense mishpat; midst thereof; He will do no injustice; boker by boker doth Hashem dispense mishpat; He faileth not; but the unjust corrupted all their doings.

[6] I have cut off the Goyim; their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no ish (man), that there is no inhabitant.

[7] I said, Surely thou wilt fear Me, thou wilt accept musar (correction, instruction); so that her dwelling place should not be cut off, despite everything for which I punished her; but they rose early [i.e., eagerly], and corrupted all their doings.

[8] Therefore wait ye upon Me, saith Hashem, until the Yom that I rise up for a prey; My determination is to gather the Goyim, that I may assemble the mamlachot, to pour upon them Mine indignation, even all My charon af; for kol ha'aretz (all the earth) shall be devoured with the eish of My kina (jealousy).

[9] For then will I restore to the people a safah berurah (pure language, purified lip), that they may all call upon the Shem Hashem, to serve Him with shekhem echad (one shoulder, one accord).

[10] From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My suppliants, even the daughter of My dispersed, shall bring Mine minchah.

[11] In that Yom shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against Me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy ga'avah (pride), and thou shalt no more be haughty because of My Har Hakodesh.

[12] I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the Shem Hashem.

[13] She'eret Yisroel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a leshon tarmit (tongue of deceitfulness) be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

[14] Sing, O BAT Tziyon; shout, O Yisroel; be glad and rejoice with all the lev, O BAT Yerushalayim.

[15] Hashem hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy. The Melech Yisroel, even Hashem, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more.

[16] In that Yom it shall be said to Yerushalayim, Fear thou not; and to Tziyon, Let not thine hands hang limp.

[17] Hashem thy G-d in the midst of thee is gibbor; He will save, He will rejoice over thee with simchah; He will quiet [you] in His ahavah (love), He will joy over thee with singing.

[18] They that mourn I will gather for the mo'ed (time of the feast), who are of thee [O Tziyon], to whom the cherpah (reproof of the Golus) presses upon them [see 2C 7:10].

[19] Hinei, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee; and I will save her that is lame, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land of their boshet (shame).

[20] At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you; for I will make you a shem and a tehillah among Kol Amei Ha'aretz (all the peoples of the earth), when I turn back your captivity and restore your fortunes before your eyes, saith Hashem.
In the second year of Daryavesh HaMelech, in the sixth month, in yom echad of the month, came the Devar Hashem by Chaggai HaNavi unto Zerubavel ben Sh'altiel, Governor of Yehudah, and to Yehoshua ben Yehotzadak [i.e., the namesake of Moshiach, see Zech 6:11-12], the Kohen HaGadol, saying,

Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os: This people say, The time is not come, the time that Beis Hashem should be built.

Then came the Devar Hashem by Chaggai HaNavi, saying,

Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your paneled batim, and this Beis HaMikdash lie in ruins?

Now therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os; Consider your ways.

Ye have sown harbeh (much), and bring in me'at (little); ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe yourselves, but there is no warming; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put them into a purse of holes.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os: Consider your ways.

Go up to the har (mountain), and bring etz, and build HaBeis [HaMikdash]; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith Hashem.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os: Consider your ways.

The kesef is Mine, and the zahav is Mine, saith Hashem Tzva'os.

The kavod of this latter Beis shall be greater than of the former, saith Hashem Tzva'os: and in this place will I give shalom, saith Hashem Tzva'os.

In the four and twentieth yom of the sixth month, in the second year of Daryavesh HaMelech [520 B.C.E.].

In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth yom of the month, came the Devar Hashem by Chaggai HaNavi, saying,

Speak now to Zerubavel ben Sh'altiel, Governor of Yehudah, and to Yehoshua ben Yehotzadak, the Kohen HaGadol, and to the she'erit HaAm, saying,
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shemen (olive oil), or any food, shall it thus be made kodesh? And the kohanim answered and said, Lo (No).

Then said Chaggai, If one that is tamei (unclean) by a nefesh (dead body) touch any of these, shall it be tamei? And the kohanim answered and said, It shall be tamei.

Then answered Chaggai, and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before Me, saith Hashem; and so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is tamei (unclean).

And now, I pray you, consider from this yom and onward, from before an even (stone) was laid upon an even (stone) in the Heikhal Hashem;

Since those yamim were, when one came to a heap of grain of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat for to draw out fifty vessels, there were but twenty.

I struck you with blight and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet ye made not teshuvah to Me, saith Hashem.

Consider now from this yom and onward, from the four and twentieth yom of the ninth month, even from the yom that the Yesod (Foundation) of the Heikhal Hashem was laid, consider it.

Since those yamim were, when one came to a heap of grain of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the wine vat for to draw out fifty vessels, there were but twenty.

I struck you with blight and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet ye made not teshuvah to Me, saith Hashem.

Consider now from this yom and onward, from the four and twentieth yom of the ninth month, even from the yom that the Yesod (Foundation) of the Heikhal Hashem was laid, consider it.

Is the seed still in the granary? As yet the gefen, and the etz te'enah, and the pomegranate, and etz hazayit (olive tree), hath not brought forth. From this yom forth will I bless you.

And again the Devar Hashem came unto Chaggai in the four and twentieth yom of the month, saying.

Speak to Zerubavel, Governor of Yehudah, saying, I will shake HaShomayim and HaAretz;

And I will overthrow the throne of mamachot (kingdoms), and I will destroy the chozek (strength) of the mamachot HaGoyim; and I will overthrow the merkavot, and those that ride in them; and the susim and their riders shall fall, every one by the cherev (sword) of achiv.

In that yom, saith Hashem Tzva'os, will I take thee, O Zerubavel ben Sh'altiel, Avdi (My Servant; T.N. see Yeshayah 52:13 for this Avdi– My Servant– as a reference which is ultimately related to Moshiach), saith Hashem, and will make thee as a chotam (signet ring); for I have chosen thee, saith Hashem Tzva'os.
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Tzo’os; I have been jealous for Yerushalayim and for Tziyon with a kina gedolah (great jealousy).

|15| And I am very angry with the Goyim that are self secure; for I was but a little angry, and they added to the ru’ah.

|16| Therefore thus saith Hashem: I am returning to Yerushalayim with rachamim; My Beis [Hamikdash] shall be rebuilt in her [Yerushalayim], saith Hashem Tzo’os; and a measuring line shall be stretched forth upon Yerushalayim.

|17| Preach also, saying, Thus saith Hashem Tzo’os: My towns will overflow with tov; and Hashem shall yet comfort Tziyon, and shall yet choose Yerushalayim.

|18 [2:1]| Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and hinei four keranot (horns, powers, i.e., empires; see Dan chps 2 and 7)

|19 [2:2]| And I said unto the malach that spoke with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the keranot which have scattered Yehudah, Yisroel, and Yerushalayim.

|20 [2:3]| And Hashem showed me arba’ah charashim (four craftsmen).

|21 [2:4]| Then said I, What come these to do? And he spoke, saying, These are the keranot which have scattered Yehudah, so that no man did lift up his head; but these craftsmen are come to terrify them, to throw down the karnot haGoyim, which lifted up their keren (horn) over Eretz Yehudah to scatter her.

|2:1 [2:5]| I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and, hinei, a man with a measuring line in his hand!

|2:2 [2:6]| Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Yerushalayim, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

|2:3 [2:7]| And, hinei, the malach that spoke with me went forth, and another malach went out to meet him.

|2:4 [2:8]| And said unto him, Run, speak to this na’ar (young man, i.e., see 2:1 [2:5]) saying, Yerushalayim shall be inhabited like unwalled cities because of the multitude of men and cattle therein;

|2:5 [2:9]| For I, saith Hashem, will be unto her a chomat eish (wall of fire) round about, and will be the kavod in the midst of her.

|2:6 [2:10]| Come, come, and flee out of the Eretz Tzafon, saith Hashem; for I have scattered you like the Arbah Ruchot HaShomayim, saith Hashem.


|2:8 [2:12]| For thus saith Hashem Tzo’os: After Kavod (Glory) sent me unto the Goyim who plundered you—the one that toucheth you toucheth the apple of His eye—Hineni, I will surely raise Mine hand against them, and they shall be plunder to their avadim; and ye shall know that Hashem Tzo’os hath sent me.


|2:10 [2:14]| Sing and rejoice, O Bat Tziyon; for, hineni, I will come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith Hashem.

|2:11 [2:15]| And Goyim rabbim shall be joined to Hashem in Yom HaHu (that day), and shall be Ami (My People); and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that Hashem Tzo’os hath sent me unto thee.

|2:12 [2:16]| And Hashem shall inherit Yehudah as His chelek in the Admat HaKodesh (Holy Land), and shall choose Yerushalayim again.

|2:13 [2:17]| Be silent, Kol Basar, before Hashem; for He has roused Himself from His Ma’on Kadosh (holy habitation).

|3| And he [the malach] showed me Yehoshua the Kohen HaGadol standing before the Malach Hashem, and HaSatan standing at his right hand to accuse him.

|2| And Hashem said unto HaSatan, Hashem rebuke thee, O HaSatan; even Hashem that hath chosen Yerushalayim rebuke thee. Is not this a brand, a burning stick, snatched out of the eish?

|3| Now Yehoshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the malach.

|4| And he [the malach] answered and spoke unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, See, I have taken away thine avon (iniquity, guilt) from thee, and I will clothe thee with machalatzot (extra fine, white clothing).

|5| And I said, Let them set a tzanif tahor (clean turban, extra fine, white clothing) upon his head. And unto him he said, Hineni, I have taken away thine avon (iniquity, guilt) from thee, and I will clothe thee with machalatzot (extra fine, white clothing).

|6| And the Malach Hashem testified unto Yehoshua, saying.

|7| Thus saith Hashem Tzo’os: If thou shalt walk in My ways, and if thou shalt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My Beis.
[Hamikdash], and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee ways to walk among these standing here.

[8] Hear now, O Yehoshua the Kohon HaGadol, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee, for they are Anshei Mofet (men of portent); for, hinei, I will bring forth Avdi Tzemach [My Servant, the Branch i.e., Moshiach Ben David]

Yehoshua, see Jer 23:5; 30:9; 33:15; Ezra 3:8; Zech 6:11-12; Mt 2:23; Isa 4:2; 9:2-7; 11:1-12; 53:2, 11; Moshiach the new “Joshua” Isa 49:8.

[9] For hinei the even (stone) that I have set before Yehoshua; upon one even (stone) shall be shivah einayim (seven eyes); hineni, I will engrave the inscription thereof, saith Hashem Tzva’os, and I will remove the avon (iniquity, guilt) of that land in Yom Echad.

[10] In Yom HaHu, saith Hashem Tzva’os, shall ye invite every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig tree.

4 And the malach that spoke with me returned, and awoke me, like a man that is wakened out of his sleep.

[2] And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and hinei a manorot zahav, solid gold, with an oil vessel upon the top of it, and shivah nerot (lamps) thereon, and shivah tubes to the shivah nerot (lamps), which are upon the top thereof:

[3] And two zeytim (olive trees) by it, one upon the right side of the oil vessel, and the other upon the left side thereof.

[4] So I answered and spoke to the malach that spoke with me, saying, What are these, adoni?

[5] Then the malach that spoke with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, Lo (no), adoni.

[6] Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the Devar Hashem unto Zerubavel, saying, Not by might, nor by ko’ach (power), but by My Ruach [i.e., banished] according to what it says on one side of the megillah; and every perjurer that sweareth falsely shall be purged out according to what it says on the other side. [Shemot 20:15, 7]

[7] Who art thou, O har hagadol (great mountain), before Zerubavel? Thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the even haroshah (cornerstone) thereof with shoutings, crying, Chen, chen (Grace, grace) unto it.

[8] Moreover the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

[9] The hands of Zerubavel have laid the Yesod (foundation) of this Beis HaMikdash; his hands shall also finish it; then thou shalt know that Hashem Tzva’os hath sent me unto you.

[10] For who hath despised the Yom Ketannot (day of small things)? For they shall have simcha, and shall see the plum line in the hand of Zerubavel with these shivah; they are the eyes of Hashem, which run to and fro throughout kol ha’aretz.

[11] Then I replied by asking him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the menorah and upon the left side thereof?

[12] And I asked again, and said unto him, What are these two branches of the zeytim which through the two golden sprouts pour the gold-colored oil out of themselves?

[13] And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, Lo (no), adoni.

[14] Then said he, These are the two bnei hayitzhar (sons of oil), that stand by Adon Kol Haaretz [T.N. See Malachi 3:1 where Moshiach is referred to similarly].
And he pushed her inside the lead cover over the mouth of the eifah.  
|9| Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, hinei, there came forth two rashim (women), and the ruchach (wind) was in their kenafayim (wings); for they had kenafayim (wings) like the kenafayim of a stork: and they lifted up the eifah between their kenafayim (women), and the ruach (wind) went to and fro throughout ha`aretz. So they went to and fro throughout ha`aretz.  
|8| Then said I to the malach that spoke with me, Whither are these taking the eifah?  
|7| And he said unto me, To eifah? And he said unto me, To ha'aretz and HaShomayim.  
|6| Then I answered and said unto him, What are these, adoni?  
|5| And the malach answered and said unto me, These are the malachim which have arrived from Babylon, and thou go into the bais of Yoshiyah ben Tzephanyah;  
|4| Then said I to the malach that spoke with me, What are these, adoni?  
|3| And in the merkavah harishonah were red-brown susim; and in the merkavah hashenit susim shechorim (black horses);  
|2| In the merkavah harishonim, when the merkavot (four chariots) and they were coming out from between two harim (mountains); and the harim were harim of nechoshet (bronze).  
|1| And I looked again, and lifted up mine eyes, and, hinei, there came arba merkavot (four chariots) and they were coming out from between two harim (mountains); and the harim were harim of nechoshet (bronze).  

6 And I looked again, and lifted up mine eyes, and, hinei, there came arba merkavot (four chariots) and they were coming out from between two harim (mountains); and the harim were harim of nechoshet (bronze).

7 And the powerful ones went forth, and strained to go around to and fro throughout ha`aretz; and he said, Get you hence, go to and fro throughout ha`aretz. So they went to and fro throughout ha`aretz.  
|8| Then called He to me, and spoke unto me, saying, Look, these that go toward the eretz tzafon have given rest to My Ruach [HaKodesh] in the eretz tzafon.  
|7| And the powerful ones went forth, and strained to go around to and fro throughout ha`aretz. So they went to and fro throughout ha`aretz.  
|6| The one with the susim shechorim (black horses) go forth toward the eretz tzafon (land of the north); and the levanim (white ones) go forth after them; and the speckled go forth toward the eretz hateyman (land of the south).  
|5| And the malach answered and said unto me, To ha'aretz, and HaShomayim.  
|4| Then spoke I unto the malach that spoke with me, What are these, adoni?  
|3| And in the merkavah harishonah were red-brown susim; and in the merkavah hashenit susim shechorim (black horses); and in the merkavah harevi'it harim of nechoshet (mountains); and the harim were harim of nechoshet (mountains); and the harim went to and fro throughout ha'aretz. So they went to and fro throughout ha'aretz.  
|2| In the merkavah harevi'it were harim of nechoshet (mountains); and the harim went to and fro throughout ha'aretz. So they went to and fro throughout ha'aretz.  
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7 And the powerful ones went forth, and strained to go around to and fro throughout ha`aretz; and he said, Get you hence, go to and fro throughout ha`aretz. So they went to and fro throughout ha`aretz.
And at ease, and the towns thereof round about her, when men inhabited the Negev and the Shefelah?

And the Devar Hashem came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os, saying, Administer mishpat emes. And let every man show chessed and rachamim to his brother; And oppress not the almanah, nor the yetomim, the ger, nor the aniym; and let none of you imagine ra’ah against his brother in your lev.

But they refused to heed, let none of you imagine ra’ah in your levavot, and stubbornly stiffened their shoulders, stopped up their oznayim, that they not hear. Yea, they made their oznayim, that they not hear. Those that heard, to hear; so they called, and I would not hear, saith Hashem. For thus saith Hashem: I will return unto Tziyon, and will dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim; and Yerushalayim shall be called Ir HaEmes; and HaKodesh, Har HaKodesh.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: Zekenim and zekenot shall yet dwell in the rechovot of Yerushalayim, and every man with his staff in his hand me’rov yamim (because of many days, i.e., old age). And the rechovot of the city shall be full of yeladim and yeladot playing in the rechovot thereof.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the she’erit HaAm HaZeh in those days, should it also be marvellous in Mine eyes? saith Hashem Tzva’os. Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: Hineni, I will save My she’arim (gates, courts); and I will assemble them upon the rechovot thereof.

Thus saith Hashem: I will return unto Tziyon, and will dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim; and Yerushalayim shall be called Har HaKodesh, Har HaKodesh. Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: Har HaKodesh.

And let every man show chessed and mishpat shalom in your yeledot (children) and yeledim (children) and yeladim (children) and yeledot (daughters) playing in the rechovot thereof.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: Let your hands be strong. These are the things that ye must do: Speak ye every man emes to his neighbor; execute the judgment of mishpat shalom in your she’arim (gates, courts); and let none of you imagine ra’ah in your levavot, and stubbornly stiffened their shoulders, stopped up their oznayim, that they not hear.

Thus saith Hashem: I will return unto Tziyon, and will dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim; and Yerushalayim shall be called Har HaKodesh, Har HaKodesh. Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: HaZeh to possess all these shevi’ot (sabbaths), and ha’aretz shall give her shavua’ot (weeks), and the gefen shall yield her fruit, and ha’aretz shall give her increase, and HaShomayim shall give their tal; and I will cause the she’erit HaAm HaZeh to possess all these things for a nachalah.

And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a kelalah (curse) among the Goyim, O Bais Yehudah, and Bais Yisroel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a brocha; fear not, but let your hands be strong.

For thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: As I determined to bring rah on you, when your avot provoked Me to wrath, saith Hashem Tzva’os, and I relented not with rachamim: So again have I determined in these days to do good unto Yerushalayim and to Bais Yehudah; fear ye not. These are the things that ye must do: Speak ye every man emes to his neighbor; execute the judgment of mishpat shalom in your she’arim (gates, courts);

And let none of you imagine ra’ah in your levavot, against his neighbor; and love not the shevuat sheker (false oath); and love not the yishuv yisroel (curse) among the Goyim, O Bais Yehudah, and Bais Yisroel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a brocha; fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: The tzom of the fourth month, and the tzom of the fifth, and the tzom of the seventh, and the tzom of the tenth, shall be to the Bais Yehudah for sasson and simcha, and mo’adim tovim; therefore love emes and shalom.

Thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come amidim (nations), and the inhabitants of many cities;
And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to make entreaty before Hashem, and to seek Hashem Tzva’os. I myself am going.

And mamzer shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the ga’on (pride) of the Pelishtim (Philistines).

And I will take away his dahm out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; but he will also remain to Eloheinu, and he shall be as a tribe prince in Yehudah, and Ekron like the Yevusi (Jebusite).

And I will encamp about Mine Bais against military power, because of him that goes maurading to and fro; and no oppressor shall pass through them any more; for now I am keeping watch with Mine eyes.

Rejoice greatly, O Bat Yevusi (Jebusite); shout, O Bat Yerushalayim; hinei, thy Melech cometh unto thee, tzaddik, and having Salvation; ani (lowly, meek), and riding upon a chamor, even upon a colt the foal of a donkey. [Mt 21:5; In 12:15]

And I will cut off the chariot from Ephrayim, and the war horse from Yerushalayim, and the battle bow shall be cut off. He shall proclaim shalom unto the nations; and His [Moshiach’s] dominion shall be from yam even to yam, and from the [Euphrates] river even to the ends of ha’aretz.

As for thee also, by the dahm of thy Brit I release thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no mayim [water], and thy prisoners out of the pit, and no oppressor shall pass through them any more; for now I am keeping watch with Mine eyes.

Ask ye of Hashem rain in the time of the latter rain; from Hashem who makes the storm clouds, and gives them showers of rain, to every one essev [Gn 1:12] in the sadeh.

And Imit ha’aretz shall be full of the knowledge of Hashem, as a tree of life to those that see it. [Is 55:12]

And Imit ha’aretz shall be full of knowledge, as a tree of life to them that see it. [Is 55:11]

And Imit ha’aretz shall be full of the knowledge of Hashem, as a tree of life to them that see it. [Is 55:12]
him, the Keshet Milchamah (battle bow, Tehillim 45:5), from him every ruler.

[5] Together they [Bais Yehudah, (10:3)] shall be like gibbonim, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the milchamah; and they shall fight, because Hashem is with them, and they shall overthrow the riders on susim.

[6] And I will strengthen the Bais Yehudah, and I will save the Bais Yosef, and I will restore them; for I have rachamim upon them; and they shall be as though I had not rejected them; for I am Hashem Eloheihem, and I will answer them.

[7] And they of Ephrayim shall be like a gibbon (mighty man), and their lev shall have simcha as through yayan; yea, their banim shall see, and have simcha; and their lev shall rejoice in Hashem.

[8] I will whistle for them, and I will gather them in; for I have redeemed them; and they shall remember Me in far among the peoples; and they shall walk in Shmo (His Name), saith Hashem.

[9] Then said I, I will not shepherd you; that which dieth, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let those that are left eat every one the basar of another.

[10] And I took my staff, even No'am, and I broke it asunder, breaking off my Brit (covenant) which I had made with kol ha'amim (all the peoples).

[11] And it was broken on that day; and so the aniyei hatzon (poor of the flock), who were the shomrim giving heed to me, perceived that this was the Devar Hashem.

[12] And I said unto them, If ye think tov, give me my sachar (price); and if not, refrain. So they weighed out for my sachar (price) shloshim pieces of silver.

[13] And Hashem said unto me, Throw it unto the yotzer (potter); the magnificent price that I was priced of them. So I took the shloshim kesef, and threw them to the yotzer (potter); and the potter...
tear off their hooves.

|17| Hoy (woe) to the worthless ro'eh (shepherd) that deserteth the tzon! May the cherev (sword) be upon his zero'a (arm), and upon his right eye; let his zero'a wither away, and his right eye be utterly extinguished.

12 The burden of the Devar Hashem concerning Yisroel, saith Hashem, who stretcheth forth Shomayim, and layeth the yesod aretz, and formeth the ruach adam within him.

|2| Hinei, I will make Yerushalayim a cup of reeling unto kol ha'amim (all the peoples) round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Yehudah and against Yerushalayim.

|3| And on Yom HaHu will I make Yerushalayim an even ma'amasah (a burdensome stone) for kol ha'amim: all that burden themselves with it [i.e., try to lift it] shall be cut in pieces, though kol Goyei Ha'Aretz be gathered together against her.

|4| In Yom HaHu, saith Hashem, I will strike every sus with panic, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the Bais Yehudah, and will strike every sus of the people with blindness.

|5| And the Aluphei Yehudah (leaders of Yehudah) shall say in their lev, The yoshvei Yerushalayim are my strength in Hashem Tzva'os Eloheihem.

|6| In Yom HaHu will I make the Aluphei Yehudah like a fire pot in the woods, and like a torch of eish in the omer (sheaves); and they shall devour kol haAm round about, on the right hand and on the left; and Yerushalayim shall be inhabited again in her own site, even in Yerushalayim.

|7| Hashem also shall save the oholei Yehudah (tents of Yehudah) first, that the glory of the Bais Dovid and the glory of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim do not magnify themselves against Yehudah.

|8| In Yom HaHu shall Hashem defend the inhabitants of Yerushalayim; and he that is feeble among them in Yom HaHu shall be like Dovid; and the Bais Dovid shall be like Elohim, like the Malach Hashem before them.

|9| And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that I will seek to destroy kol HaGoyim that attack Yerushalayim.

|10| And I will pour upon the Bais Dovid, and upon the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, the Ruach (Spirit) of Chen (grace) and of Tachanunim (supplications for favor); and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced [dakar, ‘pierce through’ cf. Yeshayah 53:5; Targum HaShivim Tehillim 22:17], and they shall mourn for Him (Moshiach) as one mourneth for his yachid (only son), and shall grieve in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his bechor (firstborn).

[12] In Yom Hahu shall there be a great mourning in Yerushalayim, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

|12| And ha'aretz shall mourn, all mishpochot apart; the mishpachot Bais Dovid apart, and their wives apart; the mishpachot Bais Natun apart, and their wives apart; [Shmuel Bais 5:14]

|13| The mishpachot Bais Levi apart, and their wives apart; the mishpachot Shimei apart, and their wives apart; [Bamidbar 3:17-18,21]

[14] All the mishpochot that remain, all mishpochot apart, and their wives apart.

13 In Yom HaHu there shall be a makor (fountain [see Tehillim 36:10 (9)]) opened to the Bais Dovid and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim for sin and for niddah (impurity, i.e., used figuratively but refers especially to untouchability of women during menstruation and other kinds of uncleanness).

|2| And in Yom HaHu it shall come to pass, saith Hashem Tzva'os, that I will cut off the shmot (names) of the atzabim (idols) out of ha'aretz, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the nevi'im and the ruach hatum'ah (unclean spirit) to pass from ha'aretz.

|3| And it shall come to pass, that if any shall still prophesy, then his av and his em that bore him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest sheker b'Shem Hashem; and his av and his em that bore him shall thrust him through [dakar, 12:10] when he prophesieth.

|4| And in Yom HaHu it shall come to pass, that the nevi'im shall be ashamed, every one of his chizzayon (vision, revelation), when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear an adderet se'ar (garment of hair, hairy mantle) to deceive;

|5| But he shall say, I am no navi; I am an ish oved adamah (a man who works the soil); for land I owned from my youth.

|6| And if one shall say unto him, What are these makkot (strokes, marks
of strokes, scars, wounds) between thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the bays of my friends.

7 Awake, O Cherev (sword), against My Ro'eh (shepherd, i.e. Moshiach, see Isa 40:11; Ezek 34:23,24; 37:24), against the Gever (man) that is My Amit (fellow, intimate companion, associate), saith Hashem Tzva'os; strike the Ro'eh (shepherd), and the Tzon (sheep, flock) shall be scattered; and I will turn Mine hand upon the tzoo'arim (little ones; see Zech 11:7; see Mt 26:31,56).

8 And it shall come to pass, that in kol ha'aretz, saith Hashem, two-thirds therein shall be cut off and die; but one-third shall remain therein.

9 And I will bring the one-third through the eish, and will refine them as zahav is tested; they shall call biShmi (on My Name), and I will say, This is My people; and they shall say, Hashem is Elohai.

And in Yom HaHu, His raglayim (feet; see Ac 1:11-12) shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which is east of Yerushalayim, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a gey gedolah me'od (a very great valley), with half of the mountain moving to the north, and half of it to the south.

10 And ye shall flee to the geiy (valley) in the mountains; for the gey (valley) of the harim (mountains) shall extend unto Atzel; yea, ye shall flee, just as ye fled from before the ra'ash (earthquake) in the days of Uziyah Melech Yehudah; and Hashem Elohai shall come, and kol Kedoshim (all the holy ones) with Thee (see Daniel 7:13-14).

11 And it shall come to pass in Yom HaHu, that there shall no longer be cold or frost: But it shall be Yom Echad, known to Hashem, with no Yom, nor Lailah; but it shall come to pass, that at erev it shall be ohr.

12 And it shall be in Yom HaHu, that mayim chayyim (living waters) shall go out from Yerushalayim; half toward the eastern sea [i.e., Dead Sea;], and half toward the western sea [i.e., Mediterranean Sea;] in kayitz (summer) and in khoref (winter) shall it be.

13 And in Yom HaHu it shall be Yom HaHu, that there shall be no more cherem (utter destruction, holy war); but Yerushalayim shall be inhabited labetach (in confidence, security).

14 And this shall be the magefah (plague [produced by Hashem]) wherewith Hashem will strike kol ha'amim (all the peoples) that have fought against Yerushalayim; their basar shall rot while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall rot in their sockets, and their tongue shall rot in their mouth.

15 And in Yom HaHu it shall come to pass, that there shall be among them a mehumat Hashem (a panic from Hashem), and they shall seize every one the hand of his neighbor, and the hand of each shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.

16 And Yehudah also shall fight at Yerushalayim; and the wealth of kol HaGoyim round about shall be gathered together, zahav, and kesef, and apparel, in great abundance.

17 And so shall be the magefat hasus (plague on the horse), on the mule, on the camel, and on the donkey, and on all the beasts that shall be in those camps, like this magefah (plague).

18 And it shall come to pass, that all who are left of kol HaGoyim which came against Yerushalayim shall even go up from year to year to worship HaMelech, Hashem Tzva'os, and to keep Chag HaSukkot.

19 And it shall be, that whosoever will not make this aliyah from the mishpekhah ha'aretz unto Yerushalayim to worship HaMelech, Hashem Tzva'os, even upon them Migdal Chanan'el unto the king's wine presses.

Hinei, a day cometh for Hashem, when the plunder taken from thee shall among thee be divided.

For I will gather kol HaGoyim against Yerushalayim for milchamah (battle, war); and HaIr (the city, Yerushalayim) shall be taken, and the batim (houses) plundered, and the women ravished; and half of HaIr shall go forth into the Golus (exile), and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from HaIr.

Then shall Hashem go forth, and fight against those Goyim, as He fights in the Yom Krav (day of battle).
shall be no geshem (rain).

18 And if the mishpakhath Mitzrayim go not up, and come not, upon them shall fall the magefah (plague) wherewith Hashem will strike the Goyim that come not up to keep Chag HaSukkot.

19 This shall be the punishment of Mitzrayim, and the punishment of kol HaGoyim that come not up to keep Chag HaSukkot.

20 In Yom HaHu shall there be upon the metzillot (bells) of the susim, KODESH L’HASHEM; and the sirot (cooking pots) in the Beis Hashem shall be like the mizrakim (libation bowls) before the mizbe’ach.

21 Yea, every siv (pot) in Yerushalayim and in Yehudah shall be KODESH L’HASHEM TZVA’OS: and all the zovechim (the ones sacrificing) shall come and take of them, and they shall cook in them; and in Yom HaHu there shall be no more Kena’ani (Canaanite, merchant; see Mt 21:12-13; Mk 11:15-18) in the Beis Hashem Tzva’os.

The burden of the Devar Hashem to Yisroel by Malachi.

2 I have loved you, saith Hashem. Yet ye say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esav Ya’akov’s brother? saith Hashem; yet I loved Ya’akov, but I hated Esav, and his mountains and his nachalah I laid waste into wasteland for the jackals of the midbar.

3 But I hated Esav, and his mountains and his nachalah I laid waste into wasteland for the jackals of the midbar.

4 Whereas Edom saith, We are dashed to pieces, but we will return and rebuild the ruins; thus saith Hashem Tzva’os: They may build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, Gevul Rishah (territory of wickedness), and the people against whom Hashem hath indignation ad olam (for ever).

5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, Hashem is gadol (great) even beyond the Gevul Yisroel.

6 A ben honoreth his av, and an eved his adon; if then I be an Av, where is Mine honor? And if I be Adonim, where is My reverence? saith Hashem Tzva’os unto you, O kohanim, that despise My Name. But ye say, Wherein have we despised Thy name? for the sake of our offerings, saith Hashem Tzva’os.

7 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not take it to lev, to give kavod unto My name, saith Hashem Tzva’os, I will even send a me’erah (curse) upon you, and I will curse your brakhot; yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not take it to lev.

8 And now, I pray you, beseech G-d that He will be gracious unto us; with such offerings from your hand, will He receive you? saith Hashem Tzva’os.

9 And now, I am rebuking your zera, and I will spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your chagim; and it will take you away with it.

10 Who is there even among you that would shut the datayim of the Beis Hamidkash so that eish would not be kindled on Mine mizbe’ach in vain? There is no chefetz (pleasure) to Me with you, saith Hashem Tzva’os, neither will I accept a minchah at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the shemesh even unto the going down of the same My name shall be gadol among the Goyim; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My name, and a minchah tehorah; for My name shall be gadol among the Goyim, saith Hashem Tzva’os.

12 But ye have committed chillul Hashem (desecration of the Name), in that ye say, The shulchan Adonoi is mego’al (defiled); and the fruit, even the food thereof, is contemptible.

13 Ye said also, Hinei, what a burden it is! And ye have sniffed scornfully at it, saith Hashem Tzva’os; and ye brought that which was injured, and the lame, and the diseased; thus ye brought a minchah; should I accept this of your hand? saith Hashem.

14 But cursed be the nokhel (cheat, swindler, charlatan), which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto Hashem the one being blemished; for I am a Melech Gadol, saith Hashem Tzva’os, and My name is to be feared among the Goyim.

2 And now, O ye kohanim, this mitzvah is for you.
And ye shall have da'as that I have sent this mitzvah unto you, that My brit might continue with Levi, saith Hashem Tzva'os.

My brit was with him of chayyim and shalom; and I gave them to him that he might fear Me; so he feared Me, and stood in reverence before My name.

Torat emes was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found on his lips: he walked with Me in shalom and yashrus, and did turn rabbim (many) away from avon (iniquity).

For the kohen's lips should preserve da'as, and they should seek torah at his mouth: for he is the malach Hashem Tzva'os.

But ye aredeparted out of HaDerech; ye have caused rabbim to fall into a mishchol (stumbling block) at the torah (teaching); ye have corrupted the Brit of Levi saith Hashem Tzva'os.

Therefore have I also made you contemptible and shefalim before kol HaAm because ye have not been shomer of your ruach, that ye should seek torah at his mouth; for he is the malach Hashem Tzva'os.

But who may abide the heat? When ye say, Everyone that doeth this, I will not be chared (delight): hinei, I will send Yechad (one) as a swift ed (witness) against the mena'afim (sorcerers), and against the malachi, and he shall prepare the Derech before me: and HaAdon (the L-rd [Moshiach] Zech 4:14), whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His Heikhal, even the Malach HaBrit, in whom ye have chafetz (delight): hinei, He is coming, saith Hashem Tzva'os. 

But who may abide the heat? When ye say, Everyone that doeth this, I will not be chared (delight): hinei, He is coming, saith Hashem Tzva'os.

Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith Hashem Tzva'os. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob G-d? Yet ye have robbed Me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed G-d? Hath not El Echad made you contemptible and shefalim before kol HaAm because ye have not been shomer over them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith Hashem Tzva'os.

Still, the one that doeth this, [offspring] awake and answering, from the ohelim of Ya'aakov, that offereth a minchah unto Hashem Tzva'os.
I will not open you the windows of Shomayim, and pour you out a brocha, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. 

[11] And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the p’ri ha’adamah; neither shall your gafen cast her fruit before the time in the sadeh, saith Hashem Tzva’os.

[12] And kol HaGoyim shall call you blessed; for ye shall be an Eretz Chefetz, saith Hashem Tzva’os.

[13] Your devarim have been harsh against Me, saith Hashem. Yet ye say, What have we spoken so much against Thee?

[14] Ye have said, Avod Elohim is vain; and what profit is it that we have been shomer over His mishmeret, and that we have walked as mourners before Hashem Tzva’os?

[15] And now we call the zedim (proud) happy; yea, they that work rishah (wickedness) are set up; yea, they that tempt Elohim even go free.

[16] Then they that feared Hashem spoke often one to another; and Hashem paid heed, and heard it, and a Sefer Zikaron (book of remembrance) was written before Him for them that feared Hashem, and that meditated upon Shmo (His Name).

[17] And they shall be Mine, saith Hashem Tzva’os, in that Yom when I make up My segullah (special treasure, possession); and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own ben haoved oto (son that serveth him).

[18] Then shall ye return, and discern between the tzaddik and the rasha, between oved Elohim (him that serveth G-d) and him that serveth Him not.

Blessed is the ish that walketh not in the Etzah (counsel, scheme) of the Resha’im, nor standeth in the Derech Chatta’im, nor sitteth in the Moshav (seat) of the Leitzim (scornful, ones mocking and reviling).

[2] But his delight is in the Torah Hashem; and in His torah doth he meditate yomam v’lailah.

[3] And he shall be like an etz planted by the streams of mayim, that bringeth forth its p’ri in its season; the leaf thereof also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

[4] The Resha’im are not so, but are like the chaff which the ruach driveth away.


T.N The next Psalm says that the whole world, all the earth, is, or will be, the possession of Moshiach, and that Hashem assures Moshiach of this; therefore, the Great Commission (Mt 28:19-20) was given to preach Moshiach to the ends of the earth that the whole world may hear.

Why do the Goyim rage, and the Amim (peoples) imagine a vain thing?

[2] The Malchei Eretz rise up in rebellion, and the rulers take counsel together against Hashem and against His Moshiach, saying.

[3] Let us break their chains asunder, and cast away their fetters from us.

[4] He that sitteth enthroned in Shomayim laughs; Adonoi hath them in derision.

[5] Then shall He speak unto them in His wrath, and distress them in His hot displeasure.

I have set Malki (My King) upon Tziyon, My Har Kodesh. I will declare the chok (decree): Hashem hath said unto me, Thou art Beni (My Son, i.e. Ben HaElohim Moshiach); HaYom (today) I have begotten thee.

Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the Goyim for thine nachalah, and the uttermost parts of ha’aretz for thy possession.
Thou shalt rule them with a shevet barzel; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Have seichel now therefore, O ye Melachim; be warned, ye Shoftei Aretz. Ye Kodesh, therefore, be ye shomrim, for tov tov shall be with me; for my righteousness is with me.

Serve Hashem with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Kiss the Bar (Ben, Son, HaElohim Moshiach; see 2:2,7, above), lest he be angry, and ye perish from the Derech, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Ashrei are all they that take refuge in him Moshiach.

Hashem, how are they increased that are my foes! Many are they that rise up against me.

Many there be which say of my nefesh, There is no yeshuah for him in Elohim. Selah.

But Thou, Hashem, art a mogen around me; my kavod, and the One who lifts up mine head.

I cried unto Hashem with my voice, and He heard me out of His Har Kodesh. Selah.

I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for Hashem sustains me.

I will not be afraid of ten thousands of am (people), that have set themselves against me round about. Arise, Hashem; hoseheini (save me), O Elohai; for Thou hast struck all mine enemies upon the cheekbone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the resha'im.

Offer the zivkhei-tzedek, and put your trust in Hashem. There be many that say, Who will show us any tov? Hashem, lift Thou up the ohr of Thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put simcha in my lev, more than in the time that their dagan and their tirosh increased.

In shalom I will both lay me down, and sleep, for Thou alone, Hashem, makest me dwell in safety.

Give ear to my words, Hashem, consider my meditation.

My voice shalt Thou hear in the boker, Hashem; in the boker will I bring my prayer before Thee as a spiritual sacrifice and wait for an answer.

For Thou art not El that hath pleasure in resha; neither shall rah dwell with Thee.
Have mercy upon me, Hashem; for I am weak: Hashem, heal me; for my atzomot are shaking.

My nefesh is also much shaken; but Thou, Hashem, ad mosai (how much longer)?

Turn, Hashem, deliver my nefesh; hoshieini (save me) for the sake of Thy chesed.

For in mavet there is no remembrance of Thee; in Sheol who shall give Thee thanks?

I am weary with my groaning; all the lailah flood I my mittah with weeping; I water my couch with my tears.

Mine eye is consumed because of ka'as (grief); it groweth old because of all mine enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for Hashem hath heard the voice of my weeping.

Hashem hath heard my techinnah (supplication); Hashem will receive my tefillah (prayer).

Let all mine oyevim be ashamed and much troubled; let them turn back and suddenly be ashamed.

Hashem Elohai, how excellent is Shimecha in kol ha'aretz!

Hashem Adoneinu, how excellent is Shimecha in kol ha'aretz Who hast set Thy glory above HaShomayim.

Out of the mouth of olelim and infants hast Thou established strength because of Thine enemies, that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider Thy heavens, the ma'asim of Thy fingers, the yarei'ach and the kokhavim, which Thou hast ordained;

What is enosh (mankind), that Thou art mindful of him? And the ben adam, that Thou visitest him?

For Thou hast made him a little lower than elohim [or Elohim, Gn 1:27], and hast crowned him with kavod and hadar.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the ma'asim of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet:

Hashem Elohai, in Thee do I seek refuge; hoshieini (save me) from all them that persecute me, and deliver me;

Hashem will receive my tehillah (prayer).

Let all mine oyevim be ashamed and much troubled; let them turn back and suddenly be ashamed.

Hashem Elohai, if I have done this; if there be guilt in my hands;

If I have recompensed with evil him that held out shalom unto me; or, without cause plundered my opponents,

Then let the enemy persecute my nefesh, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life to the earth, and lay mine kavod to sleep in the dust.

Arise, Hashem, in Thine anger, lift up Thyself because of the rage of mine enemies; awake, o my El, to the mishpat Thou hast decreed.

So let the Adat l'Umim surround Thee; and over it return Thou on high [to judge].

Hashem shall judge the people; judge me, Hashem, according to my tzedek, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

Oh let the wickedness of the resha'im come to an end; but make the tzaddik secure; for the Elohim Tzaddik trieth the minds and hearts.

My mogen (shield) is Elohim, Moshi'a of the upright in heart.

Elohim is a Shofet Tzaddik, and El expresses wrath kol yom.

He hath bent His keshet (bow) and made it ready.

He hath also prepared for Him the instruments of mavet; He ordaineth His flaming khitzim (arrows).

Hinei, he [an evil person] travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived trouble, and brought forth falsehood.

He makes a pit, and digs it, and is fallen into the chashat (pit) which he made.

His trouble shall return upon his own rosh, and his chamas shall come down upon his own kodkod (crown of the head).

I will give thanks to Hashem according to His tzedek; and will sing praise to the Shem of Hashem Elyon.

Hashem Adoneinu, how excellent is Shimecha in kol ha'aretz! Thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the behemot sadeh;

The fowl of the air, and the dag (fish) of the yam, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

Hashem Adoneinu, how excellent is Shimecha in kol ha'aretz!

I will give thanks to Thee, Hashem, with kol lev of me; I will show forth all Thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thee; I will sing praise to Thy Shem, O Thou Elyon.
|3(4)| When mine oyevim are turned back, they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.  
|4(5)| For Thou hast maintained my mishpat and my cause; Thou as Shofet Tzedek dost sit on the kisse.  
|5(6)| Thou hast rebuked the Goyim, Thou hast destroyed the wicked, Thou hast blotted out their shem l’olam va’ed.  
|6(7)| Choravot lanetzach (endless ruins) have come to the enemy: and Thou hast rooted out cities; their memory is perished with them.  
|7(8)| But Hashem shall reign l’olam; He hath established His kisse (throne) for mishpat.  
|8(9)| And He shall judge the tevel (world) in tzedek, He shall govern the nations with justice.  
|9(10)| Hashem also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of tzoros.  
|10(11)| And they that know Shemecha will put their trust in Thee; for Thou, Hashem, hast not forsaken them that seek Thee.  
|11(12)| Sing praises to Hashem, enthroned in Tziyon; declare among the nations His deeds.  
|12(13)| When He avenges [shefach] dahm, He remembereth them; He forgettest not the cry of the aniyim (humble, afflicted, the helpless ones).  
|13(14)| Have mercy upon me, Hashem; consider my sufferings which I suffer of them that hate me, Thou that liftest me up from the sha’arei mavet (gates of death);  
|14(15)| That I may show forth all Thy praise in the Sha’arei Bat Tziyon. I will rejoice in Thy Yeshuah (salvation).  
|15(16)| The Goyim are sunk down in the shachat (pit) that they dug; in the reshet (net) which they hid is their own foot caught.  
|16(17)| Hashem is known by the mishpat which He executeth; the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgayon. Selah.  
|17(18)| The resha’im shall be turned into Sheol, and all the Goyim that forget Elohim.  
|18(19)| For the needy shall not always be forgotten; the tikveh of the poor shall not perish forever.  
|19(20)| Arise, Hashem; let not enosh (mankind) prevail; let the Goyim be judged in Thy sight.  
|20(21)| Put them in terror, Hashem; that the Goyim may know themselves to be but enosh. Selah.

Why standest Thou afar off, Hashem? Why hidest Thou Thyself in times of tzoros?  
[2] The reshash in his ga’avah (haughtiness) doth persecute the ani (poor, see Zech 9:9 where ani is Moshiach); let them be caught in the devices that they have schemed.  
[3] For the reshash boasteth of his ta’avat nefesh (soul’s lust), and blesseth the covetous, whom Hashem abhorreth.  
[4] The reshash, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after Him; Elohim is not in all his thoughts.  
[5] His ways are always prosperous; Thy mishpatim are on high, out of his sight; as for all his enemies, he sneers at them.  
[6] He hath said in his lev, I shall not be shaken; throughout all generations I shall never be in trouble.  
[7] His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud; under his leshon (tongue) is trouble and iniquity.  
[8] He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages; in the places for ambush doth he murder the naki (innocent); his eyes are secretly set against the poor.  
[9] He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den; he lieth in wait to catch the poor; he doth catch the poor when he draweth him into his reshet.  
[10] He crouches, and stoops, that the poor may fall by his atzum (might).  
[11] He hath said in his lev, El hath forgotten; He hideth his face; He will never see it.  
[12] Arise, Hashem; O El, lift up Thine yad; forget not the aniyim.  
[13] For why doth the reshash renounce Elohim? He hath said in his lev, Thou wilt not call me to account.  
[14] Thou hast seen it; for Thou beholdest trouble and ka’as (grief), to requite it with Thy yad; the helpless committeth himself unto Thee; Thou art the Ozer (helper) of the yatom (orphan).  
[15] Break Thou the zero’a of the reshash and the evil man; call to account his wickedness that would not be found out.  
[16] Hashem is Melech olam va’ed; the Goyim are perished out of His land.  
[17] Hashem, Thou hast heard the desire of the aniyim; Thou wilt strengthen their lev, Thou wilt cause Thine ear to hear;  
[18] To judge the yatom (orphan) and the oppressed, that enosh of the earth may no more strike terror.

(For the one directing. Of Dovid.) In Hashem do I take refuge; how say ye to my nefesh, Flee as a bird to your mountain?  
[2] For, hinei, the reshash bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string.
that they may secretly shoot at the yishrei lev (upright in heart).

|3| If the foundations be destroyed, what can the tzaddik do?
|4| Hashem is in His Heikhal Kodesh, Hashem's kisse is in Shomayim; His eyes examine, His eyelids try, Bnei Adam.
|5| Hashem trieth the tzaddik, but the resha'im and him that loveth chamas (violence) His Nefesh hateth.
|6| Upon the resha'im He shall rain snares, eish and gofrit, and a burning wind; this shall be the portion of their kos (cup).
|7| For Hashem is tzaddik (righteous), Hashem loveth tzedakot; His countenance doth behold the yashar (upright).

12

(For the one directing. According to the Sheminit. Mizmor Dovid)
Help, Hashem; for the chasid is no more; for the emunim (faithful ones) vanish from among Bnei Adam.

|2(3)| They speak vanity every one with his re'a (neighbor); with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.
|3(4)| Hashem shall cut off all flattering lips, and the leshon that speaketh gedolot;
|4(5)| Who have said, With leshoneinu (our tongue) will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is Adon over us?
|5(6)| For the oppression of the aniyim, for the groaning of the needy, now will I arise, saith Hashem; I will set him in safety from him that sneers at him.
|6| The words of Hashem are amarot tehorot (pure words); as kesef refined in the furnace on the earth, purified seven times.

13

(For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid)
How long wilt Thou forget me, Hashem? Netzach (forever?)
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

|2(3)| How long shall I take counsel in my nefesh, having sorrow in my lev daily? How long shall mine oyev be exalted over me?
|3(4)| Consider and hear me, Hashem Elohai; enlighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of mavet;
|4(5)| Lest mine oyev say, I have prevailed against him; and those that trouble me rejoice when I am defeated.
|5(6)| But I have trusted in Thy chesed; my lev shall rejoice in Thy Yeshuah (salvation).

14

(For the one directing. Of Dovid)
The naval (fool) hath said in his lev, There is no Elohim. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, ein oseh tov (there is none that doeth good).

|2| Hashem looked down from Shomayim upon Bnei Adam, to see if there is any with seichel, that seeketh Elohim.
|3| They are all turned aside, they are all together become corrupt; there is none that doeth tov, no, not one.
|4| Have all the workers of iniquity no da'as? Who eat up my people as they eat lechem, and call not upon Hashem.
|5| There they shall be in great dread, for Elohim is with the dor tzaddik.
|6| Would ye confound the etzah (counsel, plan) of the oni (poor), for Hashem is indeed his refuge!

15

(Mizmor Dovid)
Hashem, who shall abide in Thy Ohel? Who shall dwell in Thy Har Kodesh?

|2| He that walketh blamelessly, and worketh tzedek, and speaketh emes from his lev.
|3| He that backbiteth not with his leshon, nor doeth ra'ah to his re'a, nor taketh up a slur to discredit his neighbor.
|4| In whose eyes a vile person is despicable; but he honoreth them that fear Hashem. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
|5| He that putteth not out his kesef to neshekh (usury), nor taketh bribes against the naki (innocent). He that doeth these things shall never be shaken.

16

(A mikhtam Dovid).
Be shomer over me, O El: for in Thee do I hide myself.

|2| I said unto Hashem, Thou art Adonoi of me; besides Thee I have no good;
|3| But to the Kedoshim that are in ha'aretz, they are the glorious
ones, in whom is all my delight.

4| Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after other g-ds; their nesakhim (drink offerings) of dahm will I not offer, nor take up their shmot (names of idols) on my lips.

5| Hashem is the chelek (allotted share) of mine inheritance and of my kos (cup of blessing); Thou maintainest my goral (lot, allotment by the divine will).

6| The boundary lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly Nachalah (inheritance).

7| I will bless Hashem, Who hath given me counsel; my mind also instructs me in the night seasons.

8| I have set Hashem always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

9| Therefore my lev is glad, and my kavod rejoiceth; my basar also shall dwell securely [see 1Th 5:23 OJBC].

10| For Thou wilt not abandon my nefesh in Sheol; neither wilt Thou allow Thine Chasid to see shachat (corruption, the pit, the grave, the abyss of corruption; see Ac 2:24).

11| Thou wilt show me the Orach Chayyim (the path of life); in Thy presence is fulness of joy, at Thy right hand there are pleasures netzach (for evermore).

17| (Tefillah of Dovid)

Hear the tzedek (righteous plea of a just cause), Hashem, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my tefillah, that goeth not out of lips of mirmah (deceit).

18| (For the one directing. Of Dovid Eved)

Hashem who sang to Hashem the lyrics of this shirah on the day Hashem delivered him from the hand of all his oyevim and from the hand of Sha'ul; and he said)

I will love Thee, Hashem, my strength.

2(3)| Hashem is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; Eli my Tzur (rock), in whom I take refuge; my mogen, and the keren of my salvation, and my misgav (high place as a refuge).

3(4)| I will call upon Hashem, Who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine oyevim.

4(5)| The chevlei mavet entangled me, and the floods of Beliya'al terrorized me.

5(6)| The chevlei Sheol snaked around me; the snares of mavet confronted me.

6(7)| In my distress I called upon Hashem, and cried unto Elohai; He heard my voice out of His Heikhal, and my cry came before Him, even into His ears.

7(8)| Ha'aretz shook and trembled; the foundations also of the mountains quaked and were shaken, because He was angry.

8(9)| Smoke went up from His nostrils, and eish out of His mouth devoured; coals were kindled by it.

9(10)| He parted Shomayim, and descended, and dark clouds were under His feet.

10(11)| And He rode upon a keruv (cherub), and did fly; yea, He soared upon the wings of the ruach.

11(12)| He made choshech His secret place; His sukkah round about Him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.
Out of the brightness that was before Him there broke through barad (hailstones) and coals of eish out of His clouds. Hashem also thundered in Shomayim, and Elyon gave His voice amid barad and coals of eish.

Yea, He sent out His khitzim (arrows), and scattered them; and He shot out great lightning bolts, and did put them to rout.

Then the channels of waters were exposed, and the foundations of the tevel (world) were laid bare at Thy rebuke, Hashem, at the blast of the ruach of Thy nostrils.

He sent from on high, He took hold of me, He drew me out of mayim rabbim (many waters).

He delivered me from my strong oyev, and from them which hated me; for they were too strong for me.

They confronted me in the day of my calamity; but Hashem was my stay.

He brought me forth also into a place merkhav (spacious); He delivered me, because He delighted in me.

Hashem dealt with me according to my tzedek; according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me.

For I have been shomer regarding the Darkhei Hashem, and have not wickedly departed from Elohai.

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For Thou hast armed me with chayil unto the milchamah; Thou hast made bow down under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine oyevim; that I might destroy them that hate me.

They cried for help, but there was no Moshi'ah to save them, even unto Hashem, but He answered them not.

Then did I beat them small as the dust before the ruach; I did empty them out as the dirt in the chutzot (streets).

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and Thou hast made me the Rosh (head) of the Goyim (nations); an Am (people) whom I have not known shall serve me.

As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me; the Bnei Nekhar (foreigners) shall submit themselves unto me.

The Bnei Nekhar shall fade away, and come forth trembling out of their misgerot (strongholds, fastnesses, secure places).

Hashem chai; and baruch be my Tzur; and let the Elohei of my salvation be exalted.

It is El that avengeth me, and subdueth the nations under me.

He saveth me from mine oyevim; yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me; Thou hast delivered me from the ish chamas.

Therefore will I give thanks unto Thee, Hashem, among the Goyim, and sing praises unto Shimecha.

Great deliverance giveth He to His Melech; and showeth chesed to His Moshiach, to Dovid, and to his Zera ad olam.
Tehillim 19, 20, 21

19 (For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid)
HaShomayim declare the kavod of G-d; and the raki’a (firmament) showeth His handiwork.
| 2 (3) | Yom unto yom uttereth speech, and lailah unto lailah sheweth da’as.
| 3 (4) | There is no speech nor devarim (language), where their voice is not heard.
| 4 (5) | Their measuring line is gone out through kol ha’aretz, and their words to the end of the tevel (world).
| 5 (6) | Which is like a choson coming out of his chuppah, and rejoiceth as a gibbor to run a race.
| 6 (7) | Its going forth is from the end of HaShomayim, and its circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
| 7 (8) | The torah of Hashem is temimah, converting the nefesh [T.N. hithapekh Ps 66:6; 2C 5:17], the edut of Hashem is ne’emanah, making wise the simple.

20 (For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid)
Hashem hear thee in the Yom Tzarah (day of trouble); the Shem Elohei Ya’akov set thee up on high [i.e., out of reach of your enemies];
| 2 | Send thee help from the Kodesh (Holy Sanctuary), and strengthen thee out of Tziyon;
| 3 | Remember all thy minchot, and accept thy olat; Selah.
| 4 | Grant thee according to thy own lev, and fulfil kol etzah (plan, counsel) of thine.

21 (For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid)
Melech shall have simcha in Thy strength, Hashem; and in Thy Yeshuah (salvation) how greatly shall he rejoice!
| 2 (3) | Thou hast given him the desire of his lev, and hast not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.
| 3 (4) | For Thou meetchem him with the birkhot tov; Thou settest an ataret of pure gold on his head.
| 4 (5) | He asked Chayyim of Thee, and Thou gavest it him, even length of yamim olam va’ed [see 1C 15:4; Ps 16:10];
| 5 (6) | Gadol is his kavod in Thy Yeshuah (salvation); hod vhadar hast Thou bestowed upon him.
| 6 (7) | For Thou hast made him birkhot forever; Thou hast made him exceeding glad with simcha in Thy presence.
| 7 (8) | Thine yad shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
| 8 (9) | Thine yad shall find out all thine enemies; thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
| 9 (10) | Their fruit shalt Thou destroy from ha’aretz, and their zera from among Bnei Adam.
| 10 (11) | Ki (therefore) shalt Thou make them turn their backs, when Thou shalt aim Thy bowstrings at their faces.
| 11 (12) | Be Thou exalted, Hashem, in Thine Own Strength; so will we sing and praise Thy gevurah (power).
Ketuvim

22

(For the one directing. To the Deer of the Dawn. Mizmor Dovid.)

Eli, Eli, lamah azavtani? [See Mt 27:46 OJBC] Why art Thou so far from my yeshuah, and from the words of my groaning?

[2] [3] Elohai, I cry yomam, but Thou hearest not; and v'lailah, and am not silent.


[5] [6] They cried unto Thee, and were delivered; they had bitachon in Thee, and were not disappointed.

[6] [7] But I am a tola'at, and no ish; a reproach of men, and despised of the people [see Yeshayah 53:3 on the despised Moshiach].

[7] [8] All they that see me mock me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the rosh, saying,

[8] [9] He trusted in Hashem; let Hashem rescue him; let Him deliver him, since He delights in him.

[9] [10] But Thou art He that took me out of the womb; Thou didst make me trust when I was upon the breasts of immi.

[10] [11] I was cast upon Thee from the womb; Thou art Eli from the womb of immi.

[11] [12] Be not far from me; for tzoros is near; and there is none to help.

[12] [13] Parim rabbim (many bulls) have encompassed me; strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round about.

[13] [14] They opened wide their mouths upon me, like an arayeh roaring and tearing prey.

[14] [15] I am poured out like mayim, and all my atzmot are out of joint; my lev is like wax; it is melted away within me.

[15] [16] My ko'ach is dried up like baked clay; and my leshon cleaveth to my jaws; and Thou layest me in the apher mavet (dust of death).

[16] [17] For kelavim have surrounded me; the Adat Mere'im (congregation of evil men) have enclosed me; ka'aru yadai v'ragelai (they pierced my hands and my feet; see Isa 53:5; Zech 12:10 and medieval Hebrew Scripture manuscripts as well as the Targum HaShivim).

[17] [18] I can count all my atzmot; the people stare and gloat at me.

[18] [19] They divide up my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast goral (lots) [Mt 27:35; Lk 23:34; Yn 19:24].

[19] [20] But be not Thou far from me, Hashem; O my strength, hasten Thee to help me.

[20] [21] Deliver my nefesh from the cherev, my yechid (only one, only [nefesh]) from the power of the kelev (dog).

[21] [22] Hoshieini from the mouth of the arayeh; for Thou hast heard me from the karnayim of the wild bulls.

[22] [23] I will declare Thy Shem unto my Achim; in the midst of the Kahal will I praise Thee.

[23] [24] Ye that fear Hashem, praise Him; all ye Zera Ya'akov, give Him kavod; and fear Him, all ye Zera Yisroel.

[24] [25] For He hath not despised nor disdained the enut ani (affliction of the afflicted); neither hath He hid His face from him; but when he cried unto Him, He heard.

[25] [26] My tehillah shall be from Thee in the Kahal Rav; I will fulfill my nedar before them that fear Him.

[26] [27] 'The anavim (meek) shall eat and be satisfied; they that seek Him shall praise Hashem. Let your levav live forever!

[27] [28] All the ends of HaAretz shall remember and turn unto Hashem; and all the mishpechot of the Goyim shall bow down in worship before Thee.

[28] [29] For the Meluchah is Hashem's; and He is the Moshel over the Goyim.

[29] [30] All they that thrive upon HaAretz shall eat and worship; all they that go down to the apher (dust) shall bow before Him; even he who cannot keep alive his own nefesh.

[30] [31] Zera shall serve Him; it shall be told to the generation [to come] concerning Adonoi.

[31] [32] They shall come, and shall declare His tzedek unto an Am Nolad (a [future] people that shall be born), that He hath done this.

23

(Mizmor of Dovid).

Hashem is my Ro'eh (Shepherd); I shall not lack.

[2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the mei menuchot (tranquil waters).

[3] He restoreth my nefesh; He guideth me in the paths of tzedek (righteousness for the sake of His Name).

[4] Yea, though I walk through the Gey Tzalmavet (Valley of the Shadow of Death), I will fear no rah (evil); for Thou art with me; Thy shevet (rod) and Thy stuff they comfort me.

[5] Thou preparest a shulchan before me in the presence of mine
enemies: Thou anointest my head with shemen (olive oil); my kos runneth over.

Surely tov and chesed shall follow me kol y’mei chaiyyai (all the days of my life); and I will dwell in the Bais Hashem l’orech yamim (for length of days, whole life long, forever).

(Mizmor of Dovid)

[1] Unto Thee, Hashem, do I lift up my nefesh.

[2] Bais O Elohai, I trust in Thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine oyevim triumph over me.

[3] Yea, let none that wait [hoping in] Thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

[4] Show me Thy ways, Hashem; teach me Thy paths.

[5] Lead me in Thy emes, and teach me; for Thou art the Elohei of my Salvation; on Thee do I wait kol hayom.

[6] Remember, Hashem, Thy rachamim and Thy lovingkindnesses; for they have ever been of old.

[7] Remember not the chattot of my youth, nor my peysha'im; according to Thy chesed remember Thou me for the sake of Thy goodness, Hashem.

[8] Tov and yashar is Hashem; therefore will He teach chatta'im in the Derech.

[9] The meek will He guide in mishpat; and the aniyim will He teach His way.

[10] All the paths of Hashem are chesed and emes unto such as keep His Brit (covenant) and His Edot (covenant demands, urgings, reminders, testimonies).


[12] What man is he that feareth Hashem? Him shall He teach in the Derech that he shall choose.

[13] His nefesh (soul) shall dwell in prosperity; and his zera shall inherit the earth.

[14] The secret of Hashem is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His Brit (covenant).

[15] Mine eyes are ever toward Hashem; for He shall pluck my feet out of the reshet (net).

[16] Turn Thee unto me, and be gracious unto me; for I am yachid (alone, lonely) and afflicted.

[17] The tzoros of my lev are multiplied; O bring Thou me forth out of my distresses.

[18] Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and take away all my chattot.

[19] Look upon mine enemies; for they are increased; and they hate me with sinas chamas.

[20] Be shomer over my nefesh, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed; for I take refuge in Thee.

[21] Let tohm (integrity, guilelessness) and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on Thee.

[22] Redeem Yisroel, O Elohim, out of all his tzoros.

Vindicate me, Hashem; for I have walked in mine tohm (guilelessness); I have trusted also in Hashem without wavering.

Examine me, Hashem, and prove me; try my heart and my mind.

For Thy chesed is before mine eyes; and I have walked in Thy emes.

I do not sit with metei-shav (men of vanity), neither will I go in with dissemblers.

I have hated the kehal mere'im (congregation of evil doers); and will not sit with the resha'im.

I will wash mine hands in nikkayon (innocency, cleanness, freedom from punishment); so will I encompass Thine Mizbe’ach, Hashem;

That I may publish with the voice of todah, and tell of all Thy wondrous works.
Hashem, I have loved the ma'on of Thy Bais [HaMikdash], and the Mishkan where Thine kavod dwelleth.

Take not away my nefesh with chatta'im (sinners), nor my Chai (life) with anshei damim; In whose hands is zimmah (wicked plans), and their right hand is full of shochad (bribery).

But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity; redeem me, and be merciful and gracious unto me.

My regel standeth on level ground; in the great assemblies unto Hashem will I render brocha.

Hashem is my ohr and Yishi (my Salvation); whom shall I fear? Hashem is the ma'oz (stronghold) of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the resha'im, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to devour my basar, they stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, my lev shall not fear; though milchamah should break out against me, in this will I be confident.

One thing have I asked of Hashem, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the Bais Hashem all the days of my life, to behold the gracefulness of Hashem, and to inquire in His Heikhal.

For in the Yom Ra'ah (day of evil) He shall keep me safe in His Sukkah; in the shelter of His Ohel shall He conceal me; He shall set me up upon a Tzur (rock).

And now shall mine head he lifted up above mine enemies around about me; therefore will I offer in His Ohel sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing, yea, I will make music unto Hashem.

Shema, Hashem, when I call with my voice; chaneini also upon me, and answer me. When my lev said of Thee, Seek ye Me, my face, my lev said unto Thee, Thy face, Hashem, will I seek.

Hide not Thy face far from me; turn not Thy eved away in anger; Thou hast been my ezer; leave me not, neither forsake me, Elohei Yishi (G-d of my Salvation).

When avi and immi forsake me, then Hashem will take me up.

Teach me Thy Derech, Hashem, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the desire of mine enemies; for edei sheker are risen up against me, and such as breathe out chamas.

Did I not believe to see Hashem’s goodness in the Eretz Chayyim!

Wait for Hashem: Chazak! And strengthen thine lev. Wait, I say, for Hashem.
The voice of Hashem causes the deer to calve, and strips bare the ye'arot (forests); and in His Heikhal doth everyone say, Kavod!

Hashem sitteth upon the mabbul (flood); yea, Hashem sitteth enthroned as Melech l’olam.

Hashem will give oz (strength) unto His people; Hashem will bless His people with shalom.

I will exalt Thee, Hashem, for Thou hast lifted me up, and hast not made my foes to gloat over me.

Hashem Elohai, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me.

Hashem, Thou hast brought up my nefesh from Sheol; Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.

Sing unto Hashem, O ye chasidim of His, and give thanks to His Zekher Kodesh.

For His anger endureth but a rega; in His favor is Chayyim; weeping may endure for an erev, but joy cometh in the boker.

And in my shalvah (security) I said, I shall never be moved.

Hashem, by Thy favor Thou hast made my mountain to stand firm; Thou didst hide Thy face, and I was troubled.

I cried to Thee, Hashem; and unto Adonoi I made supplication.

What profit is there in my dahm, in my going down into the pit? Shall the aphan (dust) praise Thee? Shall it declare Thy emes?

Shema, Hashem, and channeini; Hashem, be Thou my helper.

Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with simcha;

That kavod (my glory, my soul) may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. Hashem Elohai, I will give thanks unto Thee I shall not be put to shame; deliver me in Thy tzadakah.

Incline Thine ear to me; deliver me speedily; be Thou for me a Tzur Ma‘oz, a Bais Metzudot (fortress) to save me.

For Thou art my Sela (rock) and my Metzudah (fortress); therefore for the sake of Thy Name, lead me, and guide me.

Pull me out of the reshet (trap, net) that they have laid for me; for Thou art my ma‘oz (stronghold).

I commit my ruach; Thou hast redeemed me, Hashem El Emes.

I hate them that are the shomrim of lying vanities; but I trust in Hashem.

I will be glad and rejoice in Thy chesed; for Thou hast seen my affliction; Thou hast known the tzoros of my nefesh;

And hast not shut me up into the yad of the oyev (enemy); Thou hast set my feet in a merkhav (large place, spacious or broad place).

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What profit is there in my dahm, in my going down into the pit? Shall the aphan (dust) praise Thee? Shall it declare Thy emes?
Baruch Hashem! For He hath showed me His wondrous chesed in an Ir Matzor (besieged city).

For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Thine eyes; nevertheless Thou hearest the voice of my tachanun (supplications) when unto Thee I cried for help.

O love Hashem, all ye His Chasidim; for Hashem preserveth the emunim (the faithful ones), but He pays back in full the oseh ga'avah (the one acting in pride, haughtily).

Chazak! Be strong, let your levav take courage, all ye that hope in Hashem.

Ashrei is he whose peysha (rebellion) is forgiven, whose chata'ah (sin) is covered.

When I kept silent [i.e., refused to confess my sin, which was still naked and uncovered (see 32:1) and had no kapporah covering for my guilt before G-d], my atzmot wasted away through my groaning kol hayom (all the day).

For yomam valailah Thy yad was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as by the droughts of kayitz (summer).

I acknowledge my chattat unto Thee, and mine avon (iniquity) have I not covered up. I said, I will confess my peysha'im (rebellions) unto Hashem; and Thou forgavest the avon (iniquity) of my chattat. Selah.

Therefore shall every Chasid pray unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found; surely in the floods of mayim rabim they shall not overtake him.

Thou art my seter (hiding place, shelter); Thou shalt preserve me from tzoros; Thou shalt envelop me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

I will instruct thee and teach thee in the Derech which thou shalt go; I will counsel thee with Mine eye.

Be ye not like the sus, or like the pered (mule), which have no binah; whose mouth must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they come not near thee.

Many sorrows shall be to the resha'im, but he that trusteth in Hashem, chesed shall envelop and cover him.

Be glad in Hashem, and rejoice, ye tzaddikim; and shout for joy, all ye yishrei lev (upright in heart).

Sing with joy in Hashem, O ye tzaddikim; for tehillah is fitting for the yesharim (upright ones).

Hodu l'Hashem with kinnor (harp); make music unto Him with the ten stringed nevel (lyre).

Sing unto Him a shir chadash (new song); play skillfully with a teru'ah (shout of joy).

For the Devar Hashem is yashar; and kol ma'aseihu (all His deeds) are done in emunah (faithfulness).

He loveth Tzedakah and Mishpat; ha'aretz is full of the chesed Hashem.

By the Devar Hashem were Shomayim made; and all the tz'va (host) of them by the ruach (breath) of His mouth [MI 11:3; Yn 1:1; Psa 56:5].

He gathereth the mey hayam (waters of the sea) like a mound; He layeth up the tehomet (ocean depths) in otzarot (storehouses, vaults).

Let kol ha'aretz fear Hashem; let kol yoshvei tevel (all the inhabitants of the world) stand in awe of Him.

For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood firm.

Hashem annuls the atzat Goyim (plan of the Goyim); He foils the machsh'vot Amim (schemes of the peoples).

The atzat Hashem standeth firm l'olam, the machsh'vot of His lev l'dor va'dor (from generation to generation).

Ashrei is the Goy whose Elohay is Hashem; and HaAm whom He hath chosen for His own nachalah.

Hashem looketh down from Shomayim: He beholdeth kol Neshamot (His breath, spirit).

He formeth their hearts yachad; He considereth all their ma'asim (deeds).

There is no melech saved by the multitude of an army; a gibbor is not delivered by rav ko'ach.

A sus is a sheker (vain, false thing) for teshu'ah (deliverance, salvation, safety); neither shall it save any by its great strength.

Hinei, the eye of Hashem is upon them that fear Him, upon them that hope in His chesed;

To deliver their nefesh from mavet (death), and to keep them alive in ra'av (famine).

Our nefesh waiteth for Hashem; He is ezrienu (our help) and moginneinu (our shield).

Let Thy chesed, Hashem, be upon us, even as we have trusted b'Shem Kadsho (in His holy Name).

Let Thy chesed, Hashem, be upon us, even as we have hoped in Thee.
Of Dovid, when he feigned insanity before Avimelech, who drove him away, and he went out

1 (2) I will make a bracha of praise unto Hashem at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

2 (3) My nefesh shall make its boast in Hashem; the anavim (humble) shall hear thereof, and be glad.

3 (4) O magnify Hashem with me, and let us exalt Shmo together.

4 (5) I sought Hashem, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

5 (6) They looked unto Him, and were radiant; and their panim were not ashamed.

6 (7) The oni (poor man) cried, and Hashem heard him, and saved him out of all his tzoros.

7 (8) The Malach Hashem encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.

8 (9) O taste and see that Hashem is tov; ashrei is the man that taketh refuge in Him.

9 (10) O fear Hashem, ye His Kedoshim; for there is no lack to them that fear Him.

10 (11) The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they that seek Hashem shall not lack any good thing.

11 (12) Come, ye banim, pay heed unto me; I will teach you the fear of Hashem.

12 (13) What ish is he that desireth chayyim, and loveth many days, that he may see tov?

13 (14) Keep thy tongue from rah, and thy lips from speaking mirmah (guile, see Isaiah 53:9 where it says Moshiach will lack mirmah).

14 (15) Depart from rah, and do tov; seek shalom, and pursue it.

15 (16) The eyes of Hashem are upon the tzaddikim, and His ears open to their cry.

16 (17) The face of Hashem is against them that do rah, to cut off the zekher (remembrance) of them from ha'aretz.

17 (18) The tzaddikim cry, and Hashem heareth, and delivereth them out of all their tzoros.

18 (19) Hashem is near unto them whose lev is broken; and saveth such whose ruach is contrite.

19 (20) Many are the afflictions of the tzaddik; but Hashem delivereth him out of them all.

20 (21) He keepeth shomer over all his bones; not one of them is broken.

21 (22) Evil shall slay the reshaim; and they that hate the tzaddik shall be desolate.

22 (23) Hashem redeemeth the nefesh of His avadim; and none of them that take refuge in Him shall be condemned (see Ro 5:1; 8:1 OJBC).

Contend, Hashem, with them that contend with me; fight against them that fight against me.

Take hold of mogen and tzinnah (large shield) and arise to my aid.

Draw out also the khanit (spear), and block the way against them that persecute me; say unto my nefesh, I am Thy Yeshuah (salvation).

Let them be put to shame and disgraced that seek after my nefesh; let a rout in retreat be theirs and let them be brought to dismay that plot my ruin.

Let them be like motz (chaff) before the ruach; and let the Malach Hashem drive them away.

Let their derech be choshech and slippery; and let the Malach Hashem pursue them.

For without cause have they hid for me their reshet (net) in a shachat (pit), which without cause they dug for my nefesh.

Let sho'ah (disaster) come upon him unawares; and let his own reshet (net) that he hath hid ensnare him; into that very sho'ah let him fall.

And my nefesh shall rejoice in Hashem; it shall be joyful in His Yeshuah (salvation).

All my atzmot shall say, Hashem, mi khamocha (who is like Thee), Who deliverest the oni (poor) from him that is too strong for him, yes, the oni and the evyon (needy) from him that despoileth him?

Edei chamas (witnesses of violence, false witnesses) rise up; they lay to my charge things, questioning me of that which I have no da'as.

They repay me ra'ah for tovah to the forlornness of my nefesh.

But as for me, when they were cholok (ill), my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my nefesh with tzom (fasting); and my tefillah (prayer) turned back on mine own kheyk (bosom).

I went about as though he had been my re'a or ach; I bowed in sadness, as one that mourneth for his em.

But at mine stumbling they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; yes, the attackers gathered themselves together against me, and I had no da'as; they did tear at me with slander, and ceased not:

Like chanef (hypocritical) mockers at cake, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Adonoi, how long wilt Thou look on? Rescue my nefesh from their destructions, my
18 I will give Thee thanks in the kahal rav (great congregation); I will praise Thee among the mighty throng.

19 Let not them that are mine oyevim gloat over me; neither let them wink with the eye that have sinas chinom (baseless hatred) toward me.

20 For they speak not shalom, but they scheme divrei mirmot (deceitful matters) against the rigei eretz (them that are quiet in the land).

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 This Thou hast seen, Hashem; keep not silent; Adonoi, be not far from me.

23 Stir up Thyself, and awake to my mishpat, even to my cause, Elohai and Adonoi.

24 Vindicate me, Hashem Elohai, according to Thy tzedakah; and let them not gloat over me.

25 Let them not say in their lev, Ah, so would we have it; let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be put to shame and brought to confusion together that gloat at mine ra'ah (disaster, distress); let them be clothed with boshet (shame) and kelimah (dishonor, disgrace) that exalt themselves against me.

27 Let them sing for joy, and be glad, that favor my tzedek (righteousness, vindication); yes, let them say tamid (continually), Let Hashem be magnified, which hath pleasure in the shalom (welfare) of His eved.

28 And my leshon (tongue) shall speak of Thy tzedek (righteousness) and of Thy tehillah (praise) kol hayom (all the day).

36 (For the one directing. Of Dovid, the eved Hashem)
Peysha speaketh to the rashah within my lev, that there is no pachad Elohim (fear of G-d) before his eyes.

2(3)| For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, until his avon (iniquity) be found to be hateful.

3(4)| The words of his mouth are iniquity and mirmah (deceit); he hath ceased to be wise, and to do tov (good).

4(5)| He deviseth evil upon his mishkav (bed); he setteth himself in a derech that is not tov; he abhorreth not ra.

5(6)| Thy chesed, Hashem, is in HaShomayim; and Thy emunah (faithfulness) reacheth unto the clouds.

6(7)| Thy tzedakah is like the great mountains; Thy mishpatim are tehom rabbah (a great deep); Hashem, Thou preservest adam (man) and behemah (beast).

7(8)| How precious is Thy chesed, O Elohim! Therefore the Bnei Adam find refuge under the shadow of Thy wings.

8(9)| They shall be abundantly satisfied with the abundance of Thy Beis [Hamikdash]; and Thou shalt give them to drink of Thy river of delight.

9(10)| For with Thee is the Makor Chayyim (fountain of life); in Thy Ohr shall we see ohr.

10(11)| O continue Thy chesed unto them that know Thee; and Thy tzedakah to the yishrei lev (the ones upright of heart).

11(12)| Let not the regel ga'avah (foot of pride) come against me, and let not the yad of the resha'im drive me away.

12(13)| There are the po'alei aven (workers of iniquity) fallen; they are thrown down, and shall not be able to rise.

37 (Of Dovid)
Fret not thyself because of re'im (evildoers); neither have thou thou kina (jealousy, envy) of the workers of iniquity.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the khatzir (grass), and wither as the green desheh (herb, plant).

3 Trust in Hashem, and do tov; so shalt thou dwell in the Eretz (land), ure'eh emunah (and thou be pastured securely).

4 Delight thyself also in Hashem, and He shall give thee the desires of thine lev.

5 Commit thy derech (road, way) unto Hashem; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

6 And He shall bring forth thy tzedakah (righteousness) as the ohr (light), and thy mishpat (justice) as the tzohorayim (noonday).

7 Rest in Hashem, and wait patiently for Him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his derech, because of the ish who bringeth wicked schemes to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake chemah (wrath); fret not thyself in any wise to do rah.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon Hashem, they shall inherit the Eretz (land).

10 For yet a little while, and the rasha shall not be; yes, thou shalt watch his place, and he will not be.

11 But the anavim (meek ones) shall inherit Eretz; and shall delight themselves in
rov shalom (great peace; see Psa 119:165).

|12| The rasha plotteth against the tzaddik, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
|13| Adonoi shall laugh at him, for He seeth that his yom is coming.
|14| The resha'im have drawn out the cherev, and have bent their keshet, to cast down the oni (poor) and evyon (needy), and to slay such as be yishrei derech (upright ones on the road, that walk uprightly).
|15| Their cherev shall enter into their own lev, and their keshatot (bows) shall be broken.
|16| A little that a tzaddik hath is better than the riches of resha'im rabbim.
|17| For the zero'ot (arms, powers) of the resha'im shall be broken; but Hashem upholdeth the tzaddikim.
|18| Hashem knoweth the yamim of the temimim (blameless ones); and their nachalah (inheritance) shall be l'olahm (forever).
|19| They shall not be put to shame in time of evil; and in the days of famine yisba'u (they shall be satisfied, enjoy plenty).
|20| But the resha'im shall perish, and the oyvei Hashem (enemies of Hashem) shall be like the glory of the meadows; they shall disappear like ashan (smoke), they shall vanish.
|21| The rasha borroweth, and repayeth not; but the tzaddik sheweth chonen (generosity), and giveth.
|22| For such as be blessed of Him shall inherit Eretz; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off.
|23| The steps of a gever (man) konanu (are ordered, made firm) by Hashem and He delighteth in his derech.
|24| Though he stumble, he shall not utterly fall; for Hashem upholdeth him with His yad (hand, power).
|25| I have been na'ar (young), and now am old; yet I have not seen the tzaddik forsaken, nor his zera begging lechem.
|26| He is ever chonen (generous, merciful; see verse 2f), and lendeth; and his zera is blessed.
|27| Depart from rah, and do tov; and dwell l'olahm (for evermore).
|28| For Hashem loveth mishpat, and forsaketh not His chasidim; they are preserved l'olahm; but the zera resha'im shall be cut off.
|29| The tzaddikim shall inherit Eretz, and dwell therein forever.
|30| (i.e., future) of the resha'im shall be cut off.
|31| But the Teshu'at Tzaddikim is of Hashem; He is their ma'oz (stronghold, refuge) in the time of tzoros.
|32| And Hashem helps them, and delivers them; He shall deliver them from the resha'im, and save them, because they take refuge in Him.

38 (Mizmor Dovid. For the memorial portion of the mincha)

Hashem, rebuke me not in Thy wrath; neither chasten me in Thy hot displeasure.

[2(3)] For Thine khitzim (arrows) pierce me, and Thy Yad presseth upon me.

[3(4)] There is no health in my basar because of Thine anger; neither is there any shalom in my atzmot because of my chattat.

[4(5)] For mine avonot (iniquities) are gone over mine head; as a weighty massa (burden) they are too heavy for me.

[5(6)] My chaburot (wounds) are foul and festering because of my wicked folly.

[6(7)] I am bent down; I am brought low ad me'od; I go about mourning all day long.

[7(8)] For my loins are filled with burning; and there is no health in my basar.

[8(9)] I am feeble and broken ad me'od; I have groaned by reason of the disquietness of my lev.

[9(10)] Adonoi, all my ta'avah (desire, longing) is before Thee; and my groaning is not hid from Thee.

[10(11)] My lev panteth, my ko'ach faileth me; as for the ohr of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

[11(12)] My loved ones and my re'a stand aloof from my nega [see Isa 53:8 on Moshiach's nega]; and my...
neighbors stand afar off.

They also that seek after my nefesh lay snares for me; and they that seek my hurt speak of ruin, and plot mirmot (deceptions, deceits) all the day long. But I, like a cheresh (deaf man), heard not; and I was like a mute that openeth not his mouth. Thus I was like an ish that heareth not, and in whose mouth are no tokhachot (reproofs). For I said, Hear me, lest otherwise they should gloat over me; when my regel slippeth, they magnify themselves against me. For I am ready to fall, and my sorrow is before me tamid. For I will declare mine avon; I will be in anguish over my chattat. But mine oveyim are chayyim (vigorous), and they are strong; and they that hate me sheker (wrongfully) are multiplied. They also that repay ra'ah for tovah are mine adversaries; because I pursue the thing that is tov.

Forsake me not, Hashem Elohai; be not far from me. Make haste to help me, Adonoi Teshuati (L-rd of my salvation). I waited patiently for Hashem; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. Hashem brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

And He hath put a shir chadash in my mouth, even tehillah (hymn of praise) unto Eloheinu; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in Hashem. Ashrei is that man that maketh Hashem his trust, and looketh not to the proud ones, nor such as turn aside to lies (false g-ds). Many, O Hashem Elohai, are Thy wonderful works which Thou hast done, and Thy thoughts which are to us-ward; they cannot be recounted unto Thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered. Zevach and minchah Thou didst not desire; mine ears hast Thou pierced; olah (burnt offering) and chata'ah (sin offering) hast Thou not required. Then said I, Hinei, I come; in the megillat sefer it is written of me, I delight to do Thy will, O Elohai; yea, Thy torah is within my heart. I have preached tzedek in the kahal rav (great congregation); hinei, I have not restrained my lips, O Hashem, Thou knowest. I have not hid thy tzedek within my lev; I have declared Thy emunah (faithfulness) and Thy teshuah (salvation); I have not concealed Thy chesed and Thy emes from the kahal rav.

(For the one directing, even to Yedutun. Mizmor Dovid).

I said, I will be shomer over my ways, that I sin not with my leshon; I will be shomer over my mouth with a muzzle, while the rashah is before me. I was dumb with silence, I held my peace for the sake of tov; and my distress grew severe.

My lev became hot within me; while I was musing the eish burned; then I spoke with my leshon.

Hashem, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my yamim, what it is; that I may have da'as (knowledge) of how chadel (fleeting, frail) I am.

Hinei, Thou hast made my yamim as a handbreadth, and mine lifespan is as nothing before Thee; verily kol adam stand as kol hevel (altogether vanity).

Surely every ish walketh in a tzel (shadow); surely they are in turmoil in vain; he heapeth up riches, and hath no da'as of who shall gather them. Save me from all my peysha'im; make me not the reproach of the foolish. I was silent, I opened not my mouth; because Atah (Thou) did it.

Remove Thy nega (stroke, scourge) away from me; I am consumed by the blow of Thine yad. When Thou with rebukes dost correct man for avon (iniquity), Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth: surely kol adam are hevel (vanity).

Hear my tefillah, Hashem, and give ear unto my cry; hold not Thy peace at my weeping; for I am a ger with Thee, and a sojourner, as were all my Avot.

I have preached tzedek in the kahal rav (great congregation); hinei, I have not restrained my lips, O Hashem, Thou knowest. I have not hid thy tzedek within my lev; I have declared Thy emunah (faithfulness) and Thy teshuah (salvation); I have not concealed Thy chesed and Thy emes from the kahal rav.

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Hope thou in (wait for) Elohim; for I shall yet give Him thanks, for He is the yeshuah (salvation) of my countenance and Elohai.

43 Vindicate me, O Elohim, and plead my cause against a nation lo chasid; O deliver me from the ish mirmah v’avlah (deceitful and unjust man).

[2] For Thou art the Elohei Ma’oz of me. Why dost Thou cast me off? Why must I go mourning because of the oppression of the oyev?

[3] O send out Thy Ohr and Zero’a, and the ohr Yamin (Right Hand), and zero’a save them, but Thy cherev, neither did their own possession by their own hand.

[4] Then will I go unto the Mibe’ach of Elohim, unto El my exceeding joy; yea, upon the kinnor will I praise Thee, O Elohim Elohai.


44 (For the one directing. Of the Bnei Korach. A maskil.)

We have heard with our oznavim, O Elohim, Avoteinu; yet have we not forgotten Thy yershev (abode). Thou art the Melech, O Elohim; command yeshu’ot (deliverances) for Ya’akov.
|3(4)| Gird Thy cherev upon Thy side, O Gibbor [See Isaiah 9:5(6)], with Thy hod (glory, splendor) and Thy hadar (majesty).
|4(5)| And in Thy hadar (majesty) ride forth victoriously for the sake of emes and anavah and tzedek, and Thy Yamin (Right Hand) shall guide Thee to nora'ot (things of awe).
|5(6)| Thine khitzim (arrows) are sharp in the lev oyvei HaMelech (in the heart of the King's enemies); the Amim (nations) fall under Thee.
|6(7)| Thy kisse (throne), O Elohim, is olam va'ed; the shevet (sceptre) of Thy Malchut is a shevet of uprightness.
|7(8)| Thou lovest tzedek, and hasten resha; therefore Elohim, Eloheicha, hath anointed Thee with shemen sasson (the oil of gladness) above Thy chaverim.
|8(9)| All Thy robes smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia; out of the ivory heikhalim stringed instruments have made Thee glad.
|9(10)| Banot Melachim were among Thy ladies of honor; upon Thy Yamin (Right Hand) is stationed the Shegal (Queen consort, spouse of the reigning monarch) in golden jewelry of Ophir.
|10(11)| Pay heed, O Bat (daughter), and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, and thy Bais Avi;
|11(12)| Then shall HaMelech be enthralled with thy beauty, since He is thy Adon, hishachavi lo (bow to Him).
|12(13)| And the Bat Taor (Tyre) shall be there with a minchah (gift); even the ashirim (rich ones) among the people shall entreat thy favor.
|13(14)| The Bat Melech is all glorious within; her clothing is zahav embroidered.

|14(15)| She shall be brought unto HaMelech in woven apparel; the betulot (virgins), her companions that follow her, shall be brought unto Thee.
|15(16)| With simchah and gladness shall they be led forth; they shall enter into the Heikal Melech.
|16(17)| Instead of thy avot shalt thou be thy sons, whom thou mayest make sarim (princes) in kol ha'aretz.
|17(18)| I will make Thy Shem to be remembered kol dador vador; therefore shall the Amim (nations) praise Thee l'olam va'ed.

|9(10)| He maketh milchamot to cease unto the end of ha'aretz; He breaketh the keshet (bow), and cutteth the khanit (spear); He burneth the chariots in the eish.
|10(11)| Be still, and know that I am Elohim: I will be exalted among the Goyim, I will be exalted in ha'aretz.
|11(12)| Hashem Tzva'os is with us; Elohei Yaakov is our stronghold. Selah.

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48 (Shir. Mizmor. Of the Bnei Korach.)
Gadol is Hashem, and greatly to be praised in the Ir Eloheinu, in His Har Kodesh.

2(3) Yafeh in its loftiness, the joy of kol ha'aretz, is Mt Tziyon, on the sides of the north, the City of Melech Rav.

3(4) Elohim is in her citadels, known as her fortress.

4(5) For, hinei, the melachim were assembled, they advanced together.

5(6) They saw, and ken (thus) they marvelled; they were troubled, and fled.

6(7) Trembling took hold upon them sham (there), and pain, as of a woman in labor.

7(8) Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

8(9) As we have heard, so have we seen in the Ir Hashem Tzvaos, in the Ir Eloheinu; Elohim will establish it ad olam. Selah.

9(10) We meditate on Thy chesed, O Elohim, in the midst of Thy Heikhal.

10(11) According to Thy Shem, O Elohim, so is Thy tehillah unto the ends of ha'aretz; Thy right hand is full of tzedek.

11(12) Let Mt Tziyon rejoice, let the Banot Yehudah (Daughters of Judah) be glad, because of Thy mishpatim.

12(13) Walk about Tziyon, and go around her; count the towers thereof.

13(14) Mark ye well her ramparts, consider her citadels; that ye may tell it to the dor acharon.

14(15) For this Elohim is Eloheim olam vaed; He will be our guide even unto death.

49 (For the one directing. A Mizmor for the Bnei Korach.)
Hear this, kol HaAmim; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the cheled (world, duration):

2(3) Bnei Adam and bnei ish, ashir (rich) and evyon (poor) alike,

3(4) My mouth shall speak chochmot; and the meditation of my lev tevunot (understanding).

4(5) I will incline mine ear to a mashal; I will disclose my dark saying upon the kinnor (harp).

5(6) Why should I fear in the days of rah, when the avon (iniquity) of my akev (supplanters, deceivers) surrounds me?

6(7) They that trust in their chayil (wealth), and boast themselves in the rov of their oshir (riches);

7(8) A brother cannot by any means redeem ish (man), nor give to Elohim a kofer (ransom) for him--

8(9) For the pidyon [ransom] of their nefesh is costly, and is forever beyond their power to pay--

9(10) That he should live on lanetzach, and not see shachat (corruption, decay, the pit [cf Psa16:10]).

10(11) For he seeth that chachamim die, likewise the kesil (foolish) and the ba'ar (brutish, senseless person, dolt) perish, and leave their chayil (wealth) to others.

11(12) Their inward thought is, that their batim (houses) shall continue l'olam and their mishkenot (dwelling places) l'odor vador; though they call their lands by their shmot (names).

12(13) Nevertheless adam in his pomp endureth not; he is like the behemot (beasts) that perish.

13(14) This is their derech, kesel (folly, imprudent confidence) is theirs; and the fate after them of those who approve their words.

14(15) Like tzon they are destined for She'ol; mavet shall pasture them; and the yesharim (upright ones) shall have dominion over them in the boker; and their tzir (form) shall waste away to Sheol, so there is no dwelling place for it.

15(16) But Elohim will redeem my nefesh from the yad (hand, power) of Sheol; for He shall receive me. Selah.

16(17) Be not thou afraid when one is made an ish oishir, when the kavod of his bais is increased;

17(18) For in his mot (death), he shall carry nothing away; his kavod (glory, wealth) shall not descend after him.

18(19) Though his nefesh during his life yevarech (he blessed) --for they praise thee when thou doest well for thyself--

19(20) He shall go to the dor (generation) of his avot; they shall never see ohr (light).

20(21) Adam that is in his pomp, and understandeth not, is like the behemot (beasts) that perish.

50 (Mizmor of Asaph)
El Elohim, even Hashem, hath spoken, and called Eretz from the mizrach shemesh (rising of sun) unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Tziyon, the perfection of yofi, Elohim shineth forth.

3 Eloheinu shall come, and shall not keep silent; an eish shall devour before Him, and it shall be tempestuous me'od round about Him.
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### Introduction

51 (For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid. When Natan HaNavi confronted him after he went into Bat-Sheva—2Sm. 11:2)

5 Purge me with ezov (hyssop), and I shall be tahor; wash me, and I shall be whiter than sheleg (snow). }
sacrifices of righteousness), with olah (burnt offering) and whole burnt offering; then shall they offer parim (bulls) upon Thine Mizbe'ach.

[For the one directing. A maskil of Dovid.] The naval (fool) hath said in his lev, Ein Elohim (There is no G-d). 

Elohim looked down from Shomayim upon Bnei Adam, to see if there were any of seichel, that did seek Elohim.

Every one of them has fallen away; they are altogether perverse; there is none that doeth tov, no, not echad (one).

Have the workers of iniquity no da'as? Who eat up My people as they eat lechem; they have not called upon Elohim.

There were they in great pachad (fear), pachad such as never was; for Elohim hath scattered the atzmot of him that encampeth against thee; thou [Yisroel] hast put them to shame, because Elohim hath rejected them.

Oh that the Yeshuat Yisroel would come out of Tziyon! When Elohim bringeth back the captivity of Amo (His people), Ya'akov shall rejoice, and Yisroel shall be glad.

For the director. With stringed instruments. A maskil. For Dovid, when the Ziphim came and said to Sha'ul, Dovid is in hiding among us. Hoshieini (save me), O Elohim, by Shimecha, Hashem; for it is tov (good).

Hear my tefillah, O Elohim; give ear to the words of my mouth.

I will give Thee thanks l'olam, because Thou hast done it; and I will wait on Shimecha; for it is tov before Thy chasidim.
the ruach so'ah (wind of the tempest) and storm.

[9(10)] Destroy, Adonoi, and confuse their leshon; for I see chamas (violence) and riv (strife) in the Ir (city, i.e., Jerusalem).

[10(11)] Yomam and lailah they go about her [Yerushalayim] upon the chomot thereof; aven also and amal are in the midst of her [Yerushalayim].

[11(12)] Ruin is in the midst thereof; oppression and mirmah (guile, fraud, deceit) depart not from her rechov.

[12(13)] For it was not an oyev (enemy) that reproached me; then I could bear it; neither was it he that had sinah (hated) for me that did exalt himself against me; then I could have hid myself from him;

[13(14)] But it was thou, an enosh (man) equally [valued with myself]; my aluf (intimate, friend), and me'yuda'i (deep acquaintance, familiar friend, see Psalm 41:9)

[14(15)] Together we took sweet sod (intimate conversation, fellowship, counsel), and walked unto the Beis Elohim with the throng.

[15(16)] Let mavet seize upon them, and let them go down chayyim into Sheol; for ra'ot (evils) are in their dwellings, and among them.

[16(17)] As for me, I will call upon Elohim; and Hashem shall save me.

[17(18)] Erev, and boker, and at tzohorayim (noon), will I pray, and cry aloud; and He shall hear my kol (voice).

[18(19)] He hath redeemed my nefesh in shalom from the battle that was against me; for there were rabbim against me.

[19(20)] El (G-d) shall hear, and afflict them, even He that abideth kedem (of old, forever), Selah. Because they do not change, therefore they fear not Elohim.

[20(21)] He [the faithless friend of verse 13-14] hath laid his hands on such as are at shalom with him; he hath broken his Brit.

[21(22)] The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his lev; his devarim were softer than shemen, yet they were drawn swords.

[22(23)] Cast thy burden upon Hashem, and He shall sustain thee; He shall never suffer the tzaddik to be moved.

[23(24)] But Thou, O Elohim, shalt bring them down into the pit of shachat; anshei damim umirmah (bloody and deceitful men) shall not live out half their yamim; but I will trust in Thee.

56 (For the director. Set to The Silent, Distant Yonah. Of Dovid. A mikhtam—when the Pelishtim seized him in Gat.) Chaneini (be merciful) unto me, O Elohim: for enosh (man) tramples upon me; kol hayom they press their attack against me.

[2(3)] Mine adversaries kol hayom trample upon me; for they be rabbim that fight against me, Marom (Most High).

[3(4)] What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.

[4(5)] In Elohim I will praise His Word [See In 1:1, 14]. In Elohim I have put my trust; I will not fear what basar can do unto me.

[5(6)] Kol hayom they twist my words; all their machsh'vot (thoughts) are against me for rah (evil).

[6(7)] They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they are shomer over my steps, when they wait for my nefesh.

[7(8)] Shall they escape by iniquity? In Thine anger cast down the amim (peoples), O Elohim.

[8(9)] Thou hast acted as a sofer, recording my wanderings; put Thy mouth into the wineskin; are they not in Thy Sefer (Book)?

[9(10)] On the day when I cry unto Thee, then shall mine oyevim turn back; of this I have da'as; for Elohim is for me [Ro 8:31].

[10(11)] In Elohim will I praise His Word; in Hashem will I praise His Word [In 1:1; Mishlei 30:4; Ps 33:6; Mishlei 8:30].

[11(12)] In Elohim have I put my trust; I will not be afraid. What can adam do unto me?

[12(13)] Thy nederim are upon me, O Elohim; I will render todot (thank offerings) unto Thee.

[13(14)] For Thou hast delivered my nefesh from mavet (death). Wilt not Thou deliver my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before Elohim in the Ohr HaChayyim (the light of the living)?

57 (For the one directing. Set to Do Not Destroy. Mikkhtam of Dovid, when he had fled from Sha'ul into the me'arah [cave]).

Channeni, O Elohim, channeni; for my nefesh taketh refuge in Thee; yes, in the tzel (shadow) of Thy wings will I make my refuge, until these devastations pass by.

[12(13)] I will cry out unto Elohim Elyon; unto El that filleth all things for me.

[13(14)] He shall send from me'arah, recording my wanderings; put Thou my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before Elohim in the Ohr HaChayyim (the light of the living)?
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(For the one directing. Set to Do Not Destroy. Mikhtam Dovid. When Sha’ul sent and they watched [Dovid’s] bais to kill him)

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(For the one directing. Set to Do Not Destroy. Mikhtam Dovid.)

Do ye indeed decree tsedek, O elim (g-ds, Ex 22:28/27)? Do ye judge uprightly the Bnei Adam?

No, in lev (heart) ye judge uprightly Adam?

deliver me from mine enemies, O Elohai; protect me from them that rise up against me.

Save me from mine enemies, O Elohai; protect me from them that rise up against me.

Let them melt away like draining mayim; when he bendeth his bow to shoot his khitzim (arrows), let them be crumbled to pieces.

As a snail which melteth, let every one of them pass away; like the stillborn child of an isha, that they may not see the shemesh.

Before your sirot (pots) may He with a whirlwind blow them away, both green and dry alike.

The tzaddik shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; he shall wash feet in the dahm harasha.

They return at erev; they bendeth his bow to shoot his khitzim (arrows), let them be crumbled to pieces.

10(11) | The tzaddik shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance; he shall wash feet in the dahm harasha.

11(12) | So that adam shall say, Verily there is a reward for the tzaddik; verily yesh Elohim Shofetim bais haaretz (there is a G-d that judgeth in the earth).

12(13) | Consume them in chemah (wrath), consume them, till they are no more; and let them know that Elohim ruleth in Ya’akov unto the ends of ha’aretz. Selah.

13(14) | Let them wander up and down, Adonoi mogineinu (our Shiled).

14(15) | And at erev let them return; and let them growl like a kelev, and prowl around the Ir.

15(16) | Let them wander up and down for okhel (food), and howl if they be not satisfied.

16(17) | But I will sing of Thy oz; yes, I will sing aloud of Thy chesed in the boker; for Thou hast been my stronghold and refuge in the day of my tzoros.

17(18) | Unto Thee, O my Strength, will I sing;
for Elohim is my strongold, and the Elohim of my chesed.

60 (For the one directing. Set to The Shushan of the Edut. Mikhtam Dovid to instruct. When he fought Aram Naharayim and Aram TZovah and when Yo'av returned and struck down 12,000 of Edom in the Gey Melach.)

O Elohim, Thou hath rejected us, scattered us; Thou hast been angry; O restore us!

1 O Elohim, Thou hast made eretz to tremble; Thou hast torn it asunder, heal the fractures thereof; for it tottereth.

2 Thou hast showed Thy people kashah (hard times); Thou hast made us to drink the yayin of tarelah (bewilderment, reeling).

3 Thou hast set up a nes (banner) to them that fear Thee, that it may be unfurled on account of the truth. Selah.

4 That Thy Yedidot (beloved ones) may be saved; save with Thy Yamin (Right Hand) and hear me.

5 Elohim hath spoken in His Kodesh (Holiness); I will exult, I will parcel Shechem as chelek, and measure out the Valley of Sukkot.

6 Gil`ad is Mine, and Menasheh is Mine; Ephrayim also is the ma`oz of Mine Rosh; Yehudah is My Mekhokek (prescriber of laws, lawgiver; see Gn 49:10; Isa 42:4 on Moshiach’s torah). Moav is My washpot; over Edom will I cast My sandal; over Philistia I shout in triumph.

7 Who will bring me to the Ir Matzon (city of fortification)? Who will bring me to Edom?

8 Wilt not Thou, O Elohim, which didst not go out with tzivoteinu (our armies)?

9 Give us help against the enemy; for vain is the teshuat adam (help, salvation of or from Man).

10 In Elohim shall we obtain the victory; for He it is that shall tread down tzaareinu (our enemies, oppressors).

11 Truly He is my Tzur and my Yeshuah (salvation); He is my stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.

12 How long will ye rush to attack an ish? To thrust at, all of you, as at a leaning kir (wall), and as at a tottering gader (fence).

13 Truly they consult to bring down a person of prominence; they delight in kazav (lie, falsehood, deceptive thing); they make a brocha with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

14 Truly in Elohim wait silently [in submission], my nefesh, for my tikvah (hope) is from Him.

15 Truly He is my Tzur and my Yeshuah (salvation); He is my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.

16 In Elohim is my salvation and my Kavod; the Tzur of my strength, and my refuge, is in Elohim.

17 Trust in Him at all time; ye people, pour out your lev before Him; Elohim is a refuge for us. Selah.

18 Truly Bnei Adam (those of low estate) are hevel (vanity), and Bnei Ish (those who are highborn) are kazav (a lie); they go up in the balances; they are altogether lighter than hevel (vanity).

19 Trust not in oshek (oppression, extortion) and become not vain in gazel (the thing taken as plunder); if riches increase, set not your lev upon them.

20 Elohim hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that oz (strength) belongeth unto Elohim.

21 Also unto Thee, Adonoi, belongeth chesed; for Thou renderest to ish (every man) according to his ma’asim (deeds).
63 (Mizmor Dovid. When he was in the midbar Yehudah).
O Elohim, Thou art Eli; early will I seek Thee; my nefesh thirsteth for Thee; my basar longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no mayim is;
To see Thy oz (might, power) and Thy kavod, as I have beheld Thee in the Kodesh (holy place, sanctuary, Mikdash).
Because Thy chesed is better than chayyim, my lips shall praise Thee.
Thus will I bless Thee while I live; I will lift up my hands b'Shimcha (in Thy Name.)
My nefesh shall be satisfied as with chelev (fat) and deshen (abundance); and my mouth shall praise Thee with lips of joyful singing.
When I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate on Thee in the ashmurot (night watches).
Because Thou hast been my help, therefore in the tzel (shadow) of Thy wings will I sing with joy.
My nefesh followeth hard after Thee; Thy Yamin (Right Hand) upholdeth me.
But those that seek my nefesh, to destroy it, shall go into the abysses of ha'aretz.
They deliver him into the power of the cherev; they shall be a portion for jackals.
But HaMelech shall rejoice in Elohim; every one that speaketh by Him shall glory; but the mouth of them that speak sheker shall be stopped.

64 (For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid).
Hear my voice, O Elohim, in my si'akh (complaint); preserve my life from the pachad (terror) of the oyev (enemy).
Hide me from the sod (secret counsel, conspiracy) of the re'im; from the rigshah (insurrection, noisy crowd, assembly) of the workers of iniquity;
Whet their tongue like a cherev, and aim their khitzim (arrows), even davar mar (bitter words);
That they may shoot in secret at the tam (innocent); pitom (suddenly) do they shoot at him, and fear not.
They encourage themselves in a davar rah (an evil plan); they speak in order to set mokshim (snares, hidden traps); they say, Who shall see them?
Or search out their iniquities? They have accomplished a cunningly devised plot; for the mind of ish (man) and the lev (heart) are deep,
But Elohim shall shoot at them with a khetz (arrow); pitom (suddenly) shall their wounds be.
The leshon of them will bring ruin upon them; all that see them shall shake their head.
And kol adam shall fear, and shall declare the po'al Elohim (work of G-d); for they shall ponder His ma'aseh.
The tzaddik shall be glad in Hashem, and shall take refuge in Him; and all the yishrei lev (upright of heart) shall glory.

65 (For the one directing. Mizmor Dovid. Shir).
Tehillah (praise) is due Thee, O Elohim, in Tziyon;
And unto Thee shall the neder (vow) be performed.
O Thou that hearest tefillah (prayer), unto Thee shall kol basar come.
Divrei avonot (instances of iniquity) overwhelm me; as for pesha'einu (our transgressions), Thou hast made kapporah for them.
Ashrei is the one whom Thou choosest, and causest to come near unto Thee, that he may dwell in Thy khatzerot; we shall be satisfied with the tov of Thy Beis, even of Thy Heikhal Kodesh.
By nora'ot (awesome deeds, awe-inspiring things) of tzedek (justice) wilt Thou answer us, O Elohei Yish'einu (G-d of our salvation); Who art the hope of all the ends of eretz, and of them that are on the farthest seas;
The tzaddik shall be glad in Hashem, and shall take refuge in Him; and all the yishrei lev (upright of heart) shall glory.

Tehillim 63, 64, 65
|10|11| Thou waterest the furrows thereof abundantly; Thou settlest the ridges thereof; Thou makest it soft with showers; Thou blessest the tzemach (sprout, branch, see Zech 6:12) thereof.  
|11|12| Thou crownest shnat tzevatecha (the year with Thy goodness, bounty); and Thy paths drip with plenty.  
|12|13| The meadows are clothed with tzon; the amakim (valleys) also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.  

[66] (For the one directing. Shir. Mizmor.)  
Make a joyful shout unto Elohim, kol HaAretz;  
Sing forth the kavod Shmo; make kavod (glorious) His tehillah (praise).  
Say unto Elohim, How norah (awesome) art Thou in Thy ma'asim (works)! Through the greatness of Thy oz (might) shall Thine oyevim cower before Thee.  
Kol ha'aretz shall prostrate before Thee, and shall sing unto Thee; they shall sing praise to Shimecha. Selah.  
Come and see the works of Elohim; He is norah (awesome) in deed toward Bnei Adam.  
He turned [haphakh] the yam into yabashah (dry land; see Gn 1:10); they passed through the nahar on regel; there did we rejoice in Him.  
He ruled by His gevurah (power) olam (forever); His eyes are a watchman's eyes over the Goyim; let not the sorerim (rebellious ones) exalt themselves. Selah.  
Barchu Eloheinu, Amim, and make the kol (sound) of His tehillah (praise) to be heard.  
He is the One who set nafsheinu in chayyim and does not permit ragleinu (our foot) to slip.  
For Thou, Elohim, hast tested us and hast proved us; Thou hast put us in the crucible's refining and refined us as kesef.  
The meadows are clothed with tzon; the amakim (valleys) also are covered over with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.  
I will come into Thy Beis [HaMikdash] with olot; I will fulfill for Thee my nedarim, which my sfatayim have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in tzoros.  
I will offer unto Thee olot mekhim (burnt offerings of fat animals), with the ketoret (incense, offering) of rams; I will offer bakar with goats. Selah.  
I cried unto Him with my mouth, and He was extolled with my leshon.  
If I regard avon (iniquity, sin) in my lev, Adonoi will not hear me;  
But surely Elohim hath heard me; He hath attended to the kol tefillati (voice of my prayer).  
Baruch Elohim, Who hath not turned away my tefillah, nor His chesed from me.  
Elohim be channun (gracious) unto us, and put a brocha upon us; and may He make His face to shine upon us. Selah.  
That Thy Derech may be known upon HaAretz, Thy Yeshuah (salvation) among kol Goyim.  
Let the Amim praise Thee, O Elohim; let kol Amim praise Thee.  
Then shall eretz yield her yevul (increase, produce, harvest); and Elohim, even Eloheinu, shall put a brocha upon us.  
Elohim shall bless us; and kol afsei aretz (all the ends of the earth) shall fear Him.  
Let Elohim arise, let His oyevim be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him.  
As ashan (smoke) is blown away, so drive them away; as wax melteth before the eish, so let the resha'im perish at the presence of Elohim.  
But let the tzaddikim have simchah; let them rejoice before Elohim; and let them rejoice with simchah.  
Sing unto Elohim, sing praises to Shmo; extol Him that rideth on

[67] (For the one directing. On Neginot. With stringed instruments. Mizmor. Shir.)  
Elohim be channun (gracious) unto us, and put a brocha upon us; and may He make His face to shine upon us. Selah.  
That Thy Derech may be known upon HaAretz, Thy Yeshuah (salvation) among kol Goyim.  
Let the Amim praise Thee, O Elohim; let kol Amim praise Thee.  
Let the people be glad and sing for joy, for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the peoples upon HaAretz. Selah.  
Elohim shall bless us; and kol afsei aretz (all the ends of the earth) shall fear Him.  
Let Elohim arise, let His oyevim be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him.  
As ashan (smoke) is blown away, so drive them away; as wax melteth before the eish, so let the resha'im perish at the presence of Elohim.  
But let the tzaddikim have simchah; let them rejoice before Elohim; and, let them rejoice with simchah.  
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I am weary of my crying out; my garon (throat) is dry; mine
and the throng of them, the sarim (princes) of Zevulun, and the sarim (princes) of Naphtali.

[28(29)] Eloheicha hath commanded thy oz; strengthen, O Elohim, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

[29(30)] Because of Thy Heikhal at Yerushalayim shall melachim bring offerings unto Thee.

[30(31)] Rebuke the chayat kaneh, the adat (herd) of bulls, with the agalim (calves) of the nations, till everyone prostrate himself with ingots of kesef; He scatters the people that delight in wars.

[31(32)] Magnates shall come out of Mitzrayim; Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto Elohim.

[32(33)] Sing unto Elohim, ye mamlechot of ha'aretz; O sing praises unto Adonoi. Selah.

[33(34)] To Him that rideth upon the skies of Shomayim and His oz is in the skies.

[35(36)] O Elohim, Thou art our salvation. Selah.

[36(37)] Ascribe ye oz (power) unto Elohim; His majesty is over Yisroel, and His oz is in the skies.

[37(38)] Of Elohim, Thou art HaEl Yeshuateinu (the G-d of Yisroel is He that saves; and from Hashem our salvation). Selah.

[38(39)] Our G-d is a G-d who saves; and from Hashem Adonoi come escapes from mavet (death).

[39(40)] But Elohim shall shatter the rosh of His oyevim, and the hairy kodkod (crown of the head, scalp) of such a one as continueth on in his trespasses.

[40(41)] That thy regel may be bathed in dahm, that the sea; bring back from the depths of Bashan, I will bring back from the goings of my G-d, my Melech, in the Kodesh.

[41(42)] The sharim (singers) went before, the nogenim (players on instruments) followed after; among them were the alamot (young unmarried virgins) playing timbrels.

[42(43)] Baruch Elohim in the congregations, even Hashem, out of the Makor Yisroel (Fountain of Israel).

[43(44)] There is Binyamin, the youngest at the head; the youngest of the sons of Yisroel (Fountain of Israel). Hashem, out of the Makor, hath prepared of Thy bounty for the oni.

[44(45)] Though ye have lain among the cooking pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a yonah covered with kesef, and her feathers with glistening gold.

[45(46)] When Shaddai scattered melachim therein, it was white as snow in Tzalmon.

[46(47)] The Har Elohim is the Har Bashan; a mountain of peaks is the Har Bashan.

[47(48)] Why gaze ye in envy, ye many-peaked harim? This is the har which Elohim hath chosen to dwell in; indeed, Hashem will dwell in it eternally (forever).

[48(49)] The merkavot of Elohim are myriad, a thousand thousands; Adonoi is among them, as in Sinai, in kodesh (holiness).

[49(50)] Thou hast ascended from Bashan, I will bring back from the depths of Arabia; Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands unto Elohim.

[50(51)] Adonoi said, I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring back from the depths of the sea;

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eyes fail while I wait for Elohai.

15(16) Let not the floodwaters overflow me,
neither let the deep swallow me up,
and let not the beer (pit) shut her mouth upon me.

16(17) Hear me, Hashem, for Thy chesed is tov;
turn unto me according to the multitude of Thy rachamim;
17(18) And hide not Thy face from Thy eved; for I am in tzoros.
Hear me speedily.

18(19) Draw near unto my nefesh, and make the goel redemption of it;
deliver me because of mine oyevim (enemies),
19(20) Thou hast known the cherpah (scorn) I bear,
and my shame, and my dishonor;
shame, and my dishonor;
cherpot (reproaches). I am become a stranger
hath hid from Thee.

20(21) Reproach hath covered my face.
I have borne cherpah; shame hath covered my face.

21(22) They gave me also gall in my food;
and in my tzamah (thirst) they gave me chometz (vinegar)
to drink [See Mt.27:34,48; Mk.15:23,36; Lk.23:36 In.19:28-30 QJBC].
22(23) Let their shulchan (table) become a pach (snare, trap)
before them; and that which should have been for their chlomim (peacefulnesses),
let it become a mokesh (trap).
23(24) Let their eyes be darkened,
that they see not; and make their loins shake tamid.

24(25) Pour out Thine indignation upon them,
and let Thy charon af (burning indignation) upon them,
and make their loins shake tamid.
25(26) Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their ohalim [See Ac 1:20 QJBC].
let them be turned back, and be put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

Let them be turned back for a reward of their beshiah that say, Aha, aha.

Let all those that seek Thee rejoice and have simchah in Thee; and let such as love Thy Yeshuah (salvation) say continually, Let Elohim be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, Elohim; Thou art my help and my deliverer. Hashem, make no delay.

In Thee,Hashem, do I put my trust; let me not be put to shame l’olam.

Deliver me in Thy tzedakah, and cause me to escape; incline Thine ear unto me, and hoshi’eini (save me).

Be Thou Tzur Ma’on (a rock of habitation), whereunto I may resort tamid (continually); Thou hast given commandment to save me; for Thou art my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, O Elohai, out of the yad of the rasha, out of the palm of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For Thou art my tikveh (hope), Adonoi Hashem; Thou art my trust from my youth.

By Thee have I been upheld from the beten (womb); Thou art He that took me out of the womb of immi; my tehillah (praise) shall be of Thee tamid (continually).

I am as a mofet (portent) unto rabbim (many); but Thou art my strong refuge.

Let my mouth be filled with Thy tehillah (praise) and with Thy tiferet (glory) kol hayom.

Cast me not off in the time of ziknah (old age); forsake me not when my ko’ach faileth.

For mine oyevim speak against me; and they that lay in wait for my nefesh conspire together,

Saying, Elohim hath forsaken him; persecute and lay hold of him; for there is none to rescue him.

O Elohim, be not far from me; O Elohai, make haste for my help.

Let them be ashamed and consumed that are satanic adversaries to my nefesh; let them be covered with cherpah (reproach) and dishonor that seek my hurt.

But I will hope tamid (continually), and will yet give tehillah to Thee more and more.

My mouth shall proclaim Thy tzedakah and Thy Teshuah (salvation) kol hayom; for I know not the limits thereof.

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O Elohim, Thou hast taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared Thy nifle’ot (wondrous works).

Now also when I am in ziknah (old age) and grayheaded, O Elohim, forsooke me not; until I have declared Thy zero’a [Moshiach; see Isa 53:1] unto this generation, and Thy gevurah to everyone that is to come.

Thy tzedakah also, O Elohim, is ad marom (to the height). Thou Who hast done gedolot (great things); O Elohim, mi khamocha (who is like unto Thee)?

Thou, which hast showed me great and severe tzoros, shalt revive me again, and shalt bring me up again from the tehomot (abysses) of ha’aretz.

Thou shall increase my gedolah, and comfort me on every side.

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G-d’s house is wealth they can never attain to, revealing their true eternal poverty. See Ps 73:24 on afterlife in G-d’s presence.

73 (Mizmor of Asaph). Truly Elohim is tov to Yisroel, even to the barei levav (pure of heart).

11 Kol melachim shall fall down before him [Moshiach]; kol Goyim shall serve him.

12 For he shall deliver the eyon (needy) when he crieth; the oni (poor, afflicted) also, and him that hath no ozer (helper).

13 He shall pity the weak and eyon (needy), and yoshi’a (he shall save) the nefashot of the evyonim (needy).

14 He shall be the Go’el Redeemer of their nefesh from deceit and chamas; and precious shall their dahm be in his sight.

15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the zahav of Sheva; and prayer shall be for him continually; and daily shall a brocha be made on him.

16 There shall be an abundance of grain on ha’aretz upon the top of the harim (mountains); the fruit thereof shall shake [in the trees like in] Levanon; and they of the city shall flourish like esev ha’aretz.

17 Shmo (His Name) shall endure l’olam; Shmo shall be continued as long as the shemesh; and men shall be blessed in him; kol Goyim shall call him blessed.

18 Baruch Hashem Elohim, Elohei Yisroel, who only doeth nifla’ot (wondrous things).

19 And baruch Shem kevodo Ialom; Shmo shall be continued as long as the shemesh; and men shall be blessed in him; kol Goyim shall call him blessed.

20 The tefillot Dovid Ben Yishai are ended.

[T.N. The next Psalm concerns a revelation received in the Holy Place, namely the fate of the wicked whose prosperity is delusional since the riches of faithlessly with the dor banecha (the generation of Thy children).

[16] When I thought to comprehend this, it was amal (difficulty) in my eyes;

[17] Until I went into the Mikeshefi El; then I had binah (understanding) of their (the wicked’s) destiny.

[18] Surely Thou didst set them in slippery places; Thou castedst them down into mashu’ot (ruins, destruction).

[19] How are they brought into desolation, as in a rega (moment)! They are utterly consumed with balahot (terrors).

[20] As a chalom when one awaketh; so, Adonoi, when Thou art aroused [in judgment], Thou shalt despise their tzelem (shadowy form).

[21] Thus my lev was grieved, and I was pricked in my mind.

[22] So senseless was I, and ignorant; I was like behemot before Thee.

[23] Nevertheless I am with Thee tamid (always); Thou hast taken hold of me by my yamin.

[24] Thou shalt guide me with Thy etzah (counsel), and afterward take me to kavod (glory).

[25] Whom have I in Shomayim but Thee? And there is none upon HaAretz that I desire beside Thee.

[26] But kiravat Elohim (drawing near to Elohim) is tov for me; I make in Adonoi Hashem my refuge, that I may declare all Thy deeds.
Ketuvim

[11] Thy Kheyk (bosom) and Thy Yad, even Thy Yamin, Why withdrawest Thou lanetzach (forever)? 
[12] Thy Kheyk and Thy Yad, Why is Thy Name revile? Shall the oyev (enemy) long) shall the adversary

Tehillim 74, 75

[2] Remember Thy Edah (congregation), which Thou hast purchased of old; the shevet (tribe) of Thine nachalah, which Thou hast redeemed: this Har Tziyon, wherein Thou hast dwelt. 
[3] Lift up Thy footsteps unto the mashi'ot netzach (perpetual ruins); even all that the oyev hath done wickedly in the Kodesh (the Beis HaMikdash). 
[4] Thine enemies roar in the midst of Thy Mo'ed (place of meeting); they set up their banners for otot (signs, i.e., their heathen insignia).

A Maskil of Asaph

O Elohim, why hast Thou cast us off ani, according to Zech 9:9 Would be, not a rich man but the poor, which Moshiach turtledove was the sacrifice of 74:19 remembering that the naval (foolish man) rises up tamid (continually). 

For the one directing. Set to Do Not Destroy. Mizmor Asaph. Shir) Hodinu Icha Elohim (Unto thee, Elohim, do we give thanks). Hodinu; that Thy Shem is near Thy wondrous works declare. 

[12] For Elohim is my Melech mikedem (from of old), working Yeshuah (salvation) in the midst of HaAretz. 
[13] Thou didst divide the yam by Thy oz (power); Thou didst break the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. 
[14] Thou didst break the head of Leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be maakhal (food) to the people inhabiting the wilderness. 
[15] Thou didst break open the fountain and the flood; Thou didest up mighty naharot (rivers). 
[16] The yom is Thine, the laailah also is Thine; Thou hast prepared the ma'ahor (luminary, moon) and the shemesh. 

[17] Thou hast set all the boundaries of Eretz; Thou hast made kayitz (summer) and choref (winter). 
[18] Remember this, that the oyev (enemy) hath reproached Hashem, and that the am naval (foolish people) have blasphemed Shimcha. 
[19] O deliver not the nefesh of Thy turtledove unto the wild beast; forget not the life of Thy aniym (poor) lanetzach (forever).

[20] Have regard unto the Brit (covenant); for the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of chamas. 
[21] O let not the oppressed return in shame; let the oni and evyon praise Thy Shem. 
[22] Arise, O Elohim, fight for Thine Own cause; remember how the naval (foolish man) revileth Thee kol hayom.

[23] Forget not the kol (voice) of Thine enemies, the tumult of those against Thee that rises up tamid (continually). 
[24] O let not the oppresed return in shame; let the oni and evyon praise Thy Shem.

For in the yad Hashem there is a kos, and the yayin is foaming; full of mixture; and He poureth out of the same; but the dregs thereof, all rishei aretz (wicked of the earth) shall drain them down, and drink them [Lk 22:42].

[25] But Elohim is the Shofet; He bringeth down one, and setteth up another. 
[26] For promotion cometh lo (not) from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert. 
[27] But Elohim is the Shofet; He bringeth down one, and setteth up another. 

[28] [9] For in the yad Hashem there is a kos, and the yayin is foaming; full of mixture; and He poureth out of the same; but the dregs thereof, all rishei aretz (wicked of the earth) shall drain them down, and drink them [Lk 22:42].

[29] But I will proclaim l’omam; I will sing zemirot to Elohei Yaakov. 
[30] All the karnayim of the resha’im also will I cut off; but the karnayim of the tzaddik shall be exalted.

[31] Why withdrawest Thou Thy Yad, even Thy Yamin (Right Hand)? Take it out of Thy Kheyk (bosom) and destroy [them].
76 (For the one directing. On stringed instruments. Mizmor of Asaph. Shir.)

In Yehudah is Elohim known; Shmo is gadol in Yisroel.

|2(3)| In Shalem [i.e., Yerushalayim] also is His Sukkah, and His Ma’on (dwelling place) in Tziyon [see Yochanan chp 14 OJBC].

|3(4)| There He broke the flashing arrows, the mogen, and the cherev, and the milchamah. Selah.

|4(5)| Thou art more glorious and adir (majestic) than the mountains of prey.

|5(6)| The stouthearted are plundered; now their last sleep they sleep; and none of the anshei chayil can find their hands.

|6(7)| At Thy rebuke, O Elohei Ya’akov, both the merkavah and sus are cast into a dead sleep.

|7(8)| Thou, even Thou, art to be feared; and who may stand in Thy sight when once Thou art angry?

|8(9)| Thou didst pronounce din (sentence, judgment) from Shomayim; Eretz feared, and was still.

|9(10)| And I said, This is my affliction; but I will remember the shanot of the Yemin Elyon (Right Hand of the Most High).

|10(11)| Surely the chamat adam (the wrath of man) shall praise Thee; the she’erit (remnant, survivor) of wrath shalt Thou restrain [from doing evil].

|11(12)| Make neder (vow), and pay unto Hashem Eloheichem; let all that be around Him bring gifts unto Him that ought to be feared.

|12(13)| He shall cut short the ruach of negidim (nobles); He is fearsome to the Malkhei-Aretz (Kings of the Earth).

77 (For the directing. Set to Yedutun. Mizmor of Asaph) I cried unto Elohim with my voice, even unto Elohim with my voice; and He gave ear unto me.

|2(3)| In my yom tzoros (day of trouble) I sought Adonoi; my hand was stretched up in the lailah, and ceased not; my nefesh refused to be comforted.

|3(4)| I remembered Elohim, and groaned; I pondered, and my ruach was overwhelmed. Selah.

|4(5)| Thou holdest mine eyelids awake; I am so troubled that lo adaber (I cannot speak).

|5(6)| I have considered the yamim mikedem (days of old), the shnot olamim (years long past).

|6(7)| I called to remembrance my neginah balailah (song in the night); I communed with mine own lev; and my ruach pondered with diligent search.

|7(8)| Will Adonoi cast off forever? And will He show favor no more?

|8(9)| Is His chesed passed away forever? Is His promise at an end l’dor vador?

|9(10)| Hath El (G-d) forgotten to be channot (gracious)? Hath He in anger shut up His rachamim (mercy)? Selah.

|10(11)| And I said, This is my affliction; but I will remember the shanot of the Yemin Elyon (Right Hand of the Most High).

|11(12)| I will open my mouth in a mashal; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

|12(13)| Which we have heard and known, and Avoteinu have told us.

|13(14)| For He established edut in Ya’akov, set torah in Yisroel, which He commanded Avo-teinu, that they should make them known to their banim;
So that the dor acharon might know them, even the banim which should be born; who should arise and recount them to their banim;

That they might put their confidence in Elohim, and not forget the ma'allei El (works of G-d), but keep His mitzvot;

And might not be as their Avot, a dor sorer u'moreh (stubborn and rebellious generation); a generation that set not its lev aright, and whose ruach was not faithful to G-d.

The Bnei Ephrayim, being armed, and shooting keshet (the bows), turned back in the day of battle.

They kept not the Brit Elohim, and refused to walk in His torah;

And forgot His works, and His nifla'ot (wonders) that He had shown them.

Peleh (marvellous things) did He in the sight of their avot, in Eretz Mitzrayim, in the sadeh (area) of Tzoan.

He divided the yam, and caused them to pass through; and He made the mayim to stand like a heap.

In the daytime also He led them with an anan, and all the lailah with an ohr of eish.

He split the rocks in the midbar, and gave them drink as out of the great tehomot.

He brought streams also out of the rock, and caused mayim to run down like rivers.

And they sinned yet more against Him by provoking Elyon in the wilderness.

And they tested G-d by their lev by demanding ochel for their lust.

And they spoke against Elohim; they said, Can G-d spread a shulchan in the midbar?

Behold, He struck the Tzur, that the mayim gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can He give lechem also? Can He provide meat for His people?

Therefore Hashem heard this, and was in wrath; so an ish was kindled against Ya'aakov, and anger also came up against Yisroel;

Because they believed not in Elohim, and trusted not in His Yeshuah (salvation);

Though He had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the daletei Shomayim (doors of heaven),

And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the bread of Shomayim [see Yn 6:31 OJBC].

Ish did eat the bread of angels; He sent them lechem to the full.

He caused an east wind to blow from Shomayim; and by His oz He brought in the south wind.

He rained meat also upon them like aphar, and winged fowls like the chol (sand) of the sea;

And He let it fall in the midst of their machaneh, all around their mishkenot (habitations).

So they did eat, and were well filled; for He gave them their own ta'avah (evil desire).

But while their food was yet in their mouths,

The Af Elohim (wrath of G-d) came upon them, and slaughtered the stoutest of them, and cut down the bochurim of Yisroel.

For all this they sinned still, and believed not in His Brit.

But He, being full of compassion, made kapporah for their avon and destroyed them not; and He many times turned His anger away, and did not stir up all His wrath.

For He remembered that they were but basar; a ruach (wind) that passeth away, and cometh not again.

How oft did they provoke Him in the midbar, and grieve Him in the desert!

Again and again they turned back and tested G-d, and imposed limits on Kadosh Yisroel.

They remembered not His Yad (Hand, Power), nor the yom (day) when He redeemed them from the enemy.

How He had wrought His otot in Mitzrayim, and His mofetim in the area of Tzoan.

And had turned their rivers into dahm; and their streams, that they could not drink.

He sent swarms of flies among them, which devoured them; and tzfarde'a (frogs), which destroyed them.

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He destroyed their gefen with barad (hail), and their fig trees with frost.

He gave up their cattle also to the barad (hail), and their livestock herds to hot thunderbolts.
49. He cast upon them His charon af, evrah (wrath), and za’am (indignation), and tzarah, by sending malachim ra’im among them.

50. He made a way for His anger; He spared not their nefesh from mavet (death), but gave their beasts over to the dever (plague);

51. And struck all the bechor in Mitzrayim; the reshit (first fruit) of their strength in the ohalim of Cham;

52. But made His own people to go forth like tzon, and guided them in the midbar like an eder (flock).

53. And He led them in safety, so that they had no terror; but the yam overwhelmed their oyevim.

54. And He brought them to His gevul kadosh (His holy border), even to this Har, which His Yamin had purchased.

55. He cast out the Goyim also before them, and divided by measure a nachalah for them, and made the Shivtei Yisroel to dwell in their ohalim.

56. Yet they tested and provoked Elohim Elyon, and were not shomer over His edot;

57. But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their avot; they turned like a treacherous keshet.

58. For they provoked Him to anger with their high places, and moved Him to jealousy with their pesilim.

59. When Elohim heard this, He was in wrath, and greatly abhorred Yisroel;

60. So that He forsook the Mishkan of Shiloh, the Ohel which He placed among adam (men);

61. And delivered His oz (strength) into captivity, and His tiferet into the hand of the enemy.

62. He gave His people over also unto the cherev; and was in wrath with His nachalah.

63. The eish consumed their bochurim; and their betulot made no lamentation.

64. Their kohanim fell by the cherev; and their almanot made no rechon.

65. Then Adonoi awaked as one from sleep, and like a gibbor that shouteth from yayin.

66. And He struck down His enemies behind; He put them to cherpat olam (perpetual reproach).

67. Moreover He rejected the Ohel Yosef, and chose not the Shevet Ephrayim;

68. But chose the Shevet Yehudah, Har Tziyon which He loved.

69. And He built His Mikdash like heavenly heights, like Eretz which He hath established Iolam.

70. He chose Dovid also His Eved, and took him from the mikhle’ot tzon (sheepfolds);

71. From following the nursing ewes He brought him to shepherd Ya’akov His people, and Yisroel His nachalah.

72. So he shepherded them according to the tohm (integrity, guilelessness) of his lev; and led them by the skillfulness of his hands.

79 (A Mizmor. Of Asaph) O Elohim, the Goyim are come into Thine Nachalah; Thy Heikhal Kodesh have they defiled; they have reduced Yerushalayim to rubble.

2. The dead bodies of Thy avadim have they given to be food unto the oph HaShomayim, the basar of Thy Chasidim, unto the beasts of the earth.

3. Their shefach dahm (shedding of blood) is like mayim all around Yerushalayim; and there is none to bury them.

4. We are become a reproach to our shekhenim (neighbors), a scorn and derision to them that are around us.

5. How long, Hashem? Wilt Thou be angry lanetzach (forever)? Shall Thy kina (jealousy) burn like eish?

6. Pour out Thy wrath upon the Goyim that have no da’as of Thee, and upon the mamlachot that have not called upon Thy Shem.

7. For they have devoured Ya’akov, and laid waste his naveh (home).

8. O remember not against us avonot rishonim (former iniquities); let Thy rachamim speedily come to us; for we are brought very low.

9. Help us, O Elohei Yisheinu, (G-d of our salvation), for the kavod of Thy Shem; and deliver us, and make kapporah for our sins, for Thy Name’s sake.

10. Why should the Goyim say, Where is Eloheihem? Let there be known among the Goyim in our sight, vengeance for the shefach dahm of Thy avadim.

11. Let the groaning of the asir (prisoner) come before Thee; according to the greatness of Thy Zero’a preserve Thou those that are Bnei Temutah (sons of death, i.e., appointed to die, doomed to die);

12. And repay unto our shekhenim (neighbors) sevenfold into their kheyk their reproach, wherewith they reproached Thee, Adonoi.

13. So we Thy people and tzon of Thy pasture will give Thee thanks Iolam (forever); we will show forth Thy praise l’or vador.
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[For the one directing. Set to The Lilies of the Edut. Of Asaph. Mizmor.]

Give ear, O Ro'eh Yisroel, Thou that leadest Yosef like a tzon; Thou that art enthroned between the Keruvim, shine forth.

[2][3] Before Ephrayim and Binyamin and Menasheh, Stir up Thy gevurah (might), and come and save us.

[3][4] Turn us again, O Elohim, and cause Thy face to shine that we may be saved.

[4][5] Hashem Elohim Tzva'os, ad mosai (how long) wilt Thou be angry against the tefillat amecha (prayer of Thy people)?

[5][6] Thou feedest them with the lechem dimah (bread of tears); and givest them dima'ot (tears) to drink in great measure.

[6][7] Thou makest us a madon (strife, contention) unto shcheneinu (our neighbors), and oyveinu (our enemies) mock us.

[7][8] Turn us again, O Elohim, and cause Thy face to shine that we may be saved.

[8][9] Thou hast brought a gefen (vine) out of Mitzrayim; Thou hast drove out Goyim, and planted it.

[9][10] Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the eretz.

[10][11] The harim were covered with the tzel (shadow) of it, and the branches thereof were like the mighty cedars.

[11][12] It sent out its branches unto the yam (sea, i.e., Mediterranean Sea) and its shoots unto the Nahar (river, i.e., the Euphrates).

[12][13] Lammah (why) hast Thou then broken down her walls, so that all they which pass by the derech do pluck her?

[13][14] The chazir (wild boar) out of the forest doth lay it waste, and the beasts of the sadeh doth devour it.

[14][15] Shuv nah (return now), we beseech Thee, O Elohim Tzva'os; look down from Shomayim, and behold, and visit gefen zot (this vine);

[15][16] And the stock which Thy Yamin (Right Hand) hath planted, and the Ben that Thou madest strong for Thyself.

[16][17] It is burned with eish, it is cut down; they perish at the ge'arah (rebuke) of Thy countenance.

[17][18] Let Thy Yad be upon the Ish Yeminecha (the Man of your Right Hand), upon the Ben Adam whom Thou madest strong for Thyself [cf Psalm 110:1; Dan 7:13].

[18][19] So I gave them up unto their own hearts' sherirut (stubbornness); and they walked in their own mo'atzot (counsels).

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[20][21] Sing with joy unto Elohim uzeinu (our strength); make a joyful noise unto Elohei Ya'akov.

[21][22] Begin a song, and bring hither the tambourine, the pleasant kinnor (harp) with the nevel (lyre).

[22][23] Blow the shofar at Rosh Chodesh, at the full moon, on Yom Chageinu.

[23][24] For this was a chok for Yisroel, and a mishpat of the Elohei Ya'akov.

[24][25] I should soon have subdued their oyevim and turned My Yad (hand, power) against their adversaries.

[25][26] I am Hashem Eloheicha Who brought thee out of Eretz Mitzrayim; open thy mouth wide, I will fill it.

[26][27] The haters of Hashem should have cringed before Him; their et (time, fate, punishment) endures l'olam.

[27][28] He would have fed them also with the finest of the chittah (wheat); and with devash (honey) from the Tzur would I have satisfied thee.

[28][29] Should I judge among the elohim? [See Ps 82:6 and Yn 10:34].

[29][30] Ad mosai (How long) will ye judge unjustly, and show partiality to the resha'im?

Tehillim 80, 81, 82

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[24][25] This He ordained in Yosef for an edut, when He went out over Eretz Mitzrayim; where a language of one not known did I hear.

[25][26] I removed his shekhem (shoulder) from the burden; his hands were delivered from the basket.

[26][27] In tzoros thou calledst, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the seter ra'am (secret place of thunder); I tested thee at the waters of Merivah. Selah.

[27][28] Shema, O My people, and I will admonish thee; O Yisroel, if thou wilt pay heed unto Me;

[28][29] But My people would not pay heed to My voice; and Yisroel would have none of Me.

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[3] Defend the poor and yatom (fatherless); do justice to the oni (afflicted) and needy.
[4] Deliver the poor and needy; rid them out of the yad reshaim.
[5] They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in choshech; all the foundations of ha'aretz are shaken.
[6] I have said, elohim ye are; and all of you are Bnei HaElyon.
[7] But ye shall die like adam, and fall like one of the sarim (princes).

83 (Shir. Mizmor of Asaph). Keep not Thou silent, O Elohim; hold not Thy peace, and be not still, O El (G-d).
[2(3)] For, hinei, Thine oyevim are in tumult; and they that hate Thee have lifted up the rosh.
[3(4)] They lay out a crafty conspiracy against Amecha (Thy people), and plot against Tzefunecha (Thy sheltered, protected, hidden ones).
[4(5)] They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a goy (nation); that the shem Yisroel may be no more remembered.
[5(6)] For they have plotted together with one lev; they cut a brit against Thee;
[6(7)] The ohalim Edom, and the Yishm'elim; of Moav, and the Hagerim;
[7(8)] Geval, and Ammon, and Amalek; Peleshet (Philistia) with the inhabitants of Tzor;
[8(9)] Assyria also is joined with them; they are the zera'a (strong arm) of the Bnei Lot. Selah.
[9(10)] Do unto them as unto Midyan; as to Sisra, as to Yavin, at the Wadi Kishon [see Shofetim chp 4-8];
[10(11)] Which became shmad at Ein-Dor; they became like domen (dung, fertilizer) for ha'adamah.
[11(12)] Make their nobles like Orev, and like Ze'ev; yes, all their princes like Zevach, and like Tzalmunna;
[12(13)] Who said, Let us take possession for ourselves of the pasturelands of Elohim.

84 (For the one directing. On the gittit. Mizmor for the Bnei Korach). How yedidot (lovely) are thy mishkanot, O Hashem Tzva'os!
[2(3)] My nefesh longeth, yea, even fainteth for the khatzrot Hashem (courts of Hashem);
[3(4)] Yea, the sparrow hath found a bais, and the swallow a ken (nest) for herself, where she may lay her young, even Thine mizbechot, O Hashem Tzva'os Malki vElohai.

85 (For the one directing. Of the Bnei Korach. Mizmor.) Hashem, Thou hast been favorable unto Thy land; Thou hast brought back the captivity of Ya'akov.
[2(3)] Thou hast forgiven the avon (iniquity) of Amecha (Thy people); Thou hast covered all their chattat (sin). Selah.
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|3(4)| Thou hast withdrawn all Thy wrath; Thou hast turned from Thine charon af.
|4(5)| Turn us, O Elohei Yisheinu (G-d of our salvation), and put away Thine ka'as (anger) toward us.
|5(6)| Wilt Thou be angry with us l’olam? Wilt Thou draw out Thine anger l’dor vador?
|6(7)| Wilt Thou not revive us again; that Amecha (Thy people) may rejoice in Thee?
|7(8)| Show us chasdecha (Thy chesed, kindness, steadfast love), Hashem, and grant us Thy salvation.

[A tefillah of Dovid]

Incline Thine ear, Hashem; hear me; for I am ani (poor) and evyon (needy).

15

Be shomer over my nefesh; for I am chasid; O Thou Elohai, save Thy eved that trusteth in Thee.

16

Channeni (be merciful) unto me, Adonoi; for I cry unto Thee kol hayom.

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Samei'ach (rejoice) the nefesh of Thy eved; for unto Thee, Adonoi, do I lift up my nefesh.

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For Thou, Adonoi, art tov, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in chesed unto all them that call upon Thee.

19

Give ear, Hashem, unto my tefillah (prayer); and attend to the voice of my techinnot (supplications).

20

In my yom tzoros I will call upon Thee; for Thou wilt answer me.

21

Ein kamocha vaelohim (there is none like Thee among the g-ds), Adonoi; nor are there any ma’asim like Thine.

22

Kol Goyim whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, Adonoi; and shall glorify Shimcha.

23

For Thou art gadol, and doest nifla’ot (wondrous things); Thou alone art Elohim.

24

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On the Harei Kodesh (Holy Mountain) stands His foundation.

2

Hashem loveth the sha’arei Tziyon more than all the mishkenot Yaakov.

3

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O Ir HaElohim. Selah.

4

To them that know me, I will make mention of Rachav and Babylon; hinei, Philistia, and Tzor, with Ethiopia: this man was born there.

5

But of Tziyon it shall be said, This one and that one were born in her; and Elyon Himself shall establish it.

6

Hashem shall register, when He writeth up the people, that this one was born there. Selah.

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7

The sharim (ones singing) as well as the cholelim (players on instruments) shall be there; all my fountains are in thee.
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[Shir. Mizmor of the Bnei Korach. For the one directing. According to Machalat le’annot. Maskil of Herman the Ezrachi.)
Hashem Elohei Yeshuati (G-d of my salvation), I have cried out yom valailah before Thee.
[2(3)] Let my tefillah come before Thee; incline Thine ear unto my cry;
[3(4)] For my nefesh is full of troubles; and my life draweth near unto Sheol.
[4(5)] I am counted with them that go down into the bor (pit); I am like a gever (man) that hath no strength;
[5(6)] Free among the mesim, like the slain that lie in the kever, whom Thou rememberest no more; and nigzaru (they are cut off, excluded; see Isa 53:8) from Thy Yad (hand, power, care).
[6(7)] Thou hast laid me in the lowest bor (pit), in darkness, in the deeps.
[7(8)] Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and Thou hast overwhelmed me with kol mishbarecha (all Thy waves, breakers).
[8(9)] Thou hast estranged mine acquaintances far from me; Thou hast made me to’evot unto them; I am shut up, and I cannot escape.
[9(10)] Mine eye groweth dim by reason of oni (affliction); Hashem, I have called daily upon Thee, I have stretched up my hands unto Thee.
[10(11)] Wilt Thou show wonders to the mesim? Shall the lifeless arise and praise Thee? Selah.

89

(A maskil of Eitan the Ezrachi).
I will sing of the mercies of Hashem olam; with my mouth will I make known Thy emunah (faithfulness) to dor vador.

[13(14)] But unto Thee have I cried, Hashem; and in the boker shall my tefillah come before Thee.
[14(15)] Hashem, why castest Thou off my nefesh? Why hidest Thou Thy face from me?
[15(16)] I am afflicted and govi’a (one being close to death) from my youth up; while I suffer Thy terrors I am distraught.
[16(17)] Thy charon (fierce wrath) goeth over me; Thy terrors have flayed me.
[17(18)] They came round about me daily like mayim; they close in, engulfing me.
[18(19)] Ohev (lover) and re’a (companion) hast Thou estranged from me, and mine acquaintances are in darkness.

[T.N. Ps 89 is a messianic Ps.]

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[2(3)] For I have said, Chesed shall be built up olam; Thy emunah (faithfulness) shalt Thou establish in Shomayim it itself.
[3(4)] I have made a Brit with My Bechir (Chosen one), I have sworn unto Dovid Avdi,
[4(5)] Thy Zera will I establish ad olam, and build up thy kisse to dor vador. Selah.
[5(6)] And Shomayim shall praise Thy wonders, O Hashem; Thy emunah (faithfulness) also in the Kahal Kedoshim.
[6(7)] For who in the heavens can be compared unto Hashem? Who among the bnei elim can be likened unto Hashem?
[7(8)] G-d is greatly to be feared in the sod Kedoshim (council of the holy ones), and is awesome over all them that are around Him.
[8(9)] Hashem Elohei Tzva’os, who is like Thee, O Mighty One, Hashem? Thy emunah also surrounds Thee!
[9(10)] Thou rulest the raging of the yam; when the waves thereof arise, Thou stillest them [see Mk 4:41].
[10(11)] Thou hast broken Rachav in pieces, as one that is slain; Thou hast scattered Thine eyevim with Thy strong Zera’a.
[11(12)] Shomayim are Thine, Eretz also is Thine; as for the tevel (world) and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them.
[12(13)] The tzafon (north) and the yamin (south) Thou hast created them; Tavor and Chermon shall sing for joy in Thy Sheem.
[13(14)] Thou hast a mighty Zera’a; strong is Thy Yad, and exalted is Thy Yamin.
[14(15)] Tzedek and mishpat are the foundation of Thy kisse; chesed and emes shall go before Thy face.
[15(16)] Ashrei is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, Hashem, in the ohr (light) of Thy countenance.
[16(17)] In Thy Sheem shall they rejoice kol hayom; and in Thy tzedakah shall they be exalted.
[17(18)] For Thou art the tiferet (splendor, glory) of their strength; and in Thy favor our keren shall be exalted.
[18(19)] For Hashem is our mogen; and the Kadosh Yisroel is Malkeinu (our king).
[19(20)] Then Thou spoke in chazon (vision) to Thy chasidim, and saidist, I have laid ezer (help) upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
[20(21)] I have found Dovid Avdi; with My
shemen kadosh (holy oil)

meshachtiv (I anointed him);

"With whom My yad shall be established; Mine zero'a also shall strengthen him."

"The oyev (enemy) shall not ensnare him; nor the ben avlah (son of wickedness) afflict him."

"And I will beat down his tzar before his face, and strike down them that hate him."

"But My emunah (faithfulness) and My chesed shall with him; and in My Shem shall his keren be exalted."

"I will set his yad also upon the yam, and his yamin upon the neharot (rivers)."

"He shall cry out unto Me, Thou art Avi, Eli, and the Tzur of my Yeshuah (salvation) [Mt 16:16]."

"Also I will make him My Bechor, elyon (most exalted) of the Malkhei Aretz."

"My chesed will I be shomer over for him forevermore, and My Brit shall stand unfailing with him."

"If his banim forsake My torah, walk not in My mishpatim,"

"If they violate My chukkot, and are not shomer over My mitzvot;"

"Then will I visit their pesyha with shevet (rod), and their avon (iniquity) with stripes."

"Nevertheless My chesed will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer My emunah (faithfulness) to fail."

"My Brit will I not violate, nor alter the thing that is gone out of My lips."

"Once have I sworn by My Kodesh; I will not lie unto Dovid."

"His zera shall endure l'olam, and his kisse as the shemesh before Me."

"It shall be established olam as the yarei'ach, and as an ed ne'em'an (a faithful witness) in the heavens. Selah."

"But Thou hast cast off [mem-alef-samech, see same word Psalm 118:22] and abhorred, Thou hast been in wrath with Thine Moshiach."

"His zera also will I make to endure forever, and his kisse as the days of Shomayim."

"The yamim of shnoteinu (our years, life) are threescore and ten; and if

which Thou didst swear unto Dovid in Thy emunah?

"Remember, Adonoi, the reproach of Thy avadim; how I do bear in my kheyk (bosom) the reproach of all rabbim anim (many peoples);"

"Wherewith Thine oyevim have reproached, Hashem; wherewith they have reproached the ikkevet (footsteps) of Thine Moshiach."

"I will not hide My face from them when they are but as yom etmol (yesterday) when it is past, and as an ashmurah (watch, division of time) in the laillah."

"Thou turnest enosh to dakka (dust); and sayest, Shuvu, ye Bnei Adam.

"For an elef shanim in Thy sight are but as yom etmol (yesterday) when it is past, and as an ashmurah (watch, division of time) in the laillah."

"Thou castest them away as with a flood; they are as a sheinah (sleep); in the boker they are like khatzir (grass) which withereth."

"In the boker it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the erev it is cut down, and drieth up.

"For we are consumed by Thy anger, and by Thy chemah are troubled.

"The yamim of shnoteinu (our years, life) are threescore and ten; and if

Baruch Hashem l'olam. Omein and Omein. (Tefillah of Moshe, ish HaElohim)

Adonoi, Thou hast been our maon (dwelling place) b'dor vador.

Before the harim were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed eretz and the tevel (inhabited world), even from olam ad olam, Thou art El (G-d).

Thou turnest enosh to dakka (dust); and sayest, Shuvu, ye Bnei Adam.

For an elef shanim in Thy sight are but as yom etmol (yesterday) when it is past, and as an ashmurah (watch, division of time) in the laillah.

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In the boker it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the erev it is cut down, and drieth up.

For we are consumed by Thine anger, and by Thy chemah are we troubled.

Thou hast set avonotenu before Thee, our secret sins in the ohr of Thy countenance.

For kol yameinu are passed away in Thy evrah (fury); we spend shaneinu (our years) like a sigh.

The yamim of shnoteinu (our years, life) are three-score shanah and ten; and if

The yamim of shnoteinu (our years, life) are threescore and ten; and if

which Thou didst swear unto Dovid in Thy emunah?
by reason of gevurot they are fourscore shanah, yet is their boast amal (trouble, toil) and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

[11] Who has da'as of the oz (power) of Thine anger? Thy evrah is as great as Thy yirah (fear of, reverence owed G-d).

[12] So teach us to number yameinu, that we may apply levav unto chochmah.


[14] O satisfy us baboker with Thy chesed; that we may sing for joy and be glad kol yameinu (all our days).

[15] Make us glad according to the days wherein Thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen ra'ah.

[16] Let Thy work appear unto Thy avadim, and Thy glory unto their banim.

[17] And let the no'am (favor, delightfulness) of Adonoi Eloheinu be upon us; and establish Thou the ma'aseh yadeinu upon us; yes, the ma'aseh yadeinu establish Thou it.

He that dwelleth in the seter Elyon (covering, hiding place of the Most High) shall abide under the tzel Shaddai (shadow of the Almighty).

[2] I will say of Hashem, He is my refuge and my fortress; Elohai (my G-d); in Him will I trust.

[3] Surely He shall save thee from the pach yakosh ([deadly] snare of the fowler), and from the devastating dever (plague).

[4] He shall cover thee with His evrah (pinion, flight feathers), and under His kenafayim (wings) shalt thou find defense; His Emes shall be thy shield and buckler.

[5] Thou shalt not be afraid of the pachad (terror) by lailah; nor of the khetz (arrow) that flieh yomam (by day);

[6] Nor for the dever (plague) that walketh in darkness; nor for the ketev (pestilence, destruction) that destroyeth at tzohorayim (noon).

[7] An elef (thousand) may fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy yamin (right hand); but it shall not come near thee.

[8] Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the shillumah (recompense, retribution) of the resha'im.

[9] Because thou hast made Hashem, which is my refuge, even Elyon, thy ma'on (habitation, dwelling; see Yn 14:2 OJBC)

[10] There shall no ra'ah (evil, disaster) befall thee, neither shall any nega come near thy ohel.

[11] For He shall give charge to His malachim (angels) concerning thee, to be shomer over thee in kol drakhim of thee.

[12] They [the malachim of Hashem] shall bear thee up on their palms, lest thou dash thy regel against an even (stone).

[13] Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the tannin (serpent) shalt thou trample under foot.

[14] Because he hath set his longing upon Me, therefore will I rescue him; I will set him on high, because he hath da'as of Shmi (My Name).

[15] He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in tzoros; I will deliver him, and honor him.

[16] With orech yamim (length of days, long life) will I satisfy him, and show him My Yeshuah (salvation).

He that dwelleth in the seter Elyon shall abide under the tzel Shaddai (shadow of the Almighty).

[2(3)] To proclaim Thy chesed in the boker, and Thy emunah baleiloth.

[3(4)] Upon a ten-stringed instrument, and upon the nevel (lyre); to the melody of the kinnor (harp).

[4(5)] For Thou, Hashem, hast made me glad through Thy work; I will joy in the works of Thy hands.

[5(6)] Hashem, how great are Thy works! And Thy machshe'vot (thoughts) are very deep.

[6(7)] An ish ba'ar (brutish, senseless man, dolt) knoweth not; neither doth a kesil (fool) understand this.

[7(8)] When the resha'im spring up like the esev (grass), and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish, it is that they shall be destroyed adei-ad (forever).

[8(9)] But Thou, Hashem, art exalted l'olam.

[9(10)] For, hinei, Thine enemies, Hashem, for, hinei, Thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.

[10(11)] But my keren shalt Thou exalt like the keren of a re'eim (wild ox); I shall be anointed with fresh shemen.

[11(12)] Mine eye also shall look on mine foes, and mine ears shall hear of the resha'im that rise up against me.

[12(13)] The tzaddik shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

[13(14)] Those that are planted in the Beis Hashem shall flourish in the khatzerot Eloheinu (courts of our G-d).

[14(15)] They shall still bear forth fruit in old age; they shall be deshenim (stalwart, vigorous) and ra'ananim (luxuriant, fresh);
Hashem reigneth, 
He is robed with 
majesty; Hashem is 
clothed with strength, 
wherewith He hath girded 
Himself; the tevel (world) also 
is established, that it cannot 
be moved.

| 2 | Thy kisse is established of 
old; Thou art me'olam (from 
everlasting).
| 3 | The floods have lifted up, 
Hashem, the floods have lifted 
up their voice; the floods lift 
up their waves.
| 4 | Hashem on high is 
mightier than the noise of 
mayim rabbim, yea, than the 
mighty waves of the yam.
| 5 | Thy testimonies are very 
sure; Kodesh becometh Thine 
Beis, Hashem, forever.
| 6 | Hashem G-d, to 
whom vengeance 
belongeth; O G-d, 
to whom vengeance belongeth, 
show Thyself.
| 7 | Rise up, Thou Shofet 
HaAretz; render gemul 
(recompense, desert) to the 
ge'im (proud ones).
| 8 | Ad mosai, Hashem, shall 
the resha'im, how long shall 
the resha'im triumph?
| 9 | How long shall they utter 
and speak malicious lies? And 
all the po'alei aven (workers of iniquity) 
glorify themselves?
| 10 | They crush Thy people, 
Hashem, and afflict Thine 
nachalah.
| 11 | Who will rise up for Me 
against the evildoers? Or who 
will take a stand for Me 
against the po'alei aven 
(workers of iniquity)?
| 12 | Unless Hashem had 
been my help, my nefesh had 
dwell in dumah (silence).
| 13 | When I said, My regel 
(foot) slippeth, Thy chesed, 
Hashem, held me up.
| 14 | How long shall my 
anxieties within me Thy 
comforts delight my nefesh.
| 15 | Shall the kisse of 
corruption have chavurah 
(fellowship) with Thee, those, 
which deviseth evil by a chok 
(statute)?
| 16 | They band together 
against the nefesh of the 
tzaddik, and condemn dahm naki 
(innocent blood).
| 17 | But Hashem is my 
stronghold; and Elohai is the 
Tzur of my refuge.
| 18 | And He shall turn back 
upon them their own iniquity, 
and shall destroy them for 
their own wickedness; Hashem 
Eloheinu shall destroy them.

O come, let us sing 
unto Hashem; let 
us make a joyful 
noise to the Tzur of our 
salvation.

Let us come before His 
presence with todah, and extol 
Him with zemirot (joyful 
songs).

For Hashem is El Gadol, 
and Melech Gadol above kol 
eholim (g-ds).

In His yad are the deep 
places of ha'aretz; the peaks of 
the harim are His also.

The yam is His, and He 
made it; and His hands 
formed the yabashah (dry 
land).

O come, let us worship 
and bow down; let us kneel 
before Hashem Oseinu (our 
Maker).

For He is Eloheinu; and 
we are the people of His 
pasture, and the tzon of His 
yad. Today if ye will hear His 
voice,

Harden not your lev, as in 
Merivah, and as in the Yom 
Massah in the midbar;

When your avot tested Me, 
tried Me, and saw My work.

Arba'im shanah was I 
grieved with this generation, 
and said, It is a people that do 
stray in their lev, and they 
have no da'as of My ways;

Unto whom I swore an 
oath in My wrath that they 
should not enter into My 
menuchah.

Sing unto Hashem a shir 
chadash; sing unto Hashem, kol ha'aretz.

Sing unto Hashem, barakhu Shmo, show forth His 
Yeshuah (salvation) from day to day.

Declare His kavod among 
the Govim, His nifle'ot 
(marvelous deeds) among all 
peoples.
For Hashem is gadol, and me'od to be praised; He is to be feared above all elohim.

For kol elohei HaAmim are elilim (idols); but Hashem made Shomayim.

Hod and hadar are before Him; oz and tiferet are in His Mikdash.

Render unto Hashem, O ye mishpekhot of the nations, render unto Hashem kavod and oz.

Render unto Hashem the kavod due unto Shmo; bring a minchah, and come into His khatzerot (courtyards).

O worship Hashem in the hadrat Kodesh; fear before Him, kol ha'aretz.

Hashem reigneth; let the nations tremble; He sitteth between the keruvim; let ha'aretz be shaken.

Hashem is great in Tziyon; and He is high above all the nations.

O sing unto Hashem a shir chadash; for He hath done marvellous things; His right hand, and His zero'a kodesh, hath gotten Him victory.

Thou answeredst them, Hashem Eloheinu; Thou wast El (G-d) that forgavest them, though Thou tookest vengeance of their misdeeds.

Exalt ye Hashem Eloheinu, and worship at His Har Kodesh; for Hashem Eloheinu is kadosh.

Hashem reigneth; let the multitude of isles thereof be glad.

Aan and darkness are round about Him; tzedek and mishpat are the foundation of His kisse.

Eish goeth before Him, and burneth up His enemies on every side.

His lightnings light up the tevel; ha'aretz saw, and trembled.

The harim melted like wax at the presence of Hashem, at the presence of Adon kol HaAretz.

HaShomayim declare His tzedek, and kol ha'aretz saw His kavod.

Shamed be all they that serve pesel, that boast themselves of elilim; worship Him, kol elohim.

Tziyon heard, and was glad; and the banot Yehudah rejoiced because of Thy mishpatim, Hashem.

For Thou, Hashem, art Elyon above kol ha'aretz; Thou art exalted far above kol elohim.

Ye that love Hashem, hate rah; He preserveth the nefashot of His chasidim; He delivereth them out of the yad reshaim.

Ohr dawns for the tzaddik, and simchah for the yishrei lev (upright in heart).

Rejoice in Hashem, ye tzaddikim; and give thanks at the remembrance of His kodesh (holiness).

Hashem is great in Tziyon; and He is high above all the nations.

Let them praise Thy Shem gadol v'nora; for it is kadosh.

The Mighty King also loveth mishpat; Thou dost establish equity, Thou executest mishpat and tzedakah in Ya'akov.

Exalt ye Hashem Eloheinu, and worship at His Har Kodesh; for Hashem Eloheinu is kadosh.

Moshe and Aharon among His kohanim, and Shmuel among them that call upon Shmo; they called upon Hashem, and He answered them.

He spoke unto them in the ammud anan (pillar of cloud); they were shomer over His statutes, and the chok (ordinance) that He gave them.

Thou answeredst them, Hashem Eloheinu; Thou wast El (G-d) that forgavest them, though Thou tookest vengeance of their misdeeds.

Exalt Hashem Eloheinu, and worship at His Har Kodesh; for Hashem Eloheinu is kadosh.
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(Mizmor l’todah)
Make a joyful shout unto Hashem, all ye lands.
|2| Serve Hashem with simchah; come before His presence with joyful singing.
|3| Know ye that Hashem He is Elohim; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves, His people, the tzon of His pasture.
|4| Enter into His she’arim (gates) with todah, and into His khatzerot (courts) with tehillah; be thankful unto Him, and bless Shmo.
|5| For Hashem is good; His chesed is l’olam; and His emunah (faithfulness) endureth dor vador.

(Of Dovid. Mizmor)
I will sing of chesed and mishpat; unto Thee, Hashem, will I sing.
|2| I will study the derech tamim. O when wilt Thou come unto me? I will walk within my bais with tam levav.
|3| I will set no devar beliya’al before mine eyes; I hate the work of them that fall away; it shall not cleave to me.
|4| A lev ikkesh (perverse heart) shall be far from me; I will not tolerate rah.
|5| The one who slandereth ba’seter (in secret) his neighbor, him will I destroy; him that hath haughty einayim (eyes) and a proud levav will I not endure.
|6| Mine eyes shall be upon the ne’emenei eretz (faithful of the land), that they may dwell with me; he that walketh in a derech tamim, he shall minister to me.
|7| He that worketh remiyyah (deceit) shall not dwell within my bais; he that speaketh shekarim (falsehoods, lies) shall not continue in my presence.

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(A tefillah of one afflicted; when he is faint, he pours out his si’akh [complaint] before Hashem)
Hear my tefillah, Hashem, and let my cry for help come unto Thee.
|2| Hide not Thy face from me in the yom tzar (day of distress); incline Thine ear unto me; in the yom when I call, answer me speedily.
|3| For my yamim are consumed like ashan (smoke), and my atzmot burn like a furnace.
|4| My lev is struck, and withered like esev; so that I forget to eat my lechem.
|5| By reason of the voice of my groaning my atzmot have deveykus to my basar.
|6| I am like a bird of the midbar; I am like an owl of the desert.
|7| I keep watch, and am like a tzippor (bird) alone upon the gag (housetop, roof).
|8| Mine oyevim (enemies) reproach me kol hayom; and they that revile me curse by me.
|9| For I have eaten ashes like lechem, and mingled my drink with tears.
|10| Because of Thine za’am (indignation) and Thy ketsef (wrath, anger); for Thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
|11| Mine days are like a tzel (shadow) that lengtheneth, and I am withered like esev (grass).
|12| But Thou, Hashem, shall endure Iolam; and Thy memory unto dor vador.
|13| Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Tziyon; for the time to favor her, the mo’ed (set time, appointed time) has come.
|14| For Thy avadim cherish her avanim (stones), and pity her aphar.
|15| So the Goyim shall fear the Shem Hashem, and all the melachim of ha’aretz will revere Thy glory.
|16| When Hashem shall build up Tziyon, He shall appear in His Kavod.
|17| He will regard the tefillah of the destitute, and not despise their tefillah.
|18| This shall be written for a dor acharon (future generation); and the people which shall be created shall praise Hashem.

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For He hath looked down from the height of His Kodesh; from Shomayim did Hashem behold Eretz; to hear the groaning of the asir (prisoner); to release those that are bnei temutah (men [appointed to] death);
|21| To declare the Shem Hashem in Tziyon, and His tehillah (praise) in Yerushalayim;
|22| When the peoples are gathered together in assembly, and the muralchat (kingdoms), to serve Hashem.
|23| He bowed down my ko’ach in the derech; He cut short my yamim.
|24| I said, O my G-d, take me not away in the midst of my yamim; Thy years are dor dorim (throughout all generations).
|25| Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of ha’aretz; and Shomayim is the ma’aseh (work) of Thy hands.
|26| Of old hast Thou laid the foundation of ha’aretz; and Shomayim is the ma’aseh (work) of Thy hands.

(27| They shall perish, but Thou shalt remain; and all of them shall wear out like a beged (garment); like a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed;
But Thou art the same, and Thy shanot (years) shall have no end.

The children of Thy avadim shall dwell, and their zera shall be established before Thee.

Barachi (Bless) Hashem, O my nefesh; and all that is within me, bless His Shem kodesh.

Barachi Hashem, O my nefesh, and forget not all His gmulim (benefits); Who forgiveth all thine avonim (iniquities); Who healeth all thy diseases;

Who is the Go'el (Redeemer) of thy life from shachat (corruption, pit, grave); Who crowneth thee with chesed and rachamim;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with tov; so that thy ne'urim is made chadash like the nesher.

Hashem executeth tzedakot and mishpatim for all that are oppressed.

He made known His drakhim unto Moshe, His deeds unto the Bnei Yisroel.

Hashem is rachum and channun, slow to anger, and plenteous in chesed.

He will not strive l'netzach; neither will He keep His anger l'olam.

He hath not dealt with us according to chata'einu (our sins); nor repaid us according to avonoteinu (our iniquities).

For as Shomayim is high above ha'aretz, so great is His chesed toward them that fear Him.

As far as the mizrach (east) is from the ma'arav (west), so far hath He removed peysha'einu (our transgressions) from us.

As an av has compassion on banim so Hashem has compassion on them that fear Him.

Who maketh the clouds His merkavah; Who walketh upon the wings of the ruach (wind);

Who maketh ruchot (spirits, winds) His malachim; His mesharetim (ministers), flaming eish;

Who laid the mekonim (foundations) of ha'aretz, that it should not move out of place olam va'ed.

Thou coveredst it with the tehom (deep) as with a garment; the mayim stood above the harim (mountains).

At Thy ga'arah (rebuke) they fled; at the voice of Thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the harim (mountains); they go down by the beka'ot (valleys) unto the makom (place) which Thou hast assigned for them.

Thou hast set a boundary that they [the waters] may not pass over; that they return not to cover ha'aretz.

He sendeth the ma'ayanim (springs) into the ravines, which run among the harim.

They give drink to every beast of the sadeh; the pera'im (donkeys) quench their thirst.

By them shall the oph HaShomayim have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

He watereth the harim from His aliyyot (upper rooms); ha'aretz is satisfied with the p'ri (fruit) of Thy ma'asim.

Who causeth the khatzir (grass) to grow for the behemah, and esev for the avodas ha'adam; that he may bring forth lechem out of ha'aretz.

And yayin that maketh glad levav enosh, and shemen to make panim (faces) to shine, and lechem which strengtheneth levav enosh.
The trees of Hashem are full of sap, the arazim (cedars) of Levanon, which He hath planted;

Where the tzipporim (birds) make their nests; as for the khasidah (stork), the beroshim (cypresses) are her bais.
The high hills are a makhseh (refuge, shelter) for the wild goats; and the rocks for the gophers.
He appointed the yarei‘ach for mo‘adam; the shemesh knoweth the place of its going down.
The young lions roar after their teref (prey), and seek their okhel from G-d.
These wait all upon their ochel (food) in due season.
The shemesh ariseth, and it is lailah; wherein all the beasts of the ya‘ar (forest) do creep forth.
The high hills are a makhseh (refuge, shelter) for the wild goats; and the rocks for the gophers.

O give thanks unto Hashem; call upon Shmo; make known His deeds among the amim.
Until the time that his nefesh was laid in barzel; with the kevel (shackle); his ruach, they expire, they are troubled; Thou takest away their ruach, they expire, and return to their aphar.
Thou hidest Thy face, they are troubled; Thou takest away their ruach, they expire, and return to their ahp.
Thou sendest forth Thy Ruach [Hakodesh], they are created; and Thou renewest the face of adamah (earth).
The Kavod Hashem shall endure lomam; Hashem shall rejoice in His ma‘asim (works).
He looketh on ha‘aretz, and it trembleth; He toucheth the harim, and they smoke.
I will sing unto Hashem as long as I live; I will sing praise to Elohi while I have my being.
May my si’akh (musing, meditation) be acceptable to Him; I will have simchah in Hashem.
Let the chatta’im (sinners) be consumed from ha‘aretz, and let the resha’im (wicked) be no more. Baruch Hashem, O my nefesh.
Thou dost establish them in Shmo, and let the resha’im (sinners) be consumed from ha‘aretz.
I will sing unto Hashem; I will have simchah in Hashem.
I will sing unto Hashem; I will have simchah in Hashem.
He hath remembered His mishpatim are in kol kol ha’aretz.
He hath remembered His mishpatim are in kol kol ha’aretz.
He is Hashem Eloheinu; His mishpatim are in kol ha‘aretz.
Thou dost establish them in Shmo, and let the resha’im (sinners) be consumed from ha‘aretz.

Hashem, how manifold are Thy ma‘asim! In chochmah (wisdom; cf Psa 33:6; Yn 1:1) hast Thou made thousand generations)

O give thanks unto Hashem; call upon Shmo; make known His deeds among the amim.

Which Brit He made with Avraham, and His shevu’ah (oath) unto Yitzchak;
And confirmed the same unto Ya‘akov for a chok (decree), and to Yisroel as Brit Olam;
Saying, Unto thee will I give Eretz Kenan, the chevel (lot, portion) of your nachalah.
When they were but few in mispar (number), very few, and gerim (strangers) in it.
When they went from one goy (nation) to another, from one manmuchtah (kingdom) to am acher (another people);
He permitted no adam to oppress them; and He reproved melachim for their sakes;
Saying, Touch not Mine meshichim (anointed ones, My Messianics), and do My nevivim no harm.
Moreover He called for a ra‘av (famine) upon ha‘aretz; He broke the kol matteh (whole staff of, all supply of) lechem.
He sent an ish before them, even Yosef, who was sold as an eved (slave);
Whose regel they hurt sold as an eved (slave); their nefesh was laid in barzel;
Until the time that his nefesh was laid in barzel;
He sent an ish before them, even Yosef, who was sold as an eved (slave);
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Until the time that his nefesh was laid in barzel;
He sent an ish before them, even Yosef, who was sold as an eved (slave);
Whose regel they hurt sold as an eved (slave); their nefesh was laid in barzel;
And He increased Amo (His people) greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

He turned their lev to hate Amo, to deal cunningly with His avadim.

They showed His Otot (signs) among them, and mofetim (wonders) in Eretz Cham.

He sent choshech, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against His Devar.

He turned their mayim into dahm, and made their dag (fish) die.

Their land brought forth tzfarde'im (frogs) in abundance, even in the chadarim (rooms) of their melachim.

He spoke, and there came arov (flies), and kinim (lice) in all their territory.

He gave them barad (hail) for geshem (rain), and eish of lightning in their land.

He struck down their gefen also and their te'enah (fig tree); and broke the trees of their territory.

He spoke, and the arbeh (locusts) came, and grasshoppers, and that without number,

And did eat up all the esez (herbs) in their land, and devoured their p'ri adamah (fruit of the ground).

He spread an anan for a curtain; and eish to give light in the lailah.

They asked, and He brought slav (quails), and satisfied them with the lechem Shomayim.

He opened the Tzur, and the mayim gushed out; it ran in the dry places like a nahar.

For He remembered His Davar Kadosh, and Avraham His eved.

And He brought forth His people with sasson, and His chosen with joyful shouts;

And gave them the lands of the Goyim; and they inherited the amal (labor, toil) of the amim;

That they might be shomer over His chukkot, and observe His torot (laws). Praise Hashem.

Who can speak of the gevurot (mighty acts) of Hashem? Who can show forth all His tehillah (praise)?

Ashrei (happy, blessed) are they who are shomrei mishpat, and he that doeth tzedakah at all times.

Remember me, Hashem, with the favor that Thou bearest unto Thy people; O visit me with Thy Yeshuah (salvation);

That I may see the good of Bechireicha (Thy chosen ones), that I may rejoice in the simchah of Thy nation, that I may glory with Thine nachalah (the people of Thy inheritance).

We have sinned with Avoteinu, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

Avoteinu had no seichal concerning Thy nifla'ot (wonders) in Mitzrayim; they remembered not the multitude of Thy mercies but provoked Him at the yam, even at the Yam Suf.

Nevertheless He saved them for the sake of Shmo, that He might make His gevurot (mighty power) to be known.

He rebuked the Yam Suf also, and it dried up; so He led them through the tehomot, as through the midbar.

And He saved them from the yad of him that hated them, and He acted to make the go'el redemption from the yad of the oyev (enemy).

And the mayim covered their enemies; there was not echad (one) of them left surviving.

Then believed they in His Devarim; they sang His tehillah.

Then they hurried, they forgot His ma'asim; they waited not for His etzah (counsel, advice, wisdom);

But lusted exceedingly in the midbar, and tempted G-d in the desert.

And He gave them their she'elah (request); but sent leanness into their nefesh.

They envied Moshe also in the machaneh, and Aharon the kadosh Hashem (Aaron the holy one of Hashem).

Eretz opened and swallowed up Datan and covered over the Adat Aviram (the company of Aviram).

And an eish was kindled in their edah (assembly); the flame burned up the resha'im.

They made an egel (a calf) in Chorev, and worshiped a massekhah (molden image).

Thus they exchanged their kavod for a tavnit shor (likeness of an ox) that eateth esez (grass).

They forgot G-d their Moshi’a, Who had done gedolot in Mitzrayim;
|22| Nifla'ot (wondrous works) in Eretz Cham, and nora'ot (awesome things) by the Yam Suf.
|23| Therefore He said that He would destroy them, had not Moshe His bechir (chosen one) stood before Him in the peretz (breach), to turn away His wrath, lest He should destroy them.
|24| Then they despised the eretz chemdah (desirable land); they believed not His Devar;
|25| But murmured in their ohalim, and paid heed not unto the kol (voice) of Hashem.
|26| Therefore [in oath] He lifted up His yad against them, that He would overthrow them in the midbar;
|27| To make their zera fall also among the Goyim, and to scatter them among the aratzot (lands).
|28| They joined themselves also unto Ba'al-Pe'or, and ate the zivkhei mesim (sacrifices offered to the dead).
|29| Thus they provoked Him to anger with their inventions; and the magefah (plague) broke out among them.
|30| Then stood up Pinchas, and interposed; and so the magefah (plague) was halted.
|31| And that was counted unto him for tzedakah l'dor vador ad olam.
|32| They angered Him also at the waters of Merivah, so that it went ill with Moshe on their account;
|33| Because they provoked His Ruach [Hakodesh] and he [Moshe] spoke unadvisedly with his sfatayim (lips).
|34| They did not destroy the amim (peoples), as Hashem commanded them;
|35| But they mingled with the Goyim, and learned their ma'asim (works, customs).
|36| And they served their atzabim (idols); which were a mokesh (snare) unto them.
|37| And, they sacrificed their banim and their banot unto shedim (demons),
|38| And they shed dahm naki (innocent blood), even the dahm of their banim and of their banot, whom they sacrificed unto the atzabei Kena'an (idols of Canaan); and HaAretz was polluted with blood-guilt.
|39| Thus they made themselves tameh with their own ma'asim, and went a-whoring with their own inventions.
|40| Therefore was the wrath of Hashem kindled against His people, insomuch that He abhorred His own nachalah.
|41| And He gave them into the yad Goyim; and they that hated them ruled over them.
|42| Their oyevim also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their yad.
|43| Many times did He deliver them; but they provoked Him with their etzah (counsel), and so perished in their avon (iniquity).
|44| Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their rinnah (cry of grief);
|45| And He remembered for their sake His Brit, and relented according to the multitude of His chasadim (lovingkindnesses).
|46| He made them also to be pitied with rachamim by all those that carried them away as captives.
|47| Hoshiieini (save us), Hashem Eloheinu, and gather us from among the Goyim, to give thanks unto Thy Shem Kadosh, and to glory in Thy tehillah (praise).
|48| Baruch Hashem Elohei Yisroel min haOlam vad haOlam; and let kol HaAm say, Omein. Praise Hashem!

107 O give thanks unto Hashem, for He is tov; ki iolam chadso (for His mercy endureth forever).
|2| Let the Geulei Hashem (the redeemed of Hashem) say so, whom He hath redeemed from the yad tzar;
|3| And gathered them out of the lands, from the mizrach (east), and from the ma'arav (west), from the tzafon (north), and from the yam (sea).
|4| They wandered in the midbar in a desolate region; they found no derech to an ir moshav (inhabited city).
|5| Re'evim (hungry) and tzeme'im (thirsty), their nefesh fainted within them.
|6| Then they cried unto Hashem in their tzoros, and He delivered them out of their distresses.
|7| And He led them forth by the derech yesharah that they might go to an ir moshav.
|8| Oh that men would praise Hashem for His chesed, and for His nifla'ot (wonderful works) to the Bnei Adam!
|9| For He satisfieth the longing nefesh, and filleth the hungry nefesh with the tov.
|10| Such as sit in choshech and in tzalmavet, being bound in oni and barzel (iron);
|11| Because they rebelled against the words of G-d, and despised the atzat Elyon (counsel of the Most High);
|12| Therefore He brought down their lev with amal (toil); they stumbled, and there was no ozer (helper).
|13| Then they cried out unto Hashem in their tzoros, and He saved them out of their distresses.
|14| He brought them out of choshech and tzalmavet, and broke apart their chains.

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|15| Oh that men would praise Hashem for His chesed, and for His nifla’ot (wonderful works) to the Bnei Adam! |
|16| For He hath broken down the dlatot nechoshet, and cut asunder the bars of barzel (iron). |
|17| Fools because of their derech peysha, and because of their avonot (iniquities), were afflicted. |
|18| Their nefesh abhorreth all manner of ochel (food); and they drew near unto the sha’arei mavet (gates of death). |
|19| Then they cried unto Hashem in their tzoros, and He saveth them out of their distresses. |
|20| He sent His Davar, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. See Yn 1:1, 14; Mt 4:23. |
|21| Oh that men would praise Hashem for His chesed, and for His nifla’ot (wonderful works) to the Bnei Adam! |
|22| And let them sacrifice the zivkhei todah (sacrifices of thanksgiving), and recount His works with joyful singing. |
|23| They that go down to the yam in oniyot (ships), that do business on mayim rabbim (great waters); |
|24| These have seen the ma’asei Hashem, and His nifla’ot (wonders) in the deep. |
|25| For He commandeth, and raiseth up a ruach sa’arah (stormy wind), which lifeth up the galim (waves) thereof. |
|26| They [the galim] mount up to Shomayim, they went down again to the tehomot (depths); their nefesh melted in raḥ (peril, trouble). |
|27| They reeled and staggered like a shikkor, and were at their wits end. |
|28| Then they cried unto Hashem in their tzoros, and He brought them out of their distresses. |
|29| He made the sa’arah (storm) a calm, so that the galim (waves) thereof were still. [Mk 4:41]. |
|30| Then were they glad because they were quiet; so He brought them unto their makhzoh chefetz (desired haven, city, district, boundary). |
|31| Oh that men would praise Hashem for His chesed, and for His nifla’ot (wonderful works) to the Bnei Adam! |
|32| Let them exalt Him also in the Kehal Am, and praise Him in the moshav zekenim (council of the elders). |
|33| He senteth neharot (rivers) into a midbar, and the springs of water into dry ground; |
|34| An eretz p’ri (fruitful land) into salt wasteland, because of the wickedness of them that dwell therein. |
|35| He made a brocha on them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and He doth not permit their behemah to decrease. |
|36| Again, they are diminished and brought low through otzer (oppression), raḥ (calamity, peril, trouble) and yagon (sorrow, grief). |
|37| He poured contempt upon nedivim (nobles), and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no derech. |
|38| Yet setteth He the eyyon (needy) up above oni (affliction), and maketh him mishpekhot like a tzon (flock); |
|39| The yesharim (upright ones) shall see it, and rejoice with simchah; and all iniquity shall shut its mouth. |
|43| Whosoever is chacham, and will be shomer over these things, even they shall understand the chasdei Hashem (lovingkindnesses of Hashem). |

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|1| O Elohim, my lev is nachon; I will sing and make music, even with my kavod (glory, soul). |
|2| Awake, nevel and kinnor; I will awaken the shachar (dawn). |
|3| I will praise Thee, Hashem, among the peoples; and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations. |
|4| For Thy chesed is gadol above Shomayim; and Thy emes reacheth unto the clouds. |
|5| Be Thou exalted, Elohim, above Shomayim; and Thy kvod above kol ha’aretz; |
|6| That Thy beloved may be delivered; hoshiah (save) with Thy Yamin, and answer me. |
|7| Elohim hath spoken in His Kodesh; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and measure out the Valley of Sukkot. |
|8| Gil’ ad is Mine; Menasheh is Mine; Ephrayim also is the maoz of Mine rosh; Yehudah is My mechokek (lawgiver); |
|9| Moav is My washbasin; over Edom will I toss My na’al (sandal); over Philistia will I shout in triumph. |
|10| Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who will lead me into Edom? |
|11| Wilt not Thou, Elohim, Who hast cast us off? And wilt not Thou, Elohim, go forth with our Tzivos? |
|12| Give us help against the enemy; for vain is the teshuah (help of man). |
Let his posterity be cut off; and in the dor acher (generation following) let their shem be blotted out.

Let the avon of his avot be remembered before Hashem; and let not the chattat immo be blotted out.

Let them be before Hashem tamid, that He may cut off the memory of them from ha'aretz.

Because he remembered not to show chesed, but persecuted the ish oni and the eyon, that he might even slay the nikhel levav (broken-hearted person).

As he loved kelalah (cursing), so it came on him; as he delighted not in brocha (blessing), so it was far from him.

As he clothed himself with kelalah as with his garment, so let it come into his inward parts like mayim, and like shemen into his atzmot.

As he loved kelalah (blessing), so it was on him; as he delighted not in cursing, so it came on him.

As he loved kelalah (blessing), so it was on him; as he delighted not in cursing, so it came on him.

Adonoi at thy right hand, until I make enemies a footstool for thy feet.

Thy enemies be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own shame, as with a meil (cloak).

I will greatly praise Hashem with my mouth; and, I will praise Him among the multitude.

For He shall stand at the yamin (right hand) of the eyon (needy), to save him from those that judge with condemnation his nefesh [of Mt 9:10-11].

Hashem said unto Adoni [i.e., Moshiach Adoneinu; Malachi 3:1], Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet.

Moshiach's [kohen] will be with My Ani [i.e., anti-Moshiachs]. [3 [4]] Thy [Moshiach's Messianic] people, willing in the Day of thy [Moshiach's called up] Army, will be arrayed in the splendor of kodesh (holiness); from the womb of the dawn, cometh to thee [Moshiach's] thy young men [cf Isa 53:10] as the tal (dew) [Rv 19:14].

Hashem hath sworn, and will not relent. Thou [Moshiach] art a kohen l'olam, and will not depart from thee [Moshiach] as the tal [cf Isa 53:10] as the tal (dew) [Rv 19:14].

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Hashem said unto Adoni [i.e., Moshiach Adoneinu; Malachi 3:1], Sit thou at My right hand, until I make thine enemies a footstool for thy feet. [2 [3]] Hashem shall stretch forth the rod of thy might out of Tziyon; rule thou in the midst of thine enemies [i.e., anti-Moshiachs]. [3 [4]] Thy [Moshiach's Messianic] people, willing in the Day of thy [Moshiach's called up] Army, will be arrayed in the splendor of kodesh (holiness); from the womb of the dawn, cometh to thee [Moshiach's] thy young men [cf Isa 53:10] as the tal (dew) [Rv 19:14].

Thou [Moshiach] art a kohen l'olam, and will not depart from thee [Moshiach] as the tal [cf Isa 53:10] as the tal (dew) [Rv 19:14].
|6| [7]| He [Adonoi acting through Moshiach] shall judge among the Goyim; He shall heap up geviiyot (corpses); He shall dash in pieces Rosh (Head; Gn 3:15) al Eretz Rabbah (over Great, Whole Earth, cf 2Th 2:8).

[7] Of the brook in the Derech shall he [Moshiach] drink; therefore shall he lift up [as victor] the Rosh [Moshiach’s head; PP 2:8-10; Ep 4:15].

111 Praise Hashem. I will praise Hashem with kol levav, in the Sod (company, council) of the Yesharim (upright ones), and in the Edah (assembly).

[2] The ma’asei Hashem are gedolim, derushim (sought out, pondered) of all them that have delight therein.

[3] His po’al (deed, work) is glorious and majestic; and His tzedakah (righteousness) endureth forever.

[4] He hath caused His nifla’ot (wonderful works) to be remembered; Hashem is channun (gracious) and rachum (compassionate).

[5] He hath given food unto them that fear Him; He will be mindful of His Brit (covenant) l’olam.

[6] He hath showed His people the ko’ach of His works, that He may give them the nachalat Goyim.

[7] The works of His hands are emes and mishpat; all His pikkudim (precepts, commands) are ne’emanim (sure, trustworthy ones).

[8] They stand fast la’ad l’olam (forever and ever), and are done in emes and yashar (uprightness).

[9] He sent redemption unto His people; He hath ordained His Brit (covenant) l’olam (forever); Kadosh (holy) and Nora (awesome, reverend) is Shmo.

|10| The fear of Hashem is the reshit chochmah; seichel tov have all they that live by it; His tehillah (praise) endureth forever.

112 Praise Hashem. Ashrei is the ish that feareth Hashem, that delighteth greatly in His mitzvot.

[2] His zera shall be gibbor ba’aretz; the dor (generation) of the Yesharim (upright ones) shall be blessed.

[3] Wealth and osher (riches) shall be in his bais; and his tzedakah endureth forever.

[4] Unto the Yesharim (upright ones) there ariseth ohr in the choshech; he is channun, and rachum, and tzaddik.

[5] A tov ish is generous, and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with mishpat.

[6] Surely he shall never falter; the tzaddik shall be in remembrance olam (forever).

[7] He shall not be afraid of mishmu’ah ra’ah (news of misfortune, evil tidings); his lev is nachon (steadfast), trusting in Hashem.

[8] His lev is samuch (sustained), he shall not be afraid, until he look in triumph upon his foes.

[9] He hath contributed freely, he hath given to the evyonim (needy); his tzedakah endureth forever; his keren shall be lifted up in kavod.

[10] The rasha shall see it, and be incensed; he shall gnash his teeth, and waste away; the ta’avot resha’im (desire of the wicked ones) shall come to nothing.


[2] Blessed be the Shem of Hashem from this time forth and forevermore.

[3] From the rising of the shemesh unto the going down of the same the Shem of Hashem is to be praised.

[4] Hashem is high above kol Goyim, and His kavod above HaShomayim.

[5] Who is like unto Hashem Eloheimu, Who dwelleth on high,

[6] Who stoopeth down to behold the things that are in Shomayim, and in ha’aretz!

[7] He raiseth up the poor out of the aphar (dust), and lifteth the needy out of the ash heap;

[8] That he may seat him with princes, even with the princes of amo (His people).

[9] He settleth the akeret (barren woman) in her bais to be a happy em of banim. Praise ye Hashem.

114 When Yisroel went out of Mitzrayim, Bais Ya’akov from a people of foreign tongue,

[2] Yehudah was His kodesh (sanctuary), and Yisroel His dominion.

[3] The yam saw it, and fled; Yarden was driven back.


[6] Ye harim, that ye skipped like rams; and ye little hills, like lambs?

[7] Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of Hashem, at the presence of Elohei Ya’akov;

[8] Which turned the rock into a pool of mayim, the flint into a spring of mayim.
Not unto us, Hashem, not unto us, but unto Thy Shem give kavod, for the sake of Thy chesed, and for Thy enes.

Why should the Goyim say, Where is now their Elohim?

But Eloheinu is in Shomayim; He hath done whatsoever He hath pleased.

Their atzabim (idols) are kesef and zahav, the ma'aseh (work) of the hands of adam.

Peh (mouth) they have, but they speak not; einayim (eyes) have they, but they see not;

They have hands, but they handle not; raglayim (feet) have they, but they walk not;

They that make them will be like them; so is kol asher bot'ach (every one that trusteth) in them.

O Yisroel, trust thou in Hashem. He is their ezrah (help) and their mogen.

O Bais Aharon, trust thou in Hashem; He is their ezrah (help) and their mogen.

The ones fearing Hashem, trust in Hashem; He is their ezrah (help) and their mogen (shield).

Hashem hath been mindful of us; Yevarech. Yevarech es Bais Yisroel; Yevarech es Bais Aharon.

Yevarech Yirei Hashem (He will bless those who fear Hashem), the ketanim with the gedolim.

May Hashem give you increase, upon you and your banim.

May a barukhah be upon you by Hashem, Oseh Shomyayim vaAretz (Maker of Heaven and Earth).

I love Hashem, because He hath heard my kol (voice), even my techinnah.

Because He hath inclined His ozen (ear) unto me, therefore will I call upon Him while I have days.

Chevlei mavet (pangs of death) encompassed me, and the metzarei She'ol (confines, straitnesses of Sheol) have caught up with me and found me; tzoros and yagon (sorrow) I found.

Then called I b'Shem Hashem: O Hashem, save my nefesh!

Channun (gracious) is Hashem, and tzaddik; yes, Eloheinu is merciful.

Hashem is shomer over the petayim (simple-hearted, helpless); I was in need and li yehoshia (me He saved).

Return, my nefesh, to thy menuchah (rest, resting place); for Hashem hath dealt bountifully with thee.

I will walk before Hashem in the Artzot HaChayim (the Land of the Living).

I called upon Hashem in distress; Hashem answered me, and set me in a broad place.
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|6| Hashem is on my side; I will not fear; what can adam do unto me?  
|7| Hashem taketh my part through them that help me; therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.  
|8| It is better to trust in Hashem than to put confidence in adam.  
|9| It is better to trust in Hashem than to put confidence in nedivim (nobles).  
|10| All Goyim surrounded me; but in the Shem Hashem will I cut them off.  
|11| They surrounded me; yes, they compassed me about; but in the Shem Hashem I will cut them off.  
|12| They compassed me about like devorim (bees); they are extinguished like the eish of kotzim (thorns); for in the Shem Hashem I will cut them off.  
|13| Thou hast hard pushed at me that I fell; but Hashem helped me.  
|14| Hashem is my oz (strength) and zimrah (song), and He is become my Yeshuah (salvation).  
|15| The voice of rejoicing and Yeshuah (salvation) is in the ohalim of the tzaddikim; the Yamin Hashem doeth valiantly.  
|16| I shall not die, but live, and declare the ma'asim (works) of Hashem.  
|17| How shall a na'ar cleanse his way? By being shomer thereto according to Thy Davar (Word).  
|18| With my kol lev have I sought Thee; O let me not wander from Thy mitzvot.  
|19| Open to me the sha'arei tzedek; I will go through them, and I will praise Hashem;  
|20| This is the sha'ar of Hashem, into which the tzaddikim shall enter.  
|21| I will praise Thee; for Thou hast heard me, and art become my Yeshuah (salvation).  
|22| The Even (Stone) which the Bonim (Builders) rejected has become the Rosh Pinnah (Cornerstone).  
|23| This is Hashem's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.  
|24| This is the yom which Hashem hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
|25| Save now, we beseech Thee, Hashem; Hashem, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.  
|26| Baruch habah b'Shem Hashem; we have blessed you from the Beis Hashem.  
|27| Hashem is G-d, Who hath showed us light; bind the chag (festival offering) with cords, even until you come to the karnot of the Mizbe'ach.  
|28| Thou art my G-d, and I will praise Thee; Thou art Elohai, I will exalt Thee.  
|29| O give thanks unto Hashem; for He is tov; ki l'olam chasdo (for His mercy endureth forever).  
|30| Deal bountifully with Thy eved, that I may live, and be shomer over Thy Davar.  
|31| Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold nifla'ot out of Thy torah.  
|32| I am a ger on ha'aretz; hide not Thy mitzvot from me.  
|33| Though sarim (princes) also sit and speak slander against me, yet Thy eved meditates on Thy chukkim.
[24] Thy edot (testimonies) also are my delight and anshei atzati (my counsellors).

[25] My nefesh has deveykus unto the apher; revive Thou me according to Thy Davar.

[26] I have recounted my drakhim, and Thou heardest me; teach me Thy chukkim.

[27] Make me to understand the derech of Thy pikkudim; so shall I meditate on Thy nifla'ot.

[28] My nefesh drops with heavy sorrow; strengthen Thou me according unto Thy Davar.

[29] Remove from me the derech sheker; and graciously grant me Thy torah.

[30] I have chosen the derech emunah; thy mishpatim have I accounted worthy.

[31] I have deveykus with Thy edot (testimonies); Hashem, let me not be ashamed.

[32] I will run the derech of Thy mitzvot, for Thou shalt set my lev free.

[33] Teach me, Hashem, the derech of Thy chukkim; and I shall keep it unto the end.

[34] Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy torah; yes, I shall be shomer over it with my kol lev.

[35] Make me to go in the path of Thy mitzvot; for therein do I delight.

[36] Incline my lev unto Thy edot, and not to betza (covetousness, selfish gain).

[37] Turn away mine eyes from beholding shav (vanity); and revive Thou me in Thy derech.

[38] Establish Thy word unto Thy edov, which is for the fear of Thee.

[39] Turn away my cherpah (reproach) which I fear; for Thy mishpatim are tovim.
72| The torah of Thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of zahav and kesef.

74| Thy hands have made me and established me: give me understanding, that I may learn Thy mitzvot.

75| I know, Hashem, Thy mishpatim are tzedek, and Thou in emunah (faithfulness) hast afflicted me.

76| Let now Thy chesed be for my comfort, according to Thy word unto Thy eved.

77| Let Thy rachamim come unto me, that I may live: for Thy torah is my delight.

79| Let the zedim (arrogant ones) be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate on Thy pikkudim (percepts).

80| Let those that fear Thee turn unto me, and those that have known Thy edot.

81| My nefesh fainteth for Thy salvation: but I hope in Thy davar.

82| Mine eyes fail for Thy word saying, Mosai (when) wilt Thou comfort me?

83| For I am become like a wineskin in the smoke; yet do I not forget Thy chukkim.

84| How many are the days of Thy eved? Mosai (when) wilt Thou execute mishpat on them that persecute me?

85| The zedim (arrogant ones) have dug pits for me, which are not in accordance with Thy torah.

86| All Thy mitzvot are faithful: they persecute me wrongfully; help Thou me.

87| They had almost consumed me ha'aretz; but I forsook not Thy pikkudim.

88| Revive me after Thy chesed; so shall I be shomer over the edut of Thy mouth.

89| Forever, Hashem, Thy Davar is settled and stands firm in Shomayim.

90| Thy emunah (faithfulness) is to all generations: Thou hast established eretz, and it stands enduring.

91| They continue enduring to this day according to Thine mishpatim: for all things are Thy avadim.

92| Unless Thy torah had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine oni.

93| I will never forget Thy pikkudim: for with them Thou hast revived me.

94| I am Thine, save me: for they are every with me.

95| I have seen an end of all perfection: but Thy mitzvah is boundless.

97| O how I love Thy torah! It is my meditation kol hayom.

98| Thou through Thy mitzvot hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99| I have more understanding than every melamed of mine: for Thy edot are my meditation.

100| I understand more than the zekenim, for I keep Thy pikkudim.

101| I have refrained my feet from every orakh rah, in order that I might be shomer over Thy Devar.

102| I have not departed from Thy mishpatim: for Thou hast taught me.

103| How sweet are Thy words unto my palate! Sweeter than devash to my mouth!

104| Through Thy pikkudim I get understanding: therefore I hate every orakh sheker.

105| Thy word is a ner unto my feet, ohr unto my path.

106| I have sworn a shevuah, and I will perform it, that I will keep Thy righteous mishpatim.

107| I am afflicted very much: revive me, Hashem, according unto Thy word.

108| Accept the nidvot of my mouth, O Hashem, and teach me Thy mishpatim.

109| My nefesh is continually in my yad: yet do I not forget Thy torah.

110| The resha'im have laid a pach for me; yet I erred not from Thy pikkudim.

111| Thy edot have I taken as a heritage forever: for they are the sasson lev of me.

112| I have inclined mine lev to perform Thy chukkim forever, even unto the end.

113| I hate the double-minded: but Thy torah do I love.

114| Thou art my seter (hiding place) and my mogen: I hope in Thy Devar.

115| Depart from me, ye evildoers: for I will keep the mishvot of Elohai.

116| Uphold me according unto Thy imrah, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed from my hope.

117| Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe: and I will have respect unto Thy chukkim continually.

118| Thou hast rejected all them that err from Thy chukkim: for their deceitfulness is sheker (falsehood).
[119] Thou puttest away all resha'im of eretz like dross; therefore I love Thy edot.
[120] My basar trembleth for fear of Thee; and I am afraid of Thy mishpatim.

 giorno AYIN
[121] I have done mishpat and tzedek; leave me not to mine oppressors.
[122] Be surety for Thy eved for good; let not the zedim (arrogant ones) oppress me.
[123] Mine eyes fail for Thy Yeshuah (salvation), and for the word of Thy tzedakah.
[124] Deal with Thy eved according unto Thy chesed, and teach me Thy chukkim.
[125] I am Thy eved; give me understanding, that I may know Thy edot (testimonies).
[126] It is time for Thee, Hashem, to work; for they have made void Thy torah.

 giorno TZADDI
[127] Therefore I love Thy mishpatim, and yashar are Thy mishpatim.
[128] Thy edot (testimonies) that Thou hast commanded are tzedek and emunah me'od (very faithful).
[129] My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten Thy devarim.
[130] Thy word is very tested; therefore Thy eved loveth it.
[131] I am small and despised; yet do I not forget Thy pikkudim.
[133] Order my footsteps in Thy imrah; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
[134] Redeem me from the oppression of adam; so will I keep Thy pikkudim.

 giorno PEH
[129] Thy edot (testimonies) are wonderful; therefore doth my nefesh keep them.
[130] The petach (entrance, doorway) of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.
[131] I opened my mouth, and panted; for I longed for Thy mitzvot.
[132] Look Thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thy manner is unto those that love Shimcha.
[133] Order my footsteps in Thy imrah; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.
[134] Redeem me from the oppression of adam; so will I keep Thy pikkudim.

 giorno KOPH
[135] Make Thy face to shine upon Thy eved; and teach me Thy chukkim.
[136] Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, for they are not shomer over Thy torah.
[137] Righteous art Thou, Hashem, and yashar are Thy mishpatim.
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[141] I am small and despised; yet do I not forget Thy pikkudim.
[142] Thy tzedakah is tzedek l'olam, and Thy torah emes.
[143] Tzoros and anguish have taken hold on me; yet Thy mitzvot are my delight.
[144] The tzedek of Thy edot is lomam; give me understanding, and I shall live.

 giorno SHIN
[145] I cried with my kol lev; hear me, Hashem; I will keep Thy chukkim.
[146] I cried unto Thee; save me, and I shall be shomer over Thy edot (testimonies).
[147] I rose before the dawn, and cried out for help; I hoped in Thy Davar.
[148] Mine eyes are awake through the ashmurot (night watches), that I might meditate on Thy word.
[149] Hear my voice according unto Thy chesed; Hashem, revive me according to Thy mishpat.
[150] They draw near that follow after wicked schemes; they are far from Thy torah.
[151] Thou art karov (near), Hashem; and all Thy mitzvot are emes.
| 168 | I have kept Thy pikkudim and Thy edot; for all my ways are before Thee. |
| 169 | Let my cry come near before Thee, Hashem; give me understanding according to Thy Davar. |
| 170 | Let my techinnah come before Thee; deliver me according to Thy word. |
| 171 | My lips shall utter tehillah, when Thou hast taught me Thy chukkot. |
| 172 | My leshon shall speak of Thy word; for all Thy mitzvot are tzedek. |
| 173 | Let Thine Yad help me; for I have chosen Thy pikkudim. |
| 174 | I have longed for Thy Yeshuah (salvation), Hashem; and Thy torah is my delight. |
| 175 | Let my nefesh live, and it shall praise Thee; and let Thy mishpatim sustain me. |
| 176 | I have gone astray like a seh oved (lost sheep); seek Thy eved; for I do not forget Thy mitzvot. |

120 (Shir HaMa'alot) In my tzoros I cried unto Hashem, and He heard me. |
| 2 | Save my nefesh, Hashem, from sefat sheker (lying lips), and from lashon remiyyah (a tongue of deceit). |
| 3 | What shall be given unto thee? Or what shall be done unto thee, thou lashon remiyyah? |
| 4 | Sharp khitzim (arrows) of the gibbor, with burning (charcoal) coals of the broom plant. |
| 5 | Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell in the ohalim of Kedar! |
| 6 | My nefesh hath long dwelt with him that hateth shalom. |
| 7 | I am for shalom; but when I speak, they are for milchamah (war). |

121 (Shir HaMa'alot) I will lift up mine eyes unto the harim (hills), from whence cometh ezri (my help). |
| 2 | Ezri (my help) cometh from Hashem, Oseh Shomayim v'Aretz. |
| 3 | He will not allow thy regel to slip; He that is shomer over thee will not slumber. |
| 4 | Hinei, He that is shomer over Yisroel shall neither slumber nor sleep. |
| 5 | Hashem is the One shomer over thee; Hashem is thy shade upon thy right hand. |
| 6 | The shemesh shall not strike thee by day, nor the yarei'ach by night. |
| 7 | Hashem shall preserve thee from kol rah; He shall preserve thy nefesh. |
| 8 | Hashem shall be shomer over thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even v'ad olam. |

122 (Shir HaMa'alot, [Song of Ascents] of Dovid) I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the Bais Hashem. |
| 2 | Our feet shall stand within thy she'arim, O Yerushalayim. |
| 3 | Yerushalayim is built as an Ir bound firmly together; | 4 | That is where the Shevatim (tribes) go up, the Shivtei Hashem, according to the edut l'Yisroel (the statute to Yisroel), to give thanks unto the Shem of Hashem. |
| 5 | For there are set kise'ot l'mishpat (thrones of judgment), the kise'ot of the Bais Dovid. |
| 6 | Sha'al shalom Yerushalayim (pray for the peace of Jerusalem); they shall prosper that love thee. |

123 (Shir HaMa'alot, [Song of Ascents] of Dovid) Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwellest in Shomayim. |
| 2 | Hinei, as the eyes of avadim look unto the yad adoneihem, and as the eyes of a shifchah (maiden) unto the yad of her gevira; so our eyes wait upon Hashem Eloheinu, until He have channun (favor, grace) upon us. |
| 3 | Channenu Hashem, channenu; for we are more than sated with buz (contempt). |
| 4 | Nafsheinu (our nefesh) is more than sated with the scorn of those that are at ease, and with the buz (contempt) of the geiyonim (proud ones, arrogant ones). |

124 (Shir HaMa'alot, [Song of Ascents] of Dovid) If it had not been Hashem Who was lanu (for us), our side, now may Yisroel say; |
| 2 | If it had not been Hashem Who was lanu, when adam (man) rose up against us; |
| 3 | Then they had swallowed us up chayyim (alive); when their wrath was kindled against us; |
| 4 | Then the mayim would have overwhelmed us, the torrent would have swept over nafsheinu (our nefesh); |
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<td>Let them be as the khatzir (grass) upon the housetops, which withereth before it groweth up;</td>
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3 If Thou, Hashem, shouldst record iniquities, Adonoi, who could stand?
4 But there is selichah (forgiveness) with Thee; therefore, Thou art feared.
5 I wait for Hashem, my nefesh doth wait, and in His Devar do I hope.
6 My nefesh waiteth for Adonoi more than the shomrim that watch for the boker; I say, more than the shomrim that watch for the boker.
7 Let Yisroel hope in Hashem; for with Hashem there is chesed, and with Him is plenteous pedut (redemption).
8 And He shall redeem Yisroel from all his iniquities.

131 (Shir HaMa'alot, of Dovid).
Hashem, my lev is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in gedolot, or in things too high for me.
2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my nefesh, as a child that is weaned of immo; my nefesh is even as a weaned child.
3 Let Yisroel hope in Hashem from henceforth and ad olam.

132 (Shir HaMa'alot)
Hashem, remember Dovid, and all his afflictions;
2 How he swore unto Hashem, and vowed unto Avir Ya'akov (the Mighty One of Ya'akov);
3 Surely I will not come into the ohel of my bais, nor go up into my bed;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes, nor tenumah (slumber) to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find a makom (place) for Hashem, even mishkanot for the Avir Ya'akov.
6 Hinei, we heard of it at Ephratah; we found it in the sedei Ya'ar (fields of Ya'ar).
7 We will go into His mishkanot; we will worship at the hadom (footstool) of His raglayim.
8 Arise, Hashem, into Thy menuchah (resting place); Thou, and the Aron of Thy oz (might).
9 Let Thy Kohanim be clothed with tzedek; and let Thy chasidim sing for joy.
10 For the sake of Dovid Thy Eved, do not turn away the face of Thine Moshiach [see Isa 52:13; 53:11].
11 Hashem hath sworn in emes unto Dovid; He will not turn from His oath: Of the p'ri (fruit) of thy beten (body) will I set upon thy kisse (throne).
12 If thy Banim are shomer over My Brit and My Edot that I shall teach them, their Banim shall also sit upon thy kisse adei-ad (forevermore).
13 For Hashem hath chosen Tziyon; He hath desired her for His moshav.
14 This is My menuchah (resting place) adei-ad (forever); here will I dwell; for I have desired her.
15 I will place a bountiful brocha on her provision; I will satisfy her poor with lechem.
16 I will also clothe her Kohanim with Yesha (salvation); and her chasidim shall sing aloud for joy.
17 There atm'iach (I will make sprout i.e., Tzemach) the Keren of Dovid; I have ordained a ner (lamp) for My Moshiac.
18 His oyevim will I clothe with boshet (shame); but upon him [Moshiac] shall his nezer (crown) be resplendent.

133 (Shir HaMa'alot, of Dovid).
Hinei, mah tov umah na'im shevet achim gahm yachad (how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity)!
2 It is like the precious shemen upon the rosh, that ran down upon the beard, even Aharon's; heard; that went down to the collar of his robes;
3 As the tal of Chermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Tziyon; for there Hashem commanded the brocha, even Chayyim Ad Olam.

134 (Shir HaMa'alot)
Hinei, barakhu Hashem, kol avedei Hashem, which balailah stand [ministering] in the Bais Hashem.
2 Lift up your hands in the Kodesh [Beis Hamikdash], and barakhu Hashem.
3 Yevarekhecha Adonoi from Tziyon, Oseh Shomayim v'Aretz (the Maker of Heaven and Earth).

135 (Shir HaMa'alot)
2 Ye that stand ministering in the Beis Hashem, in the khatzerot Beis Eloheinu.
3 Praise Hashem; for Hashem is tov; sing praise unto Shmo; for it is na'im (lovely, pleasing).
4 For Hashem hath chosen Ya'akov unto Himself, and Yisroel for His segullah (peculiar treasure).
5 For I know that Hashem is gadol, and that Adoneinu is above kol elohim.
O give thanks unto Hashem; for He is tov; ki l'olam chasdo (His chesed indures forever).

2 O give thanks unto Elohei HaElohim; ki l'olam chasdo.

3 O give thanks to Adonei HaAdonim; ki l'olam chasdo.

4 To Him Who alone doeth nifila'ot gedolot; ki l'olam chasdo.

5 To Him that by tevunah (understanding) made HaShomayim; ki l'olam chasdo.

6 To Him that stretched out ha'aretz above the mayim; ki l'olam chasdo.

7 To Him that made ohrim gedolim (great lights); ki l'olam chasdo.

8 The shemesh to rule by yom; ki l'olam chasdo.

9 The yarei'ach and kokhavim to rule by lailah; ki l'olam chasdo.

10 To Him Who divided asunder Yam Suf; ki l'olam chasdo.

11 And made Yisroel to pass through the midst of it; ki l'olam chasdo.

12 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the Yam Suf; ki l'olam chasdo.

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15 If I forget thee, O Yerushalayim, let my yamin (right hand) forget [i.e., have paralysis].

16 If I do not remember thee, let my leshon cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Yerushalayim above my rosh simchah (chief joy).

17 Remember, Hashem, the Bnei Edom in the Yom Yerushalayim; who said, Raze it, raze it, even to the yesod (foundation) thereof.

18 O Bat Bavel, who art to be destroyed, ashrei shall he be, that repayeth thee the gemul thou hast done to us.

19 Ashrei shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy olalim against the sela.

20 And gave their land for a nachalah; ki l'olam chasdo.

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22 Even a nachalah unto Yisroel His eved; ki l'olam chasdo.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate; ki l'olam chasdo.

24 And hath released us from our enemies; ki l'olam chasdo.

25 Who giveth lechem to kol basar; ki l'olam chasdo.

26 O give thanks unto the G-d of Shomayim; ki l'olam chasdo.

27 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yes, we wept, when we remembered Tziyon.

28 We hung up our kinnorot (lyres) upon the willows in the midst thereof.

29 For there they that carried us away captive required of us a shir (song); and they that tormented us required of us simchah, saying, Sing us one of the Shir Tziyon.

30 How shall we sing Shir Hashem in an admat nekhar (foreign land).

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138 (Of Dovid) I will thank Thee with my whole lev; before the elohim will I sing praise unto Thee. | 2 | I will worship toward Thy Heikhal Kodesh, and praise Shmecha (Thy Name) for Thy chesed and for Thy emes; for Thou hast magnified Thy Word above Kol Shimcha (all Thy Name; In 1:1, 14 OJBC). | 3 | In the day when I called out, Thou answeredst me, and madest me bold with oz (strength) in my nefesh. | 4 | Kol Malchei Aretz shall praise Thee, Hashem, when they hear the words of Thy mouth. | 5 | Yes, they shall sing of the Darkhei Hashem; for gadol is the Kavod Hashem. | 6 | Though Hashem be on high, yet He looks upon the lowly; but the proud He knoweth from afar. | 7 | Though I walk in the midst of tzoros, Thou wilt preserve me alive; Thou shalt stretch forth Thine yad against the wrath of mine enemies, and Thy Yamin (Right Hand) shall save me. | 8 | Hashem will fulfill that which concerneth me; Thy chesed, O Hashem, endureth l’olam; forsake not the works of Thine own yadayim. | 9 | Thou hast searched me, and known me. | 10 | Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou hast binah of my thought from afar off. | 11 | My atzamim (bones, frame) were not hid from Thee, when I was made beseter (in secret), and skillfully wrought in the depths of the Eretz. | 12 | Thine eyes did see my golem (embryo), yet being unformed; and in Thy Sefer (Book) all the yamim (days) ordained for me were written down, when as yet there were none of them. | 13 | For Thou hast possessed my inmost being; Thou didst interweave me in the beten immi. | 14 | I will praise Thee; for I am fearful and wonderfully made; marvellous are Thy ma’asim; and that my nefesh knoweth very well. | 15 | My azizim (torturous crooked road) in me, and lead me in the Derech Olam. | 16 | The geim (proud, arrogant ones [of inordinate ambition]) have hid a pach for me, and chavalim (cords, ropes); they have spread a reshet (net) close by the path; they have set mokshim (traps) for me. | 17 | How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O El! How great is the sum of them! | 18 | If I should count them, they are more in number than the chol (sand); when I awake, I am still with Thee. | 19 | Surely Thou wilt slay the rasha, O El;ah; depart from me therefore, ye anshei damim (bloodthirsty men). | 20 | For they speak of Thee craftily, and it is taken lashav [Ex 20:7] by Thy enemies. | 21 | Should I not hate them, Hashem, that hate Thee? And am not I to be at odds with those that rise up against Thee? | 22 | I abhor them with complete sinah; I count them mine enemies. | 23 | Search me, O El, and know my levav; test me, and know my thoughts; | 24 | And see if there be any derech otzev (torturous crooked road) in me, and lead me in the Derech Olam. | 25 | Deliver me, Hashem, from adam rah; preserve me from ish chamasim (violent men); | 26 | Which plan ra’ot (evils) in their lev; kol yom they incite milchamot (wars). | 27 | They have sharpened their leshonot like a nachash; the venom of a spider is under their sfatayim (lips). Selah. | 28 | Be shomer over me, Hashem, and keep me from the hands of the rashah; protect me from ish chamasim, whose scheme is to cause my steps to trip. | 29 | The geim (proud, arrogant ones [of inordinate ambition]) have hid a pach for me, and chavalim (cords, ropes); they have spread a reshet (net) close by the path; they have set mokshim (traps) for me. Selah. | 30 | I said unto Hashem, Thou art Eli; hear the kol tachanunai (voice of my supplications), Hashem.
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| 7(8) | Hashem Adonoi, Oz Yeshuat (strength of my salvation), Thou hast covered my rosh in the Yom Neshek (Day of Arms, Day of Battle).
| 8(9) | Grant not, Hashem, the desires of the rashah; let not his plot succeed; lest they exalt themselves. Selah.

| 9(10) | As for the rosh of those that surround me, let the amal (trouble) of their own sfatayim (lips) cover them.
| 10(11) | Let not an ish lashon (idle talker, slanderer) be established in ha'aretz; rah shall hunt down the ish chamas to overthrow him.
| 11(12) | I know that Hashem will maintain the din oni (cause of the poor), and the mishpat evyonim (the right of the needy).

[151x557] 141 (Mizmor of Dovid)
Hashem, I cry unto Thee; make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto Thee.
| 2 | Let my tefillah be set forth before Thee like ketoret; and the lifting up of my hands as the minchat erev.
| 3 | Be shomer, Hashem, over my mouth; guard the door of my lips.
| 4 | Let not my lev incline to any evil thing, to practice wicked works with men that work iniquity; and let me not eat of their dainties.
| 5 | Let the tzaddik strike me; it shall be chesed; and let him reprove me; it shall be shemen, which my rosh shall not refuse; for still shall my tefillah be against their evil deeds.
| 6 | Their shofetim are overthrown in stony places; they hear my words; for they are pleasant.
| 7 | But mine eyes are unto Thee, Hashem Adonoi; in Thee do I take refuge; leave not my nefesh defenseless.
| 8 | As for the rosh of those that surround me, let the amal (trouble) of their own sfatayim (lips) cover them.
| 9 | But mine eyes are unto Thee, Hashem Adonoi; in Thee do I take refuge; leave not my nefesh defenseless.
| 10 | Let burning coals fall upon them; let them be cast into the eish; into mahamorot (watery pits), that they rise not up again.

| 12(13) | I know that Hashem will maintain the din oni (cause of the poor), and the mishpat evyonim (the right of the needy).
| 13(14) | Surely the tzaddikim shall give thanks unto Thy Shem; the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

142 (Mashkil of Dovid; A tefillah when he was in the me'arah)
I cried out unto Hashem with my voice; with my voice unto Hashem did I make my techinnah (supplication).
| 2(3) | I poured out my complaint before Him; I showed before Him my tzoros.
| 3(4) | When my ruach became faint within me, then Thou had da'as of my path. In the way wherein I walked have they laid a pach (snare, hidden trap) for me.
| 4(5) | I looked on my right, and behold, there was no man that would know me; refuge failed me; no man cared for my nefesh.
| 5(6) | I cried unto The, Hashem; I said, Thou art my refuge and my chelek (portion) in the Eretz HaChayyim.
| 6(7) | Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low; save me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

| 7(8) | Release my nefesh from prison, to praise Shemcha (Thy Name); the tzaddikim shall gather about me; for Thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

143 (Mizmor of Dovid)
Hear my tefillah, Hashem, give ear to my technot (supplications); in Thy emunah answer me, and in Thy tzadakah.
| 2 | And enter not into mishpat with Thy eved; for in Thy sight shall no man living be yitzadak (justified).
| 3 | For the oyev (enemy) hath persecuted my nefesh; he hath struck down my life to the ground; he hath made me to dwell in places of choshech (darkness), like metei olam (those long dead).
| 4 | Therefore is my ruach become faint within me; my lev within me is desolate.
| 5 | I remember yamim mikedem (days of old), I meditate on all Thy works; I muse on the ma'aseh (work) of Thy hands.
| 6 | I stretch forth my hands unto Thee; my nefesh thirsteth after Thee, like an eretz ayefah (a parched, thirsty land). Selah.
| 7 | I cried unto Him; He heard me speedily; He inclined mine ear, and heard me.
| 8 | Cause me to hear Thy chesed in the boker; for in Thy sight do I trust; cause me to know the Derech wherein I should walk; for I lift up my nefesh unto Thee.
| 9 | Save me, Hashem, from mine oyevim (enemies); I flee unto Thee to hide me.
| 10 | Teach me to do Retzonecha (Thy will); for Thou art Elohai; may Thy Ruach Tov lead me on level ground.
Revive me, Hashem, for the sake of Thy Name; in Thy tzedakah bring my nefesh out of tzoros.

And in Thy chesed silence mine enemies, and destroy all them that oppress my nefesh; for I am Thy eved.

Hashem, what is adam, that Thou takest knowledge of him! Or the ben enosh, that Thou takest account of him!

Adam is like hevel; his days are as a tzel that passeth away.

Part Thy heavens, Hashem, and come down; touch the harim, and they shall smoke.

Cast forth lightning, and scatter them; shoot Thine khitzim, and destroy them.

Send Thine Yad from above; rescue me, and deliver me out of mayim rabbim, from the yad Bnei Nekhar;

Whose mouth speaketh shav (lies) and their right hand is a right yad of sheker.

In their youth, may baneinu (our sons) be like plants full grown; may benoteinu (our daughters) be like cornerstone, columns wrought for the Heikhal;

That our barns may be full, affording all manner of provision; that our tzon may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our meadows;

That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no peretz (breach) nor golus; that there be no cry of anquish in our streets.

Ashrei are such people; Ashrei is the people that Hashem is Eloham.

I will extol Thee, Elohai HaMelech; and I will bless Thy Shem l’olam va’ed.

Kol yom will I bless Thee; and I will praise Thy Shem l’olam va’ed.

Gadol is Hashem, and me’od to be praised; and His greatness is not cheker (searchable).

Dor l’dor (generation to generation) shall praise Thy ma’asim, and shall declare Thy gevurot (mighty acts).

I will speak of the hadar kavod of Thy hod, and of Thy nifle'ot (wonderful works).

And men shall speak of the power of Thy norot; and I will declare Thy greatness.

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Channun (gracious) is Hashem, and full of compassion; erech apayim (slow to anger), and of great chesed.

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The eyes of all look to Thee; and Thou givest them their okhel (food) in its season.

Thou openest Thine Yad, and satisfiest the ratzon of kol chai.

Hashem in all His drakhim, and chasid in all His ma’asim,

Hashem unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in emes.

He will fulfil the ratzon of them that fear Him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

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Baruch Hashem my Tzur (rock) which teacheth my hands for war, and my fingers for milchamah (battle);

My Chesed, and my Metzudah (Fortress); my Stronghold, and my Deliverer; my Mogen, and He in Whom I take refuge; Who subdueth my people under me.

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Praise Hashem.

Praise Hashem, O my nefesh.

While I live will I praise Hashem: I will sing praise unto Elohai while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the ben adam, in whom there is no teshuah (salvation).

His ruach departs, he returneth to his adamah; in yom hahu his plans come to nothing.

Ashrei is he that hath El Ya'akov for his ezer, whose hope is in Hashem Elohayav:

Oseh Shomayim vaAretz, the yam, and all that therein is: HaShomer Emes l'olam (Who keepeth Truth forever):

Oseh mishpat for the oppressed; Who giveth lechem to the hungry. Hashem mattir asurim (sets free the prisoners):

Hashem is the Boneh Yerushalayim (builder of Jerusalem): He gathereth together the nidkhei Yisroel (the outcasts Of Israel, those of the Golus).

He is the Rofeh (healer) of the Shevurei-lev (broken in heart), binds up their wounds.

He determines the mispar of the kokhavim; He calleth them all by their shemot.

Gadol is Adoneinu, and of rav kô'ach; to His tevunah (understanding, intelligence) there is no mispar (number, limit).

Hashem lifeth up the anavim (meek ones, humble ones); He casteth the resha'im down to the ground.

Sing unto Hashem with todah; make music upon the kinnor (harp) unto Eloheinu:

Who covereth Shomayim with clouds, Who prepareth matar (rainfall) for ha'aretz, HaMatzemi'ach (Who maketh to spring up) the khatzir (grass) upon the harim (hills, mountains).

He giveth to the behemah her lechem, and to the bnei orev (young ravens) when they cry out.

He delighteth not in the gevurat hasus: He taketh not pleasure in the shokayim of an ish (legs of a man).

He hath also established them forever and ever: He hath made a Chok (decree) which shall not pass away.

Let them praise the Shem of Hashem: for Shmo alone is excellent; His hod is above Eretz and Shomayim.
149 Praise Hashem. Shiru l’Adoni shir chadash (Sing unto Hashem a new song), and His praise in the Kahal Chasidim.

[2] Let Yisroel rejoice in Him that made him; let the Bnei Tziyon be glad in their Melech.

[3] Let them praise Shmo in the dance; let them sing zemirot unto Him with the tambourine and kinnor.

[4] For Hashem taketh pleasure in His people; He will crown the meek with Yeshuah (salvation).

[5] Let the Chasidim be joyful in kavod; let them sing for joy upon their beds.

[6] Let the high praises of G-d be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; let the high praises of G-d be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; let them sing for joy upon their beds.

[7] To execute vengeance upon the people; and His praise in the Kahal Chasidim.


Hallelu Him in the raki’a [see Beis Hamikdash]; Hallelu Him in the raki’a [see Beis Hamikdash]; Hallelu Him with the nevel (harp) and kinnor (lyre).

[4] Hallelu Him with the tambourine and dance; hallelu Him with stringed instruments and flute.

[5] Hallelu Him upon the clashing cymbals; hallelu Him upon the resounding cymbals.

[6] Let every thing that hath neshamah praise Hashem. Praise Hashem!

150 Praise Hashem. Hallelu El (Praise G-d) in His Kodesh [Beis Hamikdash]; Hallelu Him in the raki’a [see Bereshis 1:6] of His might.

[2] Hallelu Him for His gevurot (mighty acts); hallelu Him according to His surpassing greatness.

[3] Hallelu Him with the sound of the shofar; hallelu Him with the nevel (harp) and kinnor (lyre).
filled with the Spirit of G-d like Bezalel meant to be filled with wisdom to build creatively as a craftsman—see Ex 31:3. Thus Wisdom is pictured as an artisan with G-d, even as Yochanan 1:1 says, 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with G-d.' In Proverbs 30:4 more light is thrown on this passage: Wisdom is like a Son, a Son working creatively at his Father's side. However, Hosea 11:1-4 shows that the divine fatherhood is moral and spiritual, in contrast to the sexual or physical ideas of the Ba'al cults, or in contrast to the ignorant scoffers at the Torah and warns about its curses (See 2:22; 10:30; Deut. 28:63-67). This book was written 'for the wise' (Job 18:1a) but it was also written for young people (1:8, 10; 19:27, 22:6), who will perish without discipline (13:24; 19:18; 22:13-14; 29:15-17). This book reminds us, and we always need reminding, that 'a good name is to be chosen rather than great riches' (22:1).

MISLHE

1  Mishlei Shlomo Ben Dovid, Melech Yisroel;

2  To have daas of chochmah and musar (discipline); to understand the words of binah;

3  To receive the musar of those with seichel, tzedek and mishapat, and meisharim (equity, uprightness);

4  To give subtlety to the simple, to the na'ar, da'as and discretion.

5  A chacham (wise person) will hear, and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall acquire wise counsel;

6  To understand a mashal (proverb), and the melitzah (enigma); the divrei mishlei mishle1 (riddles).

7  The Yirat Hashem is the reshit da'as, but fools despise chochmah and musar.
Beni (my son), hear the musar Avicha, and forsake not the Torat Immecha.

For they shall be a garland of chen unto thy rosh, and a chain about thy neck.

Beni (my son), if chatt'aim (sinners) entice thee, consent thou not.

If they say, Come with us, let us lie in wait for dahm, let us lurk secretly for the naki (innocent, harmless) chinnom (without cause);

Let us swallow them up chaysyim (alive) like She'ol; and whole, as those that go down into the bor (pit);

We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill bateinu (our houses) with plunder;

For their raglayim run to rechovot (city squares); they lurk secretly for their own nafshot.

For they shall be a garland of chen unto chochmah, and apply thine ear unto chochmah, and find the Da'as Elohim.

For Hashem giveth chochmah; out of His Peh (mouth) cometh da'as (knowledge) and tevunah (understanding).

He layeth up tushiyyah (understanding) and tevunah (knowledge) and tzedek, and is shomer over thee, and find me; then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall look for me upon me, but I will not find me; for that they hated da'as, and did not choose the Yirat Hashem; they would have none of my etza (counsel), and would have none of my tokhechah (reproof);

Therefore shall they eat the p'ri (fruit) of their own derech, and be filled with their own mo'atzot (schemes, devices).

For the waywardness of the simple shall slay them, and the complacent contentment of kesilim (fools) shall destroy them.

But the one who payeth heed unto me [Chochmat Hashem, i.e., the Redemptive Word, not only Hashem's creative agent (Ps 33:5; Prov 8:30; 30:4) but the one who comes with a healing mission according to Ps 107:20, though Moshiach has to die in the midst of his healing Mission to accomplish our healing from guilt and punitive dread—Isa 53:5] shall dwell safely, and shall be secure from pachad rah (terror of evil).

Beni (my son), if thou wilt receive my words, and treasure my mitzvot with thee;

So that thou incline thine ear unto chochmah, and apply thine lev to tevunah (understanding);

Yea, if thou criest out after binah, and liftest up thy voice for tevunah (understanding)

If thou seest her as kesef, and searchest for her as for matmonim (hidden treasures);

Then shalt thou understand the Yirat Hashem, and find the Da'as Elohim.

For Hashem giveth chochmah; out of His Peh (mouth) cometh da'as (knowledge) and tevunah (understanding).

He layeth up tushiyyah (wise Torah counsel) for the yesharim (upright ones); He is a mogen [shield] to them that walk in blamelessness.

He keepeth the orkhot mishpat, and is shomer over the derech of His Chasidim.

Then shalt thou understand tzedek, and mishpat, and mesharim (equity, fairness) --every ma'agal tov (good path).

When chochmah entereth into thine lev, and da'as (knowledge) is pleasant unto thy nefesh;

Mezimah (discretion) shall be shomer from pachad; rechovot (city squares) shall dwell safely, and tevunah (understanding) shall safeguard thee;

To save thee from the derech rah, from the ish medaber tahpukhot (man speaking perverse things);

Who leaving the orkhot yosher (paths of uprightness), walk in the drakheichoshech (ways of darkness);
[14] Who rejoice to do rah, and delight in the tahpukhot (perverse things) of rah (evil);
[15] Whose orkhot (paths) are crooked ones, and they are devious in their ma'agalot (paths);
[16] To save thee from the isha zarah (strange woman), even from the nokhriyah (strange immoral woman) which useth smooth words;
[17] Which forsaketh the alluf (companion, husband) of her youth, and forgetteth the brit (covenant) of her G-d.
[18] For her bais inclineth toward mavet, and her ma'agalot (paths) to the refa'im (spirits of the dead).
[19] None that go unto her return again, neither attain they to the orkhot chayyim (paths of life).
[20] That thou mayest walk in the derech tovim, and be shomer over the orkhot tzaddikim (paths of the righteous).
[21] For the yesharim (upright ones) shall dwell in the land, and the tamimim (blameless, faultless ones) shall remain in it.
[22] But the resha'im shall be cut off from ha'aretz, and the bogedim (treacherous ones) shall be rooted out of it.

Beni (my son), forget not my torah; but let thy lev keep my mitzvot;
[2] For orekh yamim (length of days), and shnot chayyim, and shalom, shall they add to thee.
[3] Let not chesed and emes forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the luach (tablet) of thine lev;

[6] In all thy drakhim acknowledge Him, and He shall make yasher thy orkhot (paths).
[7] Be not chacham in thine own eyes; fear Hashem, and depart from rah.
[8] It shall be rife'ut (health) to thy navel, and marrow to thy atzmot.
[9] Honor Hashem with thy substance, and with the reshit (firstfruit) of all thine increase;
[10] So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy vats shall burst out with tirosh.
[11] Beni (my son), despise not the musar Hashem; neither be weary of His tokhakhah (reproof);
[12] For whom Hashemloveth, He correcteth; even as an av the ben in whom he delighteth.
[13] Ashrei (happy) is the man that findeth chochmah, and the man that getteth tevunah (understanding).
[14] For the gain of it is better than the gain of kesef, and the increase thereof than fine gold.
[15] She is more precious than peninim (pearls); and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.
[16] Orekh yamim is in her right hand; and in her left hand osher and kavod.
[17] Her drakhim are drakhim of pleasantness, and all her netivot (trodden paths) are shalom.
[18] She is an Etz Chayyim (Tree of Life) to them that lay hold upon her; and meusher (blessed) is every one that holdeth her fast.
[19] Hashem by chochmah hath founded Eretz [Earth]; by tevunah (understanding) hath He established Shomayim.

[20] By His da'as (knowledge) the tehomot (oceanic depths) were divided, and the clouds drop down the tal (dew).
[21] Beni (my son), let not them depart from thine eyes; keep sound judgment and mezmah (discretion);
[22] So shall they be chayyim unto thy nefesh, and chen to thy neck.
[23] Then shalt thou walk in thy derech safely, and thy regel shall not stumble.
[24] When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid; when thou liest down, thy sheynah (sleep) shall be sweet.
[25] Be not afraid of sudden pachad (terror), neither of the desolation of the resha'im (wicked ones), when it cometh.
[26] For Hashem shall be thy confidence, and shall be shomer over thy regel from the snare.
[27] Withhold not tov from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine yad to do it.
[28] Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and makhar (tomorrow) I will give; when thou hast it by thee.
[29] Devise not ra'ah against thy re'a, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
[30] Strive not with adam without cause, if he have done thee no ra'ah.
[31] Envy thou not the ish chamas, and choose none of his drakhim.
[32] For the perverse person is to'avat (detestable) to Hashem; but His sod (secret, intimate counsel) is with the yesharim (upright ones).
[33] The curse of Hashem is in the bais of the rasha; but He puts a bracha on the dwelling of the tzaddikim.
[34] Surely He scorneth the scorners; but He giveth chen (grace, favor) unto the anayim (lowly, humble ones).
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[35] The chachamim shall inherit kavod, but shame shall be the promotion of keslim (fools).

4 Hear, ye banim, the musar (instruction, discipline) of an av, and attend to know binah (understanding).


[3] For I was ben to avi, tender and yachid (an only child) before immi.

[4] He taught me also, and said unto me, Let thine lev retain my words; be shomer over my mitzvot, and live.

[5] Acquire chochmah, acquire binah (understanding); forget it not; neither turn from the words of my peh (mouth).

[6] Forsake her not, and she shall be shomer over thee; love her, and she shall protect thee.

[7] Chochmah is the principal thing; therefore get chochmah, and with all thy getting get binah (understanding).

[8] Exalt her, and she shall promote thee; she shall honor thee with kavod, when thou dost embrace her.

[9] She shall give to thine head a garland of chen; an ateret (crown) of tiferet (glory) shall she present to thee.

[10] Hear, O beni (my son), and receive my sayings; and thy shnayim chayyim shall be many.

[11] I have taught thee in the derech chochmah; I have led thee in ma’agel letocher (right paths).

[12] When thou goest, thy steps shall not be hindered; and when thou runnest, lo tikashel (thou shalt not stumble).

[13] Take firm hold of musar; let her not go; guard her; for she is thy chayyim.

[14] Enter not into the orach resha’im, and go not on the derech ra’im (road of the wicked).

[15] Avoid it, travel al (not) on it, turn from it, and pass on.

[16] For they sleep not, unless they have done evil; and their sheynah (sleep) is robbed, unless they cause some to fall.

[17] For they eat the lechem of resha, and drink the yayin of chamasim (violences).

[18] But the orach tzaddikim (path of the righteous) is as the bright light, that shineth brighter and brighter unto the full day.

[19] The derech resha’im is as deep darkness; they know not what they stumble.

[20] Beni (my son), attend to my words; incline thine ozen to my chochmah, and with all thy drakhim be firm.

[21] Let them not depart unto my sayings.

[22] Let them not depart from thine eyes; be shomer over them within thine lev.

[23] For they are chayyim unto those that find them, and health to all their basar.

[24] Put away from thee a deceitful peh (mouth), and perverse sfatayim (lips) put far from thee.

[25] Let thine eylaim look straight forward, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.

[26] Ponder the ma’agal (path) of thy raglayim, and let thine davenim be firm.

[27] Turn not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy regel from rah.

[7].N. Everyone in life has two paths to choose from just as Moshiach Tzidkeinu spoke of two gates, a wide one crowded with traffic and leading to destruction, and another one.

[8] Be the promotion of kesilim (fools).

[9] Drink mayim out of thy own bor (cistern), and running waters out of thine own well.

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5 Beni (my son), attend unto my chochmah, and bow thine ozen to my tevuah (understanding).

[2] That thou mayest regard mezimah (discretion), and that thy sfatayim (lips) may keep da’as (knowledge).

[3] For the sfatayim (lips) of a zarah (strange woman) drip as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than shemen (olive oil);

[4] But her end is marah (bitter) as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged cherev.

[5] Her raglayim go down to mave; her legs lead to Shool.

[6] Lest thou shouldest compare [hers] to the orach chayyim, her ma’agalot (paths) are crooked, that thou canst not know them.

[7] Hear me now therefore, O ye banim, and turn not from the words of my peh (mouth).

[8] Remove thy derech far from her, and come not near the petach (doorway) of her bais;

[9] Lest thou give thine hod (strength) unto others, and thy shanim unto the cruel one;

[10] Lest zarim (strangers) be filled with thy koach; and thy tobelim be in the bais nochri;

[11] And thou mourn at the acharit (last, latter end, future), when thy basar and thy body are consumed,

[12] And say, How have I hated musar, and my lev spurned tokhakhat (reproof);

[13] And have not obeyed the voice of my morim (teachers), nor inclined mine ear to the words of my peh.

[14] I was at the brink of all destruction, and another one

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Beni (my son), if thou put up collateral for thy re'a, if thou hast shaken hands in pledge with a zar (stranger),
Thou art snared with the words of thy peh (mouth), thou art trapped with the words of thy peh (mouth).
Do this now, beni (my son), be intoxicated with a zarah (foreign woman), and embrace the kheyk (bosom) of a nochriyah (foreign [heathen] woman)?
For the drakhim ish are before the eyes of Hashem, and He pondereth all his ma’agalot (paths).
His own avonot shall entrap the rashah himself, and he shall be held fast by the cords of his chattat.
He shall die without musar; and in the greatness of his folly he shall be led astray.

16| Should thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and channels of mayim in the rekhovot (town squares)?
17| Let them be only thine own, and never zarim (strangers) with thee.
18| Let thy makor (fountain) be blessed; and rejoice with the isha of thy youth.
19| Let her be as the loving deer and graceful doe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou enraptured tamid (ever) with ahavat (love of) her.
20| And why wilt thou, beni (my son), be intoxicated with a zarah (strange woman), and embrace the kheyk (bosom) of a nochriyah (foreign [heathen] woman)?
21| For the drakhim ish are before the eyes of Hashem, and He pondereth all his ma’agalot (paths).
22| His own avonot shall entrap the rashah himself, and he shall be held fast by the cords of his chattat.
23| He shall die without musar; and in the greatness of his folly he shall be led astray.

22| When thou goest, it shall guide thee; when thou sleepest, it shall be shomer over thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
23| For the mitzvah is a ner (lamp); and torah an ohr; and tokkhahot musar (reproofs of discipline) are the Derech Chayyim (Life Lane);
24| To be shomer over thee, keeping thee from the eshet rah, from the smooth lashon of the nokhriyah (strange woman).
25| Lust not after her beauty in thine lev; neither let her allure thee with her eyelids.
26| For by means of an isha zonah a man is reduced to a kikar lechem; and [another] man’s wife will prey on the nefesh yekara (precious soul).
27| Can a man take eish in his kheyk, and his clothes not be burned?
28| Can one walk upon hot coals, and his regel not be burned?
29| So is he that goeth into his eshet re’a; whosoever toucheth her shall not go unpunished.
30| Men do not despise a ganav if he steal to satisfy his nefesh when he is starving;
31| But if he be found out, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give hon (substance, wealth) of his bais;
32| But the no’ef (one who committeth adultery) with an isha lacketh lev [of understanding]; he that doeth it destroyeth his own nefesh.
33| A nega (plague) shall be on Moshiach’s nefesh; and dishonor shall he get; and his cherpar (reproof) shall not be wiped away.
34| For kina (jealousy) is the chamat gever (husband’s rage); therefore he will not spare in the yom nakam (day of vengeance).
[35] He will not regard kofer (compensation); neither will he be the appeased, though shoched (bribe) be great.

7 Beni (my son), be shomer over my words, and treasure up my mitzvot with thee.

[2] Be shomer over my mitzvot, and live, and over my torah as the apple of thine eye.
[3] Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the luach (tablet) of thine lev.

4 Say unto chochmah, Thou art my achat; and call binah (understanding) thy kinsman;

[5] That they may be shomer over thee and keep thee from the zarah, from the nokhriyah over thee and keep thee from the black and dark lailah; in the twilight, at erev, in the rechovot, and lurketh in the pinnah (corner)—Sheol, going down to the drakhei (chambers, rooms) of mavet (death).

[6] For at the chalon (window) of my bais I looked through my lattice,

[7] And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the banim, a na’ar (young man) devoid of lev [of understanding, sense],

[8] Passing through the street near her corner; and he went on the derech to her bais,

[9] In the twilight, at erev, in the black and dark lailah;

[10] And, hinei, there met a isha with the attire of a zonah, and crafty of lev am, an isha with the attire of a zarah, from the nokhriyah.

[11] She is loud and soreret (arrogant), and the derech of her sotem (companied) with her smooth words.

[12] Now is she without, now in the rechovot, and lurketh in wait at every pinnah (corner)—So she caught hold of him, and kissed him, and with a brazen ponem said unto him,

[13] I have zivkhei shelamim (promises) for the ish (man, husband) is not b’bais, he is gone a derech merachok (distant journey);

[14] For the ish (man, i.e., husband) is not b’bais, he is gone a derech merachok (distant journey);

[15] I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with a bedspread of fine linen of Mitzrayim.

[16] I have perfumed my mishkav (bed) with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

[17] Come, let us take our fill of dodim (loves) until boker; let us delight ourselves with ahavim (loves, pl. of intensity).

[18] For the ish (man, i.e., husband) is not b’bais, he is gone a derech merachok (distant journey);

[19] For the ish (man, i.e., husband) is not b’bais, he is gone a derech merachok (distant journey);

[20] He hath taken a bag of kesef with him, and will come back to his bais at the appointed time.

[21] By her enticing speech she caused him to yield, with the smoothness of her sfatayim she seduced him.

[22] He goeth after her and followeth immediately, as a shor (ox) goeth to tavach (stock yard, slaughter-house), or as the fettered to the musar of the fool;

[23] Till a khetz (arrow) strike through his liver; as a tzippor followeth immediately, as a tzippor.

[24] Pay heed unto me now therefore, O ye banim, and attend to the words of my peh (mouth).

[25] Let not thine lev turn out; and my voice is to the sfatayim (lips).

[26] For she hath cast down many chalalim (wounded); indeed, many strong men have been slain by her.

[27] Her bais is the drakhei Sheol, going down to the chadarim (chambers, rooms) of mavet (death).

[7.N. The off-stage character here in chp. 7 has been the cuckold. Because of her Ba’al affair, Hashem became the cuckold of Israel even as Hosea became the cuckold of Gomer.]
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14) Etzah (counsel, advice) is mine, and sound judgment; I am binah; I have gevurah.
15) By me melachim reign, and nobles decree tzedek.
16) By me sarim (princes) rule, and nobles, even all the shoferim of tzedek.
17) I love them that have ahavah for me; and those that seek me shall find me.
18) Osher and kavod are with me; indeed, enduring hon (wealth) and tzedakah.
19) My p'ri is better than gold, indeed, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice kesef.
20) I walk in the orach tzedakah (way of righteousness), in the midst of the netivot (paths) of mishpat,
21) That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their otzarot.
22) Hashem possessed me in the reshit of His derech, before His works of old.
23) I was set up to reign me'olam (from eternity), from the beginning, or ever eretz was.
24) When there were no tehomot, I was brought forth; when there were no springs abounding with mayim.
25) Before the harim were settled, before the geva'ot (hills) was I brought forth;
26) While as yet He had not made eretz, nor the outer places, nor the beginning of the dust of the tevel.
27) When He set in place Shomayim, I was there; when He drew a khoog (circle, horizon) upon the face of the tehom,
28) When He established the clouds above, when He strengthened the fountains of the tehom,
29) When He gave to the yam His chok (decree, limits), that the mayim should not pass its limits, when He appointed the foundations of the Eretz;
30) Then I was etzel (at the side of, beside [see Yn 1:1]) Him, as an Amon (master craftsman, builder, architect, artist); and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him [Mishle 30:4];
31) Rejoicing in the tevel of His Eretz; and my delights were with the Bnei Adam.
32) Now therefore pay heed unto me, O ye banim; for ashrei (blessed, happy) are they that are shomer over my drakhim.
33) Hear musar, and be chacham, and disdain it not.
34) Ashrei is adam that heareth me, watching daily at my dalatot, waiting at the mezuzot of my doors.
35) For whosoever findeth me findeth Chayyim, and shall obtain ratzon Hashem.
36) But he that sinneth against me doth chamas against his own nefesh; all they that hate me love mavet.

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Chochmah hath built her bais, she hath hewn out her seven ammudim;
2) She hath prepared her meat; she hath mixed her yayin; she hath also set her shulchan.
3) She hath sent forth her na'arot; she calleth from the highest points of the city;
4) Whosoever is simple, let him turn in here; as for him that lacketh lev (heart of understanding), she saith to him,
5) Stolen waters are sweet, and lechem eaten in secret is pleasant.
6) But he has no da'as that the dead ones are there; and that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

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The mishle (proverbs) of Shlomo. A ben chacham maketh glad an av, but a ben kesil is the grief of his em.
2) Otzarot resha profit nothing, but tzedakah (righteousness) saveth from mavet.
3) Hashem will not suffer the nefesh of the tzaddik to famish,
but He thwarteth the craving of the resha'im.
|4| He becometh poor that dealeth with a negligent palm, but the yad of the diligent maketh wealth.
|5| He that gathereth in kayitz is a ben maskil (son of wisdom), but he that sleepeth in katzir (harvest) is a ben that causeth shame.
|6| He that winketh with the ayin causeth trouble, but one with foolish sfatayim shall come to ruin.
|11| The peh (mouth) of a tzaddik feed rabbim (many), but fools die for lack of lev [chochmah].
|12| The tzidkat tamim (righteousness of the blameless) shall make his derech straight, but the rasha shall fall by his own evil.
|13| In the sfatayim (lips) of him that hath understanding chochmah is found, but a shevet (rod) is for the back of him that is devoid of lev [chochmah].
|14| The derashah (preaching) of a tzaddik bringeth forth chochmah, but the lashon tahpukhot (tongue of perversion, distortion) shall be cut off.
city rejoiceth, and when the resha'am perish, there is rinnah (joyful shouting).

[11] By the birkat yesharim the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the peh (mouth) of the resha'am.

[12] He that is devoid of lev (mouth) of the resha'im.

[13] A bringer of rekhil (gossip, rekhilut) revealeth sod (secrets, confidences), but he that is of a ne'eman ruach concealeth the matter.

[14] Where no strategic policy is, the nation falls, but in the multitude of yoetz (counsellors, advisors) there is teshu'ah (victory, safety).

[15] He that is guaranty for a shoresh (root) of the resha'im is wrath.

[16] An esthet chen retaineth kavod (honor, respect), but ruthless men retain osher.

[17] The ish chesed (merciful man) doeth good to his own nefesh, but he that is cruel harmeth his own self.

[18] The resha worketh a wage of sheker, but to him that soweth tzedakah (righteousness) shall be a sachar emes (sure reward).

[19] As tzadakah (righteousness) leadeth to Chayyim, so he that pursueth ra'ah pursueth it to his own mot (death).

[20] They that are of a perverse lev are an abomination to Hashem, but such as are upright in their derech are His delight.

[21] Though yad join in yad, the rah shall not go unpunished, but the zera of the tzaddikim shall be delivered.

[22] As a ring of zahav in the snout of a chazir, so is an isha yafah which is without ta'am (judgment, discretion).

[23] The ta'avat tzaddikim is only tov, but the tikveh of the resha'im is wrath.

[24] There is that which scattereth, and yet increaseth more; and there is that which withholdeth more than is yoshuer, but it leadeth to machsor (want, need, poverty).

[25] The nefesh berakhah (generous person) shall be made to prosper, and he that watereth shall be refreshed also himself.

[26] He that withholdeth grain, the people shall curse him, but brocha shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

[27] He that diligently seeketh tov procureth ratzon, but he that seeketh ra'ah, it shall come unto him.

[28] He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the tzaddik shall flourish like the green leaf.

[29] He that troubleth his own bais shall inherit the ranuch (wind), and the fool shall be ewed to the chacham lev.

[30] The p'ri tzedek is Etz Chayyim, and he that winneth nefashot is chacham (wise).

[31] If the tzaddik are recompensed on ha'aretz (the earth), much more the rashah and the choteh (sinner).

12 He who loveth musar loveth da'as, but he that hateth tokhakhat (reproof, correction) is ba'ar (a boorish, ignorant person).

[2] A tov (good man) obtaineth ratzon (favor) from Hashem, but an ish mezimor (a man of crafty devices) will He condemn.

[3] An adam shall not be made secure by resha, but the shoresh tzaddikim (root of the righteous ones) shall not be moved. [T.N. Cf 12:4 and 31:10.]
| 16 | A fool's wrath is known immediately, but a prudent man covereth kalon (shame, disgrace, shameful nakedness). |
| 17 | He that speaketh emunah declareth tzedek, but an ed shekarim, mirmah. |
| 18 | There is one who speaketh rash words like the wounding of a cherev, but the lashon of the chachamim promotes marpeh (healing). |
| 19 | The lip of emes shall be established forever, but a lashon sheker is but for a moment. |
| 20 | Mirmah (deceit) is in the lev of them that plot rah, but to the counsellors of shalom is simchah. |
| 21 | There shall no harm befall the tzaddik, but the resha'im shall be filled with rah. |
| 22 | Sfatayim (lips) of sheker are to'evah to Hashem, but they that deal emunah (faithfully, truthfully) are His delight. |
| 23 | A prudent man concealeth da'as, but the lev kesilim (mind of fools) preaches folly. |
| 24 | The yad of the kharutzim (diligent ones) shall rule, but the remiyah (deceitfully lazy man) shall be put to forced labor. |
| 25 | Anxiety in the lev ish causeth depression, but a davar tov cheers it up. |
| 26 | The tzaddik prevaileth advantageously over his neighbor, but the derech resha'im leads them astray. |
| 27 | The remiyah (deceitfully lazy man) roasteth not that which he took in hunting, but diligence is the precious possession of man. |
| 28 | In the orach tzedakah (way of righteousness) is chayyim, and in the derech netivot (pathway) thereof there is no mavet. |

13 A ben chacham heareth his musar av, but a scoffeer heareth not ge'arah (scolding, rebuke).

| 2 | An ish shall eat tov by the fruit of his peh (mouth), but the nefesh of the khoroged (unfaithful ones, traitors) shall eat chamas. |
| 3 | He that is shomer over his peh (mouth) guards his nefesh, but he that openeth wide his sfatayim (lips) shall have ruin. |
| 4 | The nefesh of the atzel (sluggard, lazy one) desireth, and hath nothing, but the nefesh of the khorutzim (diligent ones) shall have ample provision. |
| 5 | A tzaddik hateth sheker, but a wicked man is shamefully loathsome, and bringeth disgrace. |
| 6 | Tzedakah is guard over him whose derech is blameless, but wickedness overthroweth the chutnut (sinner). |
| 7 | There is one who maketh himself out to be rich, yet hath nothing; there is one that maketh himself out to be poor, yet hath hon rav (great wealth). |
| 8 | The riches of an ish is kofer (ransom) for his nefesh (life), but the poor heareth no threat. |
| 9 | The ohr (light) of the tzaddik rejoiceth, but the ner (lamp) of the resha'im (wicked) shall be put out. |
| 10 | By zodon (pride) cometh only contention, but with the teachable is chochmah. |
| 11 | Hon (wealth) gotten by dishonesty shall be diminished, but he that gathereth incrementally shall have an increment. |
| 12 | Hope deferred maketh the lev sick, but when the ta'avah (desire) cometh, it is an Etz Chayyim (Tree of Life). |

| 13 | He who despiseth the davar shall be destroyed, but he that feareth the mitzvah shall be rewarded. |
| 14 | The torat chacham (teaching of the wise) is a makor chayyim (fountain of life), to turn one away from the snares of mavet. |
| 15 | Seichel tov giveth favor, but the derech bogedim (way of traitors) is hard. |
| 16 | Every prudent man acts with da'as, but a kesil (fool) displays his folly. |
| 17 | A malach rasha falleth into rah (trouble), but a tzir emunim (trustworthy envoy) is marpeh (healing). |
| 18 | Poverty and shame shall be to him that disdains musar, but he that is shomer over tokhakhat (reproof) shall be honored. |
| 19 | The ta'avah (desire, longing) fulfilled is sweet to the nefesh, but it is to'evat kesilim (the abomination of fools) to depart from rah. |
| 20 | He that walketh with chachamim shall be wise, but a companion of kesilim (fools) shall come to harm. |
| 21 | Ra'ah (disaster) pursueth chatta'im (sinners), but tov is the reward of the tzaddikim. |
| 22 | A toy (good man) leaveth an inheritance to his bnei banim, and the wealth of the choteh (sinner) is laid up for the tzaddik. |
| 23 | Rav ochel (much food) is in the untilled ground of the poor, but for want of mishpat (justice) it is swept away. |
| 24 | He that spareth his shevet (rod) hateth bno (his son), but he that loveth him is diligent in his musar (discipline). |
| 25 | The tzaddik (righteous) eateth to the satisfying of his nefesh (soul), but the beten (stomach) of the resha'im shall want. |
Chachmot nashim buildeth her bais, but the foolish pulleth it down with her hands.

14 | 2 | He that walketh in his yashar feareth Hashem, but he that is devious in his drakhim despiseth Him.

| 3 | In the peh (mouth) of the fool is a rod of ga'avah (pride), but the sfatayim (lips) of the chachamim shall be shomer over them and preserve them.

| 4 | Where no oxen are, the evus (feeding trough) is clean, but much increase is by the ko'ach of the shor (ox).

| 5 | An ed emunim will not lie, but an ed sheker will utter lies.

| 6 | A scoffer seeketh chochmah, and findeth it not, but da'as cometh easily unto him that is discerning.

| 7 | Go from the presence of an ish kesil, when thou perceivest not in him the sfatayim (lips) of da'as (knowledge).

| 8 | The chochmah of the prudent is to understand his derech, but the folly of kesilim is mirmah (deceit).

| 9 | Fools mock at guilt, but among the yesharim (upright ones) there is ratzon (favor).

| 10 | The lev knoweth its own bitterness, and a zar (stranger) doth not share its simchah.

| 11 | The bais of the resha'im shall be shmad, but the ohel of the yesharim shall flourish.

| 12 | There is a derech (road) which seemeth yashar (right) unto an ish, but the acharit (latter end, future) thereof are the drakhim of mavet.

| 13 | Even in sekhok (laughter) the lev is sad, and the acharit (latter end) of that simchah is grief.

| 14 | The sug (backslider, faithless one) in lev is filled with his own drakhim (roads), but an ish tov shall be satisfied from above himself.

| 15 | The naive believeth every davar, but the prudent looketh with care to his steps.

| 16 | A chacham feareth, and departeth from rah, but the kesil thoweth off restraint and is arrogantly reckless.

| 17 | He that is quick-tempered dealeth folly, and an ish mezimot (a man of crafty schemes) is hated.

| 18 | The naive inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with da'as.

| 19 | The ra'am will bow before the tovim, and the resha'im at the she'arim of the tzaddik.

| 20 | The poor is hated even by his own re'a (neighbor), but the oisher hath many friends.

| 21 | He that despiseth his re'a ismeh, but he that is kind to the anayim (needy ones), happy is he.

| 22 | Do they not go astray that plot rah? But chesed and emes shall be to them that plan tov.

| 23 | In all hard work there is profit, but idle chatter of the sfatayim (lips) tendeth only to makhsor (poverty, want).

| 24 | The ateret chachamim is their riches, but the foolishness of kesilim is folly.

| 25 | An ed emes (true witness) saveth nefashot (souls, lives), but a lying witness is a betrayer.

| 26 | In the Yirat Hashem is strong confidence, and his banim shall have a place of refuge.

| 27 | The Yirat Hashem is a makor chayyim (fountain of life) to turn one away from the snares of mavet.

| 28 | In the multitude of people is the glory of a melech, but the lack of subjects is the ruin of the prince.

| 29 | He that is slow to wrath is of rav tevunah (great understanding), but he that is angrily impulsive exalteth folly.

| 30 | A lev marpeh (sound mind) is life to the basar, but kinah (envy) is the rottenness of the atzмот (bones).

| 31 | He that oppresseth the dal (poor) showeth contempt for his Oseh (Maker), but he that honoreth Him is kind to the eyon (needy).

| 32 | The resha'im is banished in his ra'ah, but the tzaddik hath refuge in his mot (death).

| 33 | In the lev of the discerning repose chochmah, but that which is in kesilim is made known.

| 34 | Tzedakah exalteth a nation, but chattat (sin) is a reproach to any people.

| 35 | The ratzon melech (king's favor) is toward an eved maskil (a wise servant), but his wrath is against him that bringeth shame.

15 | 1 | A soft answer turneth away chemah (wrath); but harsh devarim stir up anger.

| 2 | The lashon of chachamim useth da'as aright, but the peh (mouth) of kesilim (fools) poureth out folly.

| 3 | The eynayim of Hashem are in kol makom (every place), watching the ra'im and the tovim.

| 4 | A marpeh lashon (a tongue of healing) is an Etz Chayyim, but selef (perversity) therein is crushing to the ruach (spirit).

| 5 | A fool spurns his musar av, but he that is shomer over tokhakhat (reproof) is prudent.

| 6 | In the bais of the tzaddik is much treasure, but in the revenues of the resha'im is trouble.

| 7 | The sfatayim (lips) of chachamim disperse da'as, but the lev of kesilim doeth not so.
The zevach of the resha’im is a to’eavah to Hashem, but the tefillah (prayer) of the yesharim is His delight.

The derech rashah is a to’eavah unto Hashem, but He loveth him that pursueth tzedakah.

Musar is grievous unto him that forsaketh the orach (way), and he that hateth tokhakah (reproof) shall die.

Sheol and Avaddon are before Hashem, how much more then the hearts of Bnei Adam?

A scoffer loveth not one that correcteth him, neither will he go unto chachamim.

A lev same’ach maketh a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the lev the ruach is broken.

The lev of him that hath understanding seeketh da’as, but the peh (mouth) of kesilim feedeth on folly.

All the days of the oni are ra’im, but he that is of a tov lev hath a mishteh tamid (a continual feast).

Better is little with the Yirat Hashem than otzar rav (great treasure) and trouble therewith.

Better is a meal of yarak (vegetables) where love is, than a fatted calf and sinah (hatred) therewith.

An ish chemah (angry man) stirreth up madon (strife), but he that is slow to anger pacifies a quarrel.

The derech (road) of the azel (sluggard, lazy one) is a thorny hedge, but the orach yesharim (way of the upright) is a highway.

A ben chacham maketh glad an av, but a kesil adam despiseth immo.

Folly is simchah to him that is destitute of lev (of discernment), but an ish tevunah walketh uprightly.

Without counsel, plans go amiss, but in the multitude of yo’atzim (counsellors) they are established.

An ish hath simchah in the apt reply of his peh (mouth), and a timely davar, mah tov (how good!)

The Orach Chayyim leads upward to the wise, in order that he may depart from Sheol beneath.

Hashem will destroy the bais of the proud, but He will maintain the boundary of the almanah.

The thoughts of the rah are a to’eavah to Hashem, but the words of the tehorim (pure ones) are pleasant.

He that is greedy of unjust gain troubleth his own bais, but he that hateth mattanot (bribes) shall live.

The plans of the lev belong to adam, and the answer of the lashon is from Hashem.

The wrath of a melech is as malachim of mavet, but an ish chacham will appease it.

In the light of the countenance of melachim is chayyim, and his favor is like the cloud of a spring rain.

How much better is it to acquire chochmah than gold, and acquiring binah (understanding) a better choice than kesef?

The mesilat yesharim (highway of the upright) is to depart from rah; he that guards his derech is shomer over his nefesh (soul).
Better it is to be of a humble ruach among the anayim, than to divide the plunder with the proud.  
He that wisely heeds the Davar shall find tov (good), and he who trusteth in Hashem, happy is he.  
The chacham lev shall be called prudent, and the sweetness of the sfatayim (lips) adds to learning.  
Seichel is a Makor Chayyim unto him that hath it, but his peh (mouth) of hunger driveth him on.  
A lev same’ach doeth tov like a medicine, but a downcast ruach drieth up the bones.  
A rasha accepts a shochad (bribe) out of the kheyk (bosom, i.e., secretly) to pervert the orkhot mishpat (paths of justice).
Chochmah is before the meiven (discerning one); but the eynayim of a kesil are on the ends of ha’aretz.  
A ben kesil is a ka’as (grief) to aviv (his father), and bitterness to her that bore him.  
Also to punish the tzaddik is not tov, nor to flog officials for...
[18] A man who separates himself seeks his own ta'avah (desire); he defies all tushiyyah (wisdom, sound judgment).

[2] A kesil (fool) hath no delight in tevunah (understanding), but only in airing out his lev (mind, opinions).

[3] When the rashah cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with dishonor, cherpah (reproach, disgrace).

[4] The devarim of a man's mouth are deep mayim; the makor chochmah is a flowing stream.

[5] It is not tov to show partiality to the rashah, to subvert the tzaddik in mishpat.

[6] The sfatayim (lips) of a kesil enter into contention, and his peh (mouth) inviteth blows.

[7] The peh (mouth) of a kesil is his undoing, and his sfatayim (lips) are the mokesh (snare) of his nefesh.

[8] The devarim of a nirgan (gossip, talebearer, slanderer) are like mitlachamim (delicious tidbits), and they go down into the innermost parts of the beten (belly).

[9] He also that is slack in his work is brother to him that is ba'al mashchit (master of destruction).

[10] The Shem of Hashem is a strong migdal (tower), the tzaddik runneth into it, and is safe.

[11] The oisher's wealth is his strong city, and is a high chomah in his own conceit.

[12] Before shever (destruction) the lev ish is haughty, and before kavod is anavah (humility).

[13] He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and kelimmah (reproach, shame) unto him.

[14] The ruach ish will sustain him in sickness, but a crushed ruach who can bear?


[16] The mattan adam (gift of a man) openeth the way for him, and bringeth him before gedolim.

[17] He that is harishon (the first) to make his case seemeth tzaddik, but his re'a cometh and doth cross-examine him.

[18] The goral (lot) causeth contentions to cease, and keepeth the mighty apart.

[19] A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city, and their contentious quarrelings are like the bars of an armon (citadel).

[20] An ish's beten shall be filled with the fruit of his peh (mouth), and with the produce of his sfatayim (lips) shall he be satisfied.

[21] Mavet and chayyim are in the power of the lashon, and they that love it shall eat the p'ri (fruit) thereof.

[22] He who findeth an isha (wife) findeth tov, and obtaineth ratzon (favor) from Hashem.

[23] The poor useth entreaties, but the oisher answereth roughly.

[24] An ish of many companions may come to ruin, but there is an ohev (friend) that sticketh closer than a brother.
A ben kesil is the calamity of aviv (his father), and the contentions of an isha are a constant dripping [i.e., an irritant].

|13| Bais and hon (wealth) are the nachalah avot, and a prudent isha (wife) is from Hashem.

|15| Atzlah (slothfulness, laziness) casteth into a tardemah (deep sleep), and a nefesh remiyah (a deceitfully lazy soul) shall suffer hunger.

|16| He that is shomer over the mitzvah is shomer over his own nefesh, but he that is reckless in his drakhim shall die.

|17| He that hath compassion on the dal (poor) lendeth unto Hashem; and for his benefits He will repay him.

|18| Chasten binecha (thy son) while there is yet tikvah, and give not in to thy nefesh (desire) to kill him.

|19| One of gadol chemah (great temper) shall bear onesh (punishment), for if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.

|20| Hear etzah, and accept musar, that thou mayest be wise in thy acharit (latter end, future).

|21| There are many plans in a lev ish; nevertheless it is the etzah of Hashem that shall stand.

|22| The ta’avah (what is desirable) in an adam is his chesed, and a rahsh (pauper) is better than an ish kazav (liar).

|23| The Yirat Hashem tendeth to chayyim, and he that hath it shall rest secure; he shall not be visited by rah.

|24| An atzel (sluggard, lazy one) thrusteth his yad into his dish, and will not so much as bring it back to his peh (mouth) again.

|25| Strike a scoffer, and the simple will learn what is prudent, and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand da’as.

|26| He that mistreateth his av, and driveth out his em, is a ben that causeth shame, and bringeth cherpah.

|27| Cease, beni (my son), to hear musar and thou shalt go astray from the words of da’as.

|28| An ed beliya’al (corrupt witness) scorneth mishpat (justice), and the peh (mouth) of the resha’im devoureth iniquity.

|29| Shefatim (penalties, judgments) are prepared for scoffers, and for kesilim, beatings for the back.

The yayin is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whosoever is seduced to be led astray thereby is not wise.

|1| The wrath of a melech is as the roaring of a lion; he who provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own nefesh.

|2| It is kavod for an ish to cease from strife, but any fool can start a quarrel.

|3| The atzel (sluggard, lazy one) will not plow by reason of choref (winter, cold); therefore shall he beg at katzir (harvest), and have nothing.

|4| Etzah (purpose; see Yn 2:24-25) in the lev ish is like deep mayim, but an ish tevunah will draw it out.

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|6| It is good for nothing, it is naught, saith the koneh (buyer), but when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

|7| Lechem from sheker (deceit) is sweet to an ish, but afterwards his peh (mouth) shall be filled with gravel.

|8| Every plan is established by etzah, and with tachbulot (guidance) wage milchamah.

|9| He that goeth about as a rakhil (gossip, slanderer, talebearer) revealeth secrets; therefore associate not with the babbler.

|10| He who curseth aviv or immo, his ner (lamp) shall be put out in deep choshech.

|11| A nachalah (inheritance) may be gotten hastily at the rishonah (beginning); but the acharit (latter end) thereof shall not have a bracha.

|12| Say not thou, I will pay back rah; but wait on Hashem, and He shall save thee.
Differing weights are a to'evah unto Hashem, and scales of mirmah (deceit) are not tov.

The steps of a gever are from Hashem; how can an adam then understand his own derech (way, life's course)?

It is a mokesh adam to devote rashly as kodesh, and after nedarim (vows) to reconsider his consecration.

A melech chacham winnows out the resha'im and bringeth the ofan (threshing wheel) over them.

The neshamah of adam is the ner (light) of Hashem, searching all the innermost beten.

Chesed and emes guard the Melech, and his kisse is upheld by chesed.

The tiferet (glory) of bochurim is their ko'ach (strength), and the hadar (splendor) of zekenim is the silvery head.

Blows that wound cleanseth away rah; so do beatings the innermost beten.

The lev melech is in the yad Hashem, as the channels of mayim; He directeth it wherever He will.

Every derech ish is yashar (right) in his own eynayim, but Hashem weigheth the hearts.

To do tzedakah and mishpat is more acceptable to Hashem than zevach.

A high and haughty eye, and a proud lev—NER resha'im (the lamp of the wicked ones)—are chattat (sin).

The plans of the kharutz (diligent) lead surely to profit; but of every one that is hasty surely to machsor (poverty, want).

The getting of ozarot by a lashon sheker is hevel (vain, empty, meaningless) and fleeting for them that seek mavet.

The derech of the guilty ish is hafachpach (crooked, tortuous), but as for the pure, his conduct is yashar (right).

It is better to dwell in a corner of the gag (roof), than with a quarrelsome isha in a shared bais.

The nefesh of the rashah desireth rah; his re'a findeth no mercy in his eynayim.

He who is shomer over his ozen at the cry of the dal (poor), he also shall cry out himself, but shall not be heard.

A mattan (gift) in secret pacifieth af (anger), and a shochad (bribe) in the kheyk (bosom, i.e., a concealed bribe) strong wrath.

It is simchah to the tzaddik to do mishpat, but terror for the po'alei aven (workers of iniquity).

The sus is prepared against the yom milchamah, but teshuah (victory, deliverance) is from Hashem.
A shem tov is rather to be desired than osher rav, and chen (grace) rather than kesev and zahav.

2 The oisher (rich man) and the rahsh (pauper) have this in common: Hashem is the Oseh (Maker) of them all.

3 A prudent man foreseeth the ra`ah, and hideth himself, but the naïve trudge on, and are punished.

4 By anavah (humility) and the Yirat Hashem are oisher, and kavod, and chayyim.

5 Thorns and pachim (snares) are in the derech of the crooked; he that is shomer over his nefesh shall be far from them.

6 Train up a na`ar in the derech (road) he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

7 The oisher ruleth over the rahshim (paupers), and the loveh (borrower, debtor) is eved (slave) to the ish malveh (lender).

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap avon (iniquity), and the shevet (rod) of his wrath shall disappear.

9 That thy trust may be in Hashem, I have made thee know this yom, even thee!

10 Have not I written to thee shloshim (thirty sayings) in mo'etzot (counsels) and da`as, that I might make thee know the certain truth of the words of emes; that thou mightest bring back words of emes to them that send thee?

11 That thy trust may be in Hashem, I have made thee know this yom, even thee!

12 The eynayim of Hashem preserve da`as, and He overthroweth the devarim of the boged (unfaithful, treacherous, traitor).

13 The atzel (sluggard, lazy one) saith, There is an ari (lion) outside; I shall be murdered in the streets.

14 The peh (mouth) of zarot (strange women) is a deep pit; he that is under the wrath of Hashem shall fall therein.

15 Folly is bound in the lev na`ar, but the shevet musar (rod of correction) shall drive it far from him.

16 He that opposeth the dal (poor) in order to increase, and he that giveth to the oisher, shall surely come to machsor (poverty, want).

17 Bow down thine ozen, and hear the devarim of chachamim, and apply thine lev (mind, heart) unto my da`as.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou be shomer over them within thee; they shall therewith abide ready upon thy sfatayim (lips).

19 That thy trust may be in Hashem, I have made thee know this yom, even thee!

20 Have not I written to thee shloshim (thirty sayings) in mo`etzot (counsels) and da`as, that I might make thee know the certain truth of the words of emes; that thou mightest bring back words of emes to them that send thee?

21 That I might make thee know the certain truth of the words of emes; that thou mightest bring back words of emes to them that send thee?

22 Exploit not the dal (poor), because he is dal (poor); neither oppress the oni (afflicted) in the sha`ar,

23 For Hashem will plead their cause, and plunder the nefesh of those that plundered them.

24 Make no friendship with a ba`al af (angry man), and with an ish chemot (man of wrath) thou shalt not go,

25 Lest thou learn his orkhoto (ways), and take a mokeshe (snare) for thy nefesh.

26 Be not thou one of them that shake hands in a pledge, or of them that are collateral for masha`ot (debts, loans).

27 If thou hast nothing with which to pay, why should he take away thy mishkav (bed) from under thee?

28 Remove not the gevul olam (ancient landmark), which avoteicha have set.

29 Seest thou an ish mahir (diligent, one who excells) in his work? He shall stand before melachim; he shall not stand before obscure men.
yetomim (fatherless ones, orphans).

11 For their Go’el is chazak (strong); He shall plead their cause against thee.

12 Apply thine lev unto musar, and thine oznayim to the words of da’as.

13 Withhold not musar (correction) from the na’ar (child), for if thou spank him with the shevet, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt spank him with the shevet, and shalt save his nefesh from Sheol.

15 Beni (my son), if thine lev be chacham, my own lev shall have simchah.

16 Indeed, my inmost being shall rejoice, when thy sfatayim (lips) speak meisharim (upright things).

17 Let not thine lev envy chatta’im, but be thou in the Yirat Hashem kol hayom.

18 For surely there is an acharit (latter end, future), and thine tikvah shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, beni (my son), and be chacham, and guide thine lev straight on the derech.

20 Be not among yayin gluttons; among gluttonous eaters of basar.

21 For the drunkard and the zolel (glutton) shall come to poverty, and drowsiness shall clothe with rags.

22 Pay heed unto avicha that fathered thee, and despise not immecha when she is old.

23 Buy enes, and sell it not; also chochmah, and musar, and binah (understanding).

24 Avi tzaddik (the father of a righteous one) shall greatly rejoice, and he that fathereth a chacham shall have simchah in him.

25 Avicha and immecha shall be glad, and she that bore thee shall rejoice.

26 Beni (my son), give me thine lev, and let thine eynayim delight in my drakhim.

27 For a zonah is a deep pit, and a nokhriyah (foreign woman, seductress, unfaithful wife) is a narrow well.

28 She also lieth in wait like a road bandit, and increaseth the bogedim (unfaithful) among adam (mankind).


30 They that tarry long at the yayin, they that turn in to sample mixed wine.

31 Stare not thou into the yayin when it is red, when it sparkles in the kos (cup), when it goeth down smoothly.

32 At the acharit (latter end, future) it biteth like a nachash, and stingeth with venomous poisons like a viper.

33 Thine eynayim shall behold zarot (strange women), and thine lev shall utter perverse things.

34 Indeed, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the lev yam (heart of the sea), or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not hurt; they have beaten me, and I felt it not. Mosai (when) shall I awake? I will seek yet another drink.

24 Be not thou envious of anshei ra’ah, neither desire to be with them.

2 For their lev plotteth violence, and their sfatayim (lips) talk of amal (trouble).

3 Through chochmah is a bais built, and by tevunah (understanding) it is established.

4 And by da’as shall the chadarim (chambers, rooms) be filled with all precious and pleasant hon (riches, wealth).

5 A gever chacham is strong; indeed, an ish da’as (man of knowledge) increaseth ko’ach.

6 For by tachbulot (guidance) thou shalt wage thy milchamah (war), and in a multitude of yo’etz (counselors) there is teshu’ah (victory, safety).

7 Chochmah is too lofty for a fool; he openeth not his pesh (mouth) at the shatar.

8 He that ploteth to do evil shall be called a ba’al mezzimot (master of schemes).

9 The scheme of folly is chattat (sin), and the scoffeer is a to’evah to adam (man).

10 If thou faint in the yom tzarah, thy strength is small.

11 Save those who are drawn away toward mavet, and hold back those stumbling toward slaughter.

12 If thou sayest, See, we knew it not, doth not He that weigheth the levavot consider it? And He that is guard over thy nefesh, doth not He know it? And shall not He render to every adam according to his works?

13 Beni (my son), eat thou devash, because it is tov; and the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste;

14 So shall the knowledge of chochmah be unto thy nefesh; when thou hast found it, then there shall be an acharit (latter end, future), and thy tikvah (hope) shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not in wait, O rasha, against the naveh (dwelling) of the tzaddik; assault not his resting place.

16 For a tzaddik falleth sheva (seven times), and riseth up again, but the resha’im
are overthrown in ra’ah.

[17] Gloat not when thine oyev falleth, and let not thine lev rejoice when he stumbleth,

[18] Lest Hashem see it, and it is rah in His eyes, and He turn away His wrath from him.

[19] Fret not thyself because of ra’im, neither be thou envious of the resha’im;

[20] For their calamity shall arise suddenly; and who hath da’as of ruin those two [i.e., Hashem and the Melech] can bring?

[21] Beni (my son), fear thou Hashem and the Melech, and do not associate with them that are otherwise disposed.

[22] For their calamity shall arise suddenly; and who hath da’as of ruin those two [i.e., Hashem and the Melech] can bring?

[23] These things also belong to chachamim: it is not tov to show partiality in mishpat.

[24] He that saith unto the rashah, Thou are tzaddik, him shall the people curse, nations shall detest him;

[25] But to them that rebuke the wicked, it is well, and birkat tov shall come upon them.

[26] He that giveth an answer that is nakhon (right, correct), giveth a kiss on the sfatayim.

[27] Set in order thy outside work, and make ready for thyself in the sadeh; then afterwards build thine bais.

[28] Be not an ed (witness) against thy re’a without cause, and deceive not with thy sfatayim (lips).

[29] Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me, I will render to the ish according to his work.

[30] I went by the sadeh of the ish atzel (sluggard, lazy one), and went past the kerem (vineyard) of the adam chasar lev (the man void of lev [of understanding]),

[31] And, hinei, it was all grown over with thorns, and charullim (nettles) had covered the surface thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down.

[32] Then I saw, and considered it well in my lev; I looked upon it, and received musar.

[33] Yet a little shenot (slumber), a little sleep, a little folding of the yadayim to rest;

[34] So shall thy poverty come like a prowler; and thy want like an ish mogen (armed warrior).

These are also mishlei Shlomo, which the anashim of Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah copied out:

[2] It is the Kavod Elohim to conceal a thing, but the kavod melachim is to search out a matter.

[3] The Shomayim for height, and Eretz for depth, so the lev melachim is unsearchable.

[4] Take away the dross from the kesef, and there shall come forth a vessel for the tzoref (silversmith);

[5] Take away the rasha from before Melech, and his kisse shall be established in tzedek.

[6] Do not exalt thyself in the presence of Melech, and stand not in the makom (place) of gedolim;

[7] For better it is that it be said unto thee, Come up here, than that thou shouldest be put lower in the presence of the noble whom thine eynayim have seen.

[8] Go not forth hastily to bring a lawsuit, lest thou know not what to do in the acharit thereof, when thy re’a hath put thee to shame.

[9] Plead thy cause with thy re’a himself; and betray not a sod (confidence) to another,

[10] Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and the evil report of thee never depart.


[12] As a nezem (earring) of zahav, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a mochi’ach chacham (a wise reprover) upon an obedient ozen.

[13] As the cold of sheleg (snow) in the yom katzir (day of harvest), so is a tzir ne’eman (faithful envoy) to them that send him; for he refresheth the nefesh of his adonim.

[14] He who boasteth falsely of giving is like clouds and ruach (wind) without geshem (rain).

[15] By forbearance is a katzin (ruler) persuaded, and a gentle lashon breaketh the bone.

[16] Hast thou found devash? Eat only as much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it out.

[17] Let thy regel (foot) seldom be in thy neighbor’s bais; lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.

[18] An ish that beareth ed sheker (false witness) against his re’a without cause, and deceive not with thy sfatayim (lips).

[19] Confidence in a boged in the yom tzarah is like a shen ra’ah (bad tooth), and a regel out of joint.

[20] As he that taketh away a beged (garment) on a cold day, and as chometz (vinegar) upon lye, so is he that singeth shirim (songs) to a lev rah (heavy heart, i.e., depressed person).
[21] If thine enemy be hungry, give him lechem to eat, and if he be thirsty, give him mayim to drink; [22] For so shalt thou heap hot coals upon his rosh, and Hashem shall reward thee. [23] The ruach tzafon (north wind) brings forth geshem; so doth a lashon seter (backbiting tongue) bring an angry countenance. [24] It is better to dwell in the corner of the gag (roof), than in a bais shared with a quarrelsome isha. [25] As cold mayim to a weary nefesh, so is good news from a far country. [26] A tzaddik who falters before the rasha is like a muddy spring, and a polluted makor (fountain). [27] As sheleg (snow) in kayitz (summer), and as matar (rain) at katzir (harvest), so kavod is not fitting for a kesil (fool). [28] As he that bindeth an even (stone) in a sling, so is he that giveth kavod to a kesil (fool). [29] As a thornbush goeth up into the yad of a shikkor, so is a mashal in the peh (mouth) of kesilim. [30] As a kelev returneth to his vomit, so a kesil (fool) returneth to his folly. [31] Like an archer wounding all, so is he that hireth the kesil (fool), or hireth the passerby. [32] As the tzippor in its fluttering, as the swallow in its flying, so the kelelah (curse) without cause shall not alight. [33] As he that bindeth an even (stone) in a sling, so is he that giveth kavod to a kesil (fool). [34] As a thornbush goeth up into the yad of a shikkor, so is a mashal in the peh (mouth) of kesilim. [35] As cold mayim to a weary nefesh, so is good news from a far country. [36] A tzaddik who falters before the rasha is like a muddy spring, and a polluted makor (fountain). [37] As sheleg (snow) in kayitz (summer), and as matar (rain) at katzir (harvest), so kavod is not fitting for a kesil (fool). [38] As he that bindeth an even (stone) in a sling, so is he that giveth kavod to a kesil (fool). [39] As a thornbush goeth up into the yad of a shikkor, so is a mashal in the peh (mouth) of kesilim.
Ne’emanim (faithful) are the wounds of an ohev (friend); but deceitful the neshikot (kisses) of an enemy.

The full nefesh trampleth a honeycomb, but to the hungry nefesh every mar (bitter thing) is sweet.

As a tzippor that wandereth from her ken (nest), so is an ish that wandereth from his makom (place, home).

Shemen and ketoret rejoice the lev; so doth the sweet discourse of a re’a (friend) from an atzat nefesh (a counselling of the soul).

Thine own re’a (friend), and the re’a avicha, forsake not; neither go into thy brother’s bais in the yom of thy calamity; for better is a shakhen (neighbor) that is near than a brother far off.

Beni (my son), be chacham, and make my lev glad, that I may answer my accusers.

A prudent man foreseeth ra’ah, and hideth himself; but the naïve ones trudge on, and are punished.

Take his beged (garment) that is collateral for a zar; seize the pledge given for surety for a nokhriyah (strange woman, foreign woman, seductress).

He that maketh a bracha on his re’a (friend) with a kol gadol (loud voice), rising early in the boker, it shall be counted a kelalah to him.

A continual dripping in a very rainy day and a quarrelsome isha are alike; seize the pledge given for surety for a nokhriyah (strange woman, foreign woman, seductress).

Barzel (iron) sharpeneth barzel (iron); so one ish sharpeneth another.

He who is guard over the te’enah (fig tree) shall eat the pri (fruit) thereof, so he that is shomer over his adon shall be honored.

As mayim reflecteth the face, so one lev ha’adam reflects another.

Sheol and Avaddon are never full; so the eynayim of adam are never satisfied.

As the crucible is for kesef, and the furnace for zahav; so is an ish tested by the praise he receives.

For riches are not l’olam (forever); and doth the nezer (crown) endure dor vador?

The hay is removed, and the deshe (tender grass) showeth itself, and herbs of the harim are gathered, the kevasim (lambs) are for thy clothing, and the goats are the purchase price of the sadeh.

And thou shalt have cholov of izzim (goats) enough for thy lechem, for the lechem of thy bais, and for the nourishment of thy na’arot (servant girls).

The rasha flee when none pursueth; but the tzaddikim do triumph, there is rabbah tiferet (great glory), but when the resha'im rise, the people go into hiding.

He that covereth his peysha'im (sins) shall not prosper, but he who confesseth and forsaketh them shall find mercy.

Ashrei adam that is reverent always, but he that hardeneth his lev shall fall into ra’ah.

As a roaring ari, and a charging dov (bear), so is a wicked moshel (ruler) over the am dal (poor people).
16 The nagid (ruler) lacking tevunot (understanding) is also a great oppressor, but he that hateth beta (ill-gotten gain) shall prolong his yamim (days).

17 If an adam is burdened with dahm (blood, murder) of any nefesh, let him be a fugitive ad bor (till the pit, death); let no ish help him.

18 He who walketh tamim (blamelessly) shall be saved, but he that is perverse in his drakhim shall fall suddenly.

19 He who tilleth his adamah shall have plenty of lechem, but he that chaseth after empty things shall have poverty enough.

20 An ish emunot (faithful man, loyal man) shall abound with birkhot, but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not go unpunished.

21 To show partiality is not tov; for a piece of lechem that gever will transgress.

22 He that hasteth to be rich hath a rah ayin, and considereth not that want shall come upon him.

23 He that rebuketh an adam afterwards shall find more chen (favor) than he that flattereth with the lashon.

24 He who robbeth aviv or immo, and saith, It is no peysha (transgression), the same is the chaver (fellow, companion) of an ish mashchit (man of destruction).

25 The covetous stirreth up strife, but he that putteth his trust in Hashem shall be prospered.

26 He that trusteth in his own lev is a kesil (fool), but he who walketh in chochmah, he shall be delivered.

27 He that giveth unto the rash (poor) shall not lack, but he that hideth his eynayim meeteth many curses.

28 When the resha'im rise, adam hide themselves, but when they perish, the tzaddikim increase.

29 He, that being often reproved, stiffeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without marpeh (remedy).

5 Melech by mishpat establisheth eretz, but an ish terumot (a man of bribes) bringeth it down.

6 By peysha (transgression) an ish rah is snared, but the tzaddik doth sing and have simchah.

7 The tzaddik considereth the cause of the dalim, but the rasha (wicked) doeth not understand such da'as (knowledge).

8 Scornful men enflame a city, but chachamim turn away af (wrath).

9 If an ish chacham has to contend with a fool, he rageth or laugheth, and hath no rest.

10 The anshei damim hate integrity, but the yesharim seek his nefesh (soul, i.e., his soul's well-being).

11 A kesil (fool) uttereth all his wrath, but a chacham keepeth it back quietly.

12 If a moshel pays heed to davar sheker, all his mesharetim (officials, ministers) are resha'im.

13 The rash (pauper) and the oppressor have this in common: Hashem enlighteneth both their eynayim.
An unjust man is a to’evah to the tzaddikim, and he that is yeshar derech (upright in the way) is to’evah to the rasha.

The devarim of Agur Ben Yakeh, even the massa; the gever (man) spoke unto Itiel, even unto Itiel and Uchal:

Surely I am more stupid than any ish, and have not the binat adam.

I neither learned chochmah, nor have the da’as of the Kedoshim.

Who hath ascended into Shomayim, or descended? Who hath gathered ruach in the hollows of His hands? Who hath bound the mayim in a cloak? Who hath established all the afsei aretz (ends of the earth)? What is Shmo (His Name), and what is Shem Bno (the Name of His Son [See Memra, creative Word of G-d in Targumim]), if thou canst tell?

Every word of G-d is flawless; He is a mogen unto them that take refuge in Him.

Add thou not unto His devarim, lest He rebuke thee, and thou be found a kazav (liar).

Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before my mot; remove far from me shav (vanity, falsehood) and davar kazav (word of a liar); give me neither poverty nor osher; feed me lechem chukki (my daily bread);

Lest I be full, and deny Thee, and say, Who is Hashem? Or lest I be poor, and become a ganav, and profane the Shem of Elohai.

Do not slander an eved unto his adon, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.

There is a dor (generation) that curseth its av, and doth not make a bracha on its em.

There is a dor (generation) that is tahor (pure) in its own eynayim, and yet is not washed from its filthiness.

There is a dor (generation), O how haughty in loftiness are their eynayim! And their eyelids are proudly lifted up.

There is a dor (generation), whose teeth are as charavot (swords), and their jaw teeth are as knives, to devour the aniyim (oppressed poor ones) from off ha’aretz, and the evyonim (needy ones) from among adam.

The leech hath two banot: Give! Give! There are shalosh (three) that are never satisfied, indeed, four things never say, Enough!

Sheol, and the barren womb; eretz that is never satisfied with mayim; and eish that saith not, Enough!

The ayin (eye) that mocketh at av, and scorneth to obey em, the ravens of the valley shall peck it out, and the bnei nesher shall eat it.

There are shalosh which are too wonderful for me, indeed, four which I understand not;

The derech hanesher (way of the eagle) in the sky; the derech nachash upon a tzur (rock); the derech oniyah (way of a sailing vessel) in the midst of the yam (sea); and the derech gever (way of a man) with an almah (unmarried young virgin; see On 24:43,16,63,65.

Such is the derech isha menaeefet (way of an adulterous woman): she eateth, and wipeth her peh (mouth), and saith, I have done no wrong.

For shalosh the eretz is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear:

For an eved (slave) when he reigneth; and a naval (fool) when he is full with lechem;

For an unloved woman when she is married; and a shifchah that displaces her gevira (lady, mistress).

There are four things which are little upon eretz, but they are exceeding chachamim:

The nemalim (ants) are an am (people) not strong, yet they store up their lechem in the kayitz (summer);

The badgers are but a feeble folk, yet they make their bais in the rocks;

The arbeh (locusts) have no melech, yet they go forth all of them in ranks;

The lizard can be held in the hands, yet is in heikhelot (palaces) of a melech.

There are shillosh which are majestic in stride, indeed, four are stately in walk:

A lion which is gibbor among behemah (beasts), and retreateth not from any;

The strutting rooster; the he-goat also; and a melech, when his army is with him.

If thou hast done foolishly in exalting thyself, or if thou hast devised rah, lay thine yad upon thy peh.

Surely the churning of cholov (milk) bringeth forth kemah (butter), and the wringing of the nose bringeth forth dahm; so the stirring up of anger bringeth forth strife.

The devarim of Lemuel Melech, the massa (burden, oracle) that immo taught him.

What, my bar (son, see Ps 2:12)? And what, the bar of my womb? And what, the bar of my nedarim (vows)?

Give not thy strength unto nashim, nor thy drakhim to that which destroyeth melachim.
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[4] It is not for melachim, O Lemuel, it is not for melachim to drink yayin; nor for rulers to crave strong drink; [5] Lest they drink, and forget the decrees, and pervert the justice of the bnei oni (all the oppressed afflicted people). [6] Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and yayin unto those that be of bitter nefesh. [7] Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his amal (misery) no more. [8] Open thy peh (mouth) for the illem (mute) in the cause of all such as are bnei chalof (sons of destitution). [9] Open thy peh (mouth), judge tzedek, and plead the cause of the oni and the evyon. [10] Who can find an aishes chayil (a woman of valor, an excellent wife) more precious? For she is far above rubies. [11] The lev of her ba'al (husband) doth securely trust in her, so that he shall have no lack of gain. [12] She will do him tov and not rah all the days of her life. [13] She seeketh tzemzer (wool), and flux, and worketh willingly with her palms. [14] She is like the oniyot socher (ship merchant); she bringeth her lechem from afar. [15] She riseth also while it is yet lailah, and provideth food to her bais, and a chok (portion) to her na'arot (servant girls). [16] She considereth a sadeh, and byueth it; with the fruit of her palms she planteth a kerem (vineyard). [17] She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her zeroot (arms). [18] She perceiveth that her merchandise is tov; her ner (light) goeth not out balailah. [19] She layeth her yadayim to the distaff, and her fingers lay hold of the spindle. [20] She extends her palms to the oni; indeed, she reacheth forth her yadayim to the evyon (needy). [21] She is not afraid of the sheleg (snow) for her bais; for all her bais are clothed with scarlet. [22] She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her levush (clothing) is fine linen and purple. [23] Her ba'al (husband) is known in the she'arim, when he sitteth among the ziknei eretz. [24] She maketh fine garments, and selleth them; and delivereth sashes unto the kena'ani (merchant). [25] Oz (strength) and hadar (dignity) are her clothing; and her smile is toward the yom acharon (coming day, future). [26] She openeth her peh (mouth) with chochmah; and on her lashon is the torat chesed (teaching of kindness). [27] She watcheth well over the halichot (goings, ways) of her bais (household), and euteth not the lechem atzlut (bread of idleness). [28] Her banim rise up, and call her blessed; her ba'al (husband) also, and he praiseth her. [29] Rabbit banot have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. [30] Chen (charm) is sheker (deceitful), and yofi (beauty) is fleeting; but an isha Yirat Hashem (a G-d fearing wife), she shall be praised. [31] Give her of the p’ri (fruit) of her yadayim; and let her own ma’asim praise her in the she’arim.

T.N. The Book of Job raises a question. The question for the sages of Israel that the book of Job (a non-Jewish sage from Edom—see Job 1:1; Lam. 4:21) grapples with is: in the face of the riddle of life’s sufferings, what answer can chochmah (wisdom) bring to vindicate both G-d and suffering Man as nevertheless righteous and worthy? The divine answer comes in the form of a drama whose dictum is a long dialogue poem sandwiching its dialogical wisdom between a prose prologue and a prose epilogue. If we were thinking of staging it, we might have Job himself be the narrator who goes in and out of the story. At the beginning of the drama, a demonic wager puts both G-d (G-d’s worth in Himself) and Man (the worth of Man’s love for G-d) to the test. See 1:8-11; 2:3-5. Is G-d really worth everything (do His people really believe so?), or is religion merely a convenient opiate of the people, as in Karl Marx’s demonic challenge? Remember, now, Job is a type of Moshiach, as we will show. Since Job’s life, as seen in these Scriptures, is exposed to Satanic attack, this very attack also points forward prophetically to the attacks of Satan against Moshiach Adoneinu, both at the beginning of his ministry, at the turning point after he shares with his Shluchim his coming histalkus, and at Moshiach’s Tish (see Mk 1:13; 8:27-33; Yn 13:2). We see that Job 1:21 offers the instinct of faith to answer life’s biggest riddle: why do we suffer? Or rather, how can G-d be good if He allows us to suffer? The answer of 1:21 must be elaborated as the protagonist (hero) is tested in depth, and the probe that follows necessitates a dramatic dialogical interrogation of both G-d and Man, utilizing wise men or sages.
Chapter 3:1-31:40 offers the solution to the riddle given by Job's three friends: you are suffering for sin; therefore, repent and your sufferings will vanish! In chapter 32:1-37:24, Elihu presents his solution to Job's riddle: you are undergoing a divine discipline of love to deter you from farther sin; therefore, stop claiming innocence like the wicked do before G-d, and stop calling G-d's justice into question. G-d's solution finally appears in chps 38-41. In brief, G-d replies that to encounter G-d, whether in abasement or abundance, is enough and is worth everything. Then, in the epilogue, G-d 'restores what has been taken' (Yeol 2:25; Job 42:10) and 'all things work together (co-operate) for good for those who love G-d and are called according to his purpose' (Ro 8:28).

Have you ever had a Job experience? Our Moshiach did. Shliach Sha'ul did. Shliach Sha'ul seems to be talking about all true witnessing Ketuvim. Is the promise of Jer.31:31 New Covenant, knowing Hashem. The whole section starting from chapter 38 reveals the weakness, ignorance, unworthiness and stupidity of purny man so prone to arrogance. To sum up, in the book of Job the hero is presented as the ideal man of wisdom literature, a sage, prosperous, blessed of G-d and honored of men, one who is upright in character and on no account can be tempted to curse G-d, so great is his wise fear of the Almighty. A crisis occurs in Job's life that leads him to seek G-d in a deeper way. So extreme is Job's situation that nothing less than a personal encounter with G-d will suffice. Job's despair brings him to the point of discovering that philosophy and religion are amal m'nachamim "miserable comforters" (16:2). He needs to know G-d personally, nothing less will satisfy the gnawing yearning within his soul. This is the promise of Jer.31:31 New Covenant, knowing Hashem.
However, to seek an encounter with a Holy G-d requires an answer to the question raised by Bildad who asks Job, "How can a man be yitz'dak (righteous, justified) before G-d?" This question is answered in Chabakuk and Romans, and Galatians and has to do with our Melitz Yosher also mentioned in Job. He is our intercessor in Heaven, Moshiach Tsidkeinu (MJ 4:14-16) without whom no man can stand vindicated and redeemed as righteous before a righteous G-d. While Job stands rejected and forsaken with mockers around him (17:2), he reminds the reader of the picture we have of the suffering Servant of the L-rd in Isaiah 53 or the mocked Dovidic King in Psalm 22 (compare Job 27:4 to Isa. 53:9). In the midst of the satanic accusations Job "holds fast to his integrity" (27:6) and waits on the L-rd to confirm his innocence and accept him and his cause as just (Job 42:7-8). So the mocked sage who becomes a fool that the world curses and makes sport of is depicted here. This points the reader to Moshiah Tsidkeinu (Jeremiah 23:6) whom we embrace by faith and who enfolds us in his righteousness. This is Hashem's imputation of the righteousness of G-d, the righteousness through which we are made righteous. For in the Beuras HaGoulah is the righteousness of G-d revealed, as it is written, the tzaddik (righteous one) shall live by his emunah (Chabakak 2:4; Bereshis 15:6). Hashem's "My Righteous Servant (Isa 53:11)" makes others to be declared righteous in right standing with Hashem. The person of faith can be justified in the sight of Hashem only through trust in the righteousness of Moshiach and not through his own righteousness. Ask the Ruach Hakodesh to help you see the perfect and yashar ish, Moshiach Tsidkeinu and Moshieinu. Though we were created for mitzvos (Ep 2:10), it is Moshiach Tsidkeinu (our Righteousness, Jer 23:6) and not mitzvos which is our justification, and this is not our own doing but an act of Hashem whereby we are mercifully accounted free from the penalty of averos, even free of guilt, and graciously bestowed the status divine acquittal restores.

1 There was an ish in Eretz Uz, shmo Iyov; and that ish was blameless and yashar, and yire Elohim, and shunneth evil.

[2] And there were born unto him seven banim and shalosh banot.

[3] His possessions also were seven thousand tzon and three thousand gemalim, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-donkeys, and very many avadim; so that this ish was the greatest of kol bnei yisrael.

[4] And his banim went and held a mishteh in their bais, every one in his turn in his bais; and sent and called for their three achayot to eat and drink with them.

[5] And it was so, when his banim and his banot were eating and drinking in the bais achihem, when his banim and his banot were eating and drinking in the bais achihem, a malach (messenger) unto Iyov, that is habechor (the house of their firstborn brother) came to present themselves before Hashem, and Hasatan came also among them.

[7] And Hashem said unto Hasatan, From where comest thou? Then Hasatan answered Hashem, and said, From roaming to and fro in ha'aretz, and from walking up and down in it.

[8] And Hashem said unto Hasatan, Hast thou considered in thy heart avdi Iyov, that there is none like him in ha'aretz, a perfect and a yashar ish, yire Elohim, and shunneth evil?

[9] Then Hasatan answered Hashem, and said, Is Iyov a yire Elohim (G-d fearer) for nothing?

[10] Hast not Thou made a hedge [of protection] about him, and about his bais, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the ma'aseh (work) of his hands, and his possessions are increased in ha'aretz.

[11] But put forth Thine yad now, and strike all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face.

[12] And Hashem said unto Hasatan, Hinei, all that he hath is in Thy yad; only upon himself put not forth thine yad. So Hasatan went out from the presence of Hashem.

[13] And there was a yom when his banim and his banot were eating and drinking yayin in the bais achihem habechor (the house of their firstborn brother):

[14] And there came a malach (messenger) unto Iyov, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the donkeys feeding beside them;

[15] And the Sabeans attacked, and took them away; yea, they have slain the na'arim with the edge of the cherev; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.
While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, 'The eish Elohim is fallen from Shomayim, and hath burned up the tzon, and the na'arim, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.'

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, 'The Kasdim (Chaldeans) formed shloshah rashim, and fell upon the gemalim and have carried them away, yea and slain the na'arim with the edge of the cherev; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.'

While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, 'Thy banim and thy banot were eating and drinking yayin in the bais achihem habechor; And, hinei, there came a ruach gedolah from the midbar, and struck the arbah pinot (four corners) of the bais, and it fell upon the na'arim, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.'

Then Iyov arose, and made the keri'ah on his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshiped,

And said, Arom came I out of beten immi, and arom shall I return there; Hashem gave, and Hashem hath taken away; yehi Shem Hashem mevorach.

And Hashem said unto Hasatan, From where comest thou? And Hasatan answered Hashem, and said, From going to and fro through ha'aaretz, and from walking up and down in it.

And Hashem said unto Hasatan, Hast thou considered in your meditation Avdi (My Servant) Iyov, that there is none like him in ha'aretz, ish tam and yashar, yire Elohim, and shunning rah? And still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou inciteth Me against him, to ruin him for no reason.

And Hasatan answered Hashem, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that an ish hath will he give for his nefesh. But stretch forth Thine yad now, and touch his etzem and his basar, and he will curse Thee to Thy face.

And Hashem said unto Hasatan, Hinei, he is in thine yad; but spare his nefesh.

So went Hasatan out from the presence of Hashem, and afflicted Iyov with shekhin rah (foul boils) from the sole of his regel unto the top of his head.

And he took him a cheres (potsherd, piece of broken pottery) to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

Then said his isha unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse Elohim, and die.

But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the nevalot (foolish women) speaketh. What? Shall we receive hatov from Elohim, and shall we not accept harah? In all this did not Iyov sin in what he said.

Again there was a day when the Bnei HaElohim came to present themselves before Hashem, and Hasatan came also among them to present himself before Hashem.
Because it shut not up the dalatot of my mother's womb, nor hid amal (tzoros) from mine eyes. Why did I not come to mot at birth? Why did I not perish when I came out of the beten (belly, womb)? Madua (why) were there birkayim to receive me? Or why the shadayim that from them I should nurse? For atah (now) I would be lying still and quiet, have slept and been at rest, With melachim and yo'atzim of ha'aretz, which build ruins for themselves; Or with sarim (princes) that had zahav, who filled their batim (houses) with kesef; Or as a hidden stillborn--I had not been!--as olelim which never saw ohr. There the resha'im cease from troubling; and there the weary are at rest. There the asirim (prisoners, captives) rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor. The katon and gadol are there; and the eved is free from his adon. Why is ohr given to him that is in misery, and chayyim unto the bitter in nefesh; Which long for mavet, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hidden treasures; Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad, when they can find the kever? For ka'as (anger) killeth the foolish man, and kinah (envy) slayeth the simple one. The lion perisheth for lack of teref (prey), and the stout lion's cubs are scattered. Now a davar was secretly brought to me, and mine ear received a whisper thereof. In thoughts from the chezyonot lailah, when tardemah (deep sleep) falleth on anashim, Pachad came upon me, and trembling, which made all my atzmot to shake.
amal (trouble, tzoros) sprout out of the adamah;
7 Yet adam is born unto amal (trouble, tzoros), even as sparks fly upward.
8 I would seek El (G-d), and before Elohim would I lay my cause;
9 Who doeth gedolot unsearchable, marvellous things without mispar;
10 Who giveth matar upon eretz, and sendeth mayim upon the fields;
11 To set up on high those that be the shefalim (the lowly ones); that those which mourn may be exalted to safety,
12 Thwarting the machshevot of the arumim (crafty ones), so that their hands cannot accomplish tushiyyah (success).
13 He taketh the chachamim in their own arum (craftiness), and the etzah of the wily is swiftly swept away.
14 They meet with choshech in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the lailah,
15 But He saveth the needy from the cherev of their mouth, and from the yad chazak.
16 So the poor hath tikveh, and olatah (perversity, wickedness) stoppeth her mouth.
17 Hinei, ashrei is the enosh whom Eloah correcteth; therefore despise not thou the musar (chastening) of Shaddai;
18 For He woundeth, and bindeth up; He injureth, and His yadayim (hands) heal.
22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh; neither shalt thou be afraid of the chayyat ha'aretz.
23 For thou shalt be in league with the avanim of the sadeh, and the chayyat sadeh shall be hashelemah (at peace) with thee.
24 And thou shalt know that shalom shall be thy ohel; and thou shalt visit thy habitation, and find nothing wanting.
25 Thou shalt know also that thy zera shall be rav, and thyne offspring as the esev ha'aretz.
26 Thou shalt come to thy kever in a ripe age, like a shock of grain cometh in its season.
27 Hinei zot, this we have searched out, so it is; hear it, and apply thou it for thy good.

But Iyov answered and said,
2 Oh that my ka'as (vexation) were throughly weighed, and my calamity laid in the scales together!
3 For now it would be heavier than the chol of the seas; therefore my words are impetuous.
4 For the khitzim (arrows) of Shaddai are in me, the poison whereof drinketh my ruach; the terrors of Eloah do set themselves in array against me.
5 Doth the pereh (wild donkey) bray when he hath desheh? Or loweth the ox over his fodder?
6 Can that which is tasteless be eaten without melach? Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?
7 The things that my nefesh refused to touch are like my loathsome lechem.
8 Who will grant that I might have my she’elah (request); oh that Eloah would grant me my tikveh!
9 Even that it would please Eloah to crush me; that He would let loose His yad, and cut me off!
10 Then should I yet have nechamah (consolation); yea, I would exult in chilah (pain); let him not spare; for I have not concealed the imrei Kadosh (words of the Holy One).
11 What is my koach, that I should wait? And what is mine end, that I should make patient my nefesh?
12 Is my koach the koach of avanim? Or is my basar bronze?
13 Is it that my help is not within me? And is tushiyyah (success) driven from me?
14 To him that is afflicted, chesed should be shown from his friend; otherwise, he forsaketh the fear of Shaddai.
15 Achai (my brethren) have dealt deceitfully as a wadi, and as the torrents of wadis they vanish away;
16 Which are blackish muddy by reason of the kerakh (ice), and wherein the sheleg (snow) is melted.
17 What season they become warm, they vanish; when it is hot, they disappear from their makom.
18 The paths of their derech wind about; they go up to tohu [Gn 1:2], and perish.
19 The caravans of Tema looked for them; the halichot (traveling companies) of Sheva hoped for them.
20 They were disappointed because of their bitachon; they come there and are confounded.
21 For now ye are become such; ye see my chatat (casting down), and are afraid.
22 Did I say, Bring unto me? Or, Give a present for me of your ko’ach (power, wealth)?
23 Or, Deliver me from the yad tzar (hand of the enemy, oppressor)? Or, Redeem
me with a ransom from the yad of the tyrants?

[24] Teach me, and I will hold my tongue, and cause me to have binah wherein I have erred.

[25] How forcible are the imrei yosher (words of rectitude)! But what doth your hokhiach (reproof) reprove?

[26] Do ye think to reprove words? The words of one in despair, which are as ruach?

[27] Yea, ye cast lots for the yatom, and over your friend ye barter.

[28] Now therefore be pleased to look upon me; for it is evident unto you if in me there is kazav (falsity).

[29] Turn, now, let there be no iniquity; yea, turn again; at issue is my tzedek (righteousness).

[30] Is there not a tzava (forced hard service in the army) to enosh (man) upon earth? Are not his days also like the yamim of a sachir (hired laborer)?

[31] As an eved earnestly longeth for tzel (shade), and as a sachir waiteth for the wage of his work,

[32] So am I made to possess months of shav (vanity, futility), and lailot amal (nights of weariness) are appointed to me.

[33] When I lie down, I say, Mosai (how long) till I arise? But the erev drags on, and I am full of tossings to and fro unto dawn.

[34] My basar is clothed with worm and clod of aphar; my ohr (skin) is broken, and become loathsome.

[35] My yamim are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without tikveh.

[36] O remember that my life is ruach (wind); mine eye shall no more see tov.

[37] The ayin (eye) of him that hath seen me shall see me no longer; thine eyes are upon me, and I am no more.

[38] Like the anan that fades and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to Sheol shall come up no more.

[39] He shall return no more to his bais, neither shall his makom know him any more.

[40] Therefore I will not curb my mouth; I will complain in the mar (bitterness) of my nefesh.

[41] Am I a yam, or a tannin (monster of the yam [sea]), that Thou settest a mishmar (guard watch) over me?

[42] When I say, My bed shall give me nachamah (comfort), my couch shall ease my complaint,

[43] Then Thou frightenest me with chalomot (dreams), and terrifiest me through chezyonot (visions),

[44] So that my nefesh chooseth machanak (strangling) and mavet (death) rather than this skeleton.

[45] I loathe it; I would not live l'olam, let me alone; for my yamim are hevel (vanity, meaningless).

[46] What is enosh (man), that Thou shouldest set Thine lev upon him?

[47] Though thy reshit (beginning) was small, yet thy acharit (end) shall be exceedingly great.

[48] For inquire, now, of the dor rishon (former age), and consider the research of their avot;

[49] --For we are but of temol (yesterday, etmol) and know nothing, because yameinu (our days) upon earth are a tzel (shadow)--

[50] Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and bring forth words out of their lev?

[51] How long dost Thou not look away from me? Nor let me alone till I swallow down my rok (spittle)?

[52] That Thou shouldest visit him every boker, and try him every moment?

[53] How long dost Thou not look away from me? Nor let me alone till I swallow down my rok (spittle)?

[54] Chatati (I have sinned); what shall I do unto Thee, O Thou Notzer HaAdam (Observer of men)? Why hast Thou set me as a mifgah (mark, target, something to be hit) to Thee, so that I am a massa (burden) to Thee?

[55] And why dost Thou not pardon my peysha (transgression), and take away my avon (iniquity)? For now shall I sleep in the aphar; and Thou shalt search for me, but I shall be no more.

Then answered Bildad the Shuchi, and said,

[2] How long wilt thou speak these things? And how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a raging ruach (wind)?

[3] Doth El pervert mishpat (justice)? Or doth Shaddai pervert tzedek (righteousness)?

[4] If thy banim have sinned against Him, and He have cast them away for their peysha (transgression);

[5] If thou wouldest seek El (G-d) earnestly, and make thy techinnah (supplication) to Shaddai;

[6] If thou wert pure and yashar; surely now He would rouse Himself for thee, and restore the habitation of thy tzedek.

[7] Though thy reshit (beginning) was small, yet thy acharit (end) shall be exceedingly great.

[8] For inquire, now, of the dor rishon (former age), and consider the research of their avot;

[9] --For we are but of temol (yesterday, etmol) and know nothing, because yameinu (our days) upon earth are a tzel (shadow)--

[10] Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and bring forth words out of their lev?


[12] Whilst it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down, it withereth
before kol khatzir (all grass).

| 13 | So are the paths of all
that forget El (G-d), and
the tikvat chanef (hope of
the hypocrite, the irreligious,
the secretly wicked profane
person) shall perish,
| 14 | Whose hope shall be cut
off, and whose reliance shall
be a bais akavish (spider's
web).
| 15 | He shall lean upon his
bais, but it shall not stand,
he shall cling to it, but it shall
not hold.
| 16 | He is like a green plant
before the shemesh, and its
branch shooteth forth in its
gan (garden).
| 17 | Its shorashim (roots) are
wrapped about the rock heap,
and it looks on the bais
avanim (place of stones).
| 18 | But when cast away from
its makom, then its place shall
deny it, saying, Loh re'iticha (I
never saw thee).

Then Iyov answered and
said,

| 2 | I know it is indeed
thus, but how should yitzdak
Enosh im El (Man be in the
right, justified, before G-d)?
| 3 | If he will contend with
Him, once of a thousand can
Man not answer G-d back.
| 4 | G-d is chochom in lev, and
mighty in ko'ach; who hath
hardened himself to defy Him
and remained unhurt?
Neither is there any mochiach (arbitrator) between us, that might lay his yad upon us both. 

Let Him take His shevet (rod) away from me, and let not His fear terrify me. 

Then would I speak, and not fear Him; but it is not ken (so) with me.

My nefesh is sick of my life; I will give free rein to my si'akh (complaint); I will speak in the mar (bitterness) of my nefesh.

I will say unto Eloah, Do not condemn me; show me what charge Thou dost contend with me.

Is it hatov (pleasing) unto Thee that Thou shouldest oppress, that Thou shouldest reject the work of Thine hands, and shine favor upon the etzah (scheme) of the reshaim?

Hast Thou eyes of basar? Or seest Thou as enosh seeth?

Are Thy yamim like the yamim of enosh? Are Thy years like the days of gever (man),

That Thou seekest after mine avon, and searchest after my chattat?

Though Thou has da'as that I am not a resha, and there is none that can deliver out of Thine yad, 

Thine yadayim have formed me and altogether round about have fashioned me; yet Thou hast now swallowed me.

Remember, now, that Thou hast molded me like the chomer (clay), and wilt Thou turn me into aphar again?

Hast Thou not poured me out like cholov, and curdled me like gvinah (cheese)?

Thou hast clothed me with ohr and basar, and hast knitted me together with atzmot and sinews.

Thou hast granted me chayyim and chesed, and Thy visitation hath been shomer over my ruach.

And these things hast Thou hid in Thine lev; I have da'as that this was in Thy mind.

If I sin, then Thou art shomer over me, and Thou wilt not let my avon go unpunished.

If I am guilty, woe unto me; even if I be tzaddik (innocent), yet will I not lift up my head, being full of kalon (shame) and conscious of my oni (misery),

If my head is held high, Thou stalkest me like a fierce lion, and ever Thou displayest Thy awesome power against me.

Thou bringest Thy fresh edim (witnesses) against me, and increasest Thine hot indignation toward me; in waves Thy tzava troop against me.

Why then hast Thou brought me forth out of the rechem (womb)? Oh that I had expired, and no eye had seen me!

I should have been as though I had never been; I should have been carried from the beten straight to the kever.

Are not my yamim few? Then cease, and let me alone, that I may take a little cheer before I go from where I shall not return, even to the Eretz Choshech V’Tzalmavet, an eretz of darkness, like darkness itself; and of tzalmavet, no sedarim (order), where the light is like darkness.

Then answered Tzophar the Na’amati, and said,

Should not the multitude of dvarim be answered? And should an ish full of talk yitzdak (be justified)?

Should thy vain talk silence men, so that thou mockest, vein machlim (without anyone putting thee to shame)?

For thou hast said, My lekach (doctrine, teaching, belief) is pure, and I am clean in Thine eyes.

But oh that Eloah would speak, and open His lips against thee.

And that He would show thee the secrets of chochmah, that tushiyyah (true wisdom) has two sides! Have da’as therefore that Eloah forgetteeth much of thy avon.

Canst thou search out the checker Eloah (depths of G-d)? Canst thou probe to the tachlis Shaddai (the end, completeness of Almighty)?

It is like the heights of Shomayim; what canst thou do? Deeper than Sheol; of what canst thou have da’as?

The measure thereof is longer than ha’aretz, and broader than the yam (sea).

When Eloah passes by and arrests and convenes for judgment, who then can constrain Him?

For He has da’as of deceitful men; He seeth wickedness also; will He not then take note of it?

But before a witless ish can become wise, a colt of a pereh (wild donkey) would be born an adam!

If thou direct thine lev, and stretch out thine hands to Him,
[14] If iniquity be in thine yad, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy ohalim.

[15] For then shalt thou lift up thy face without mum; yea, thou shalt be firm, and shalt not fear,

[16] Because thou shalt forget thy amal (grief), and remember it as waters that flow by,

[17] And thine cheled (duration of life) shall be brighter than the tzohorayim (noonday); thou shalt shine forth; thou shalt be as the boker.

[18] And thou shalt be secure, because now there is tikveh; yea, thou shalt search, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

[19] Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid; yea, rabbin (many) shall court thy favor.

[20] But the eyes of the resham (trackless wilderness), and they shall not escape, and their tikveh shall be as the last gasp of the nefesh.

[21] See, mine eye hath seen all this, mine ozen hath heard and understood it.

[22] He uncovers the depths of choshech, and bringeth tzalmavet to light.

[23] He giveth prosperity to the Govim, and then destroyeth them; He enlargeth them, and then carrieth the Govim away.

[24] He taketh away the lev (understanding) of the Rashei Am Ha'aretz, and sendeth them to tohu lo derech (trackless wilderness).

[25] They grope in the choshech without ohr, and He maketh them to stagger like a shikkor (drunken man).

[26] And Iyov answered and said,

[27] Doubtless then ye are the people, and chochmah shall die with you.

[28] But I have levan (understanding) as well as you; I am not inferior to you; yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

[29] I am as a laughingstock to his neighbor: The man who calleth upon Eloah [they say of me], and He answereth him! [To them I am] a laughingstock, the tzaddik, the tamim (blameless one)!

[30] Those at ease have buz (contempt) for a downfall which awaits the one whose regel is slipping.

[31] The ohalim of shodedim (robbers) remain in peace; they that defy El are secure, who Eloah brought forth by His yad.

[32] But ask now the behemot, and they shall teach thee, and the oph haShomayim (birds of the air), and they shall tell thee;

[33] Or speak to haaretz, and it shall teach thee; and the dagim of the yam shall declare unto thee.

[34] Of all these, who lacketh daas that the yad Hashem hath wrought this?

[35] In whose yad is the nefesh of every living thing, and the ruach of kol basar ish.

[36] Doth not the ozen (ear) test words? And the mouth tastes its ochel?

[37] With the ancient ones is chochmah; and in orech yamim (length of days) is binah (understanding).

[38] With Him is chochmah and gevurah; He hath etzah and understanding.

[39] See, what He tears down cannot be reconstructed; He shutteth up an ish, and there can be no prison release.

[40] See, He withholdeth the waters, and they dry up; also He sendeth them out, and they overturn eretz.

[41] With Him is oz (strength) and tushiyyah (true wisdom); the deceived and the deceiver are His.

[42] He leadeth yoatzim (counsellors) away stripped, and maketh the shofetim (judges) fools.

[43] He looseth the shackles of melachim (kings), and girdeth their loins with loincloth.

[44] He leadeth kohanim away stripped, and overthroweth the mighty.

[45] He removeth the speech of the ne'emanim (trusted ones), and taketh away the understanding of the zekenim.

[46] He poureth buz (contempt) upon nobles, and loosens the belt of the mighty.
[12] Your zichron meshalim (memorable sayings) are like unto ashes, your defenses are strongholds of chomer (clay).

[13] Hold your peace, let me alone, that Ani (I) may speak, and let come on me what will.

[14] Why do I take my basar in my teeth, and take my nefesh in mine yad?

[15] Though He slay me, yet will I wait for and trust in Him; and let come on me what will.

[16] He also shall be my Yeshuah (salvation); for a chanef (irreligious man, hypocrite) shall not come before Him.

[17] Hear diligently my confession, and my declaration with your oznayim.

[18] Hinei now, I have prepared my mishpat (cause, case); I know that I shall be acquitted.

[19] Who is he that can contend against me? For atah (now), if I hold my tongue, I shall expire.

[20] Only do not shhtayim (two things) unto me; then will I not hide myself from Thee.

[21] Withdraw Thine hand far from me, and let not Thy eimah (dread, terror) make me afraid.

[22] Then kerah (summon), and I will answer; or let me speak, and answer me.

[23] How many are mine avonot and chattatot? Make me to know my peysha and my chattat.

[24] Lammah (why) hidest Thou Thy face, and holdest me for Thine enemy?

[25] Wilt Thou frighten away a leaf driven to and fro? And wilt Thou pursue the dry kash (straw, chaff)?

[26] For Thou writest down merorot (bitter things) against me, and makest me to inherit the avonot of my neurim (youth).

[27] Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, and observest kol orkhot (paths, ways) of me; Thou settest a mark upon the soles of my raglayim,

[28] Around one who wastes away as a rotten thing, as a beged (garment) that is moth eaten.

14 Adam that is born of isha is of few yamim and full of rogez (unrest).

[2] He cometh forth like a tzitz (flower), and is cut down; he fleeth also as a zel, and continueth not.

[3] And doth Thou open Thine eyes upon such a one, and bringest me into mishpat with Thee?


[5] Seeing his yamim are determined, the number of his chodashim (months) are with Thee, Thou hast appointed his limits that he cannot exceed.

[6] Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as a sachir (a hired man), his day.

[7] For there is tikveh of an etz, if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.

[8] Though the shoresh (root) thereof grow old in ha'aretz, and the stump thereof die in the aphant (dust),

[9] Yet through the scent of mayim it will bud, and bring forth branches like a young plant.

[10] But gerer dieth, and wasteth away; yea, adam breathes his last, and where is he?

[11] As the mayim flow away from the yam, and the nahar (stream) becomes parched and drieth up,

[12] So ish lieth down, and riseth not, till Shomayim be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

[13] O that Thou wouldest hide me in Sheol, that Thou wouldest conceal me until Thy wrath has passed, that Thou wouldest appoint me a chok (set time), and remember me!

[14] If a gever die, shall he live again? All the days of the tzava (hard army service) will I wait, till my chulafah (changing, renewal) come.

[15] Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee; Thou wilt have a desire for the maasch (work) of Thine hands.

[16] For now Thou countest my steps. Dost Thou not watch over my chattat?

[17] My peysha is sealed up in a bag, and Thou would cover over mine avon.

[18] And surely the har (mountain) falling crumbles, and the tzur (rock) is moved out of its place.

[19] The mayim wear away the avanim; Thou wastest away the things which grow out of the aphant aretz; and Thou destroyest the tikvat enosh.

[20] Thou prevailst lanetzach (forever) against him, and he passeth away; Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

[21] His banim come to honor, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

[22] Only his basar shall have pain upon him, and his nefesh within him shall mourn.

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Temani, and said,

[2] Should a chacham (wise man) utter vain knowledge, and fill his inner being with the east wind?
Should he reason with unprofitable davar (talk)? Or with speeches wherewith no good is done?

Yea, thou makest void Elohim, and doth diminish si’akh (meditation) before El.

For thy mouth uttereth thine avon, and thou choosest the leshon arumim (tongue of the crafty).

Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and loh Ani (not I); yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

Art thou harishon adam (the first man) that was born? Or wast thou made before the hills?

Hast thou attended to the sod Eloah (counsel of G-d)? And dost thou limit chochmah to thyself?

Of what dost thou have da’as, that we know not? What understandest thou, which is not in us?

Both the grayheaded and very aged men are among us, much elder than avicha.

Are the tanechumot El (consolations of G-d) not enough for thee? Or the davar that deals gently with thee?

Why doth thine lev carry thee away? And why do thy eyes flash,

That thou ventest thy ruach against El (G-d), and lettest such words pour out of thy mouth?

What is enosh, that he should be pure in the sight of Hashem? And he which is born of an isha, that yitzdak (he should be in the right)?

If He trusteth not His Kedoshim; yea, Shomayim is not pure in His eyes.

How much more vile and corrupt is ish, which drinketh iniquity like mayim?

I will show thee, shema to me; and that which I have seen I will declare;

Things which chachamim declare from their avot without concealment;

Unto whom alone ha’aretz was given, and no zar passed among them.

The reshalh travaileth with pain all his yamim, and numbered shanim are reserved for the oppressor.

A dreadful sound is in his ozneyim; during shalom the shoded (destroyer) shall come upon him.

He believeth not in a return from choshech, and he is marked for the cherev.

He wandereth about after lechem, saying, Where is it? He has da’as the Yom Cho-shech is near at hand for him.

Distress and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall seize him as a melech poised for battle.

He stretcheth out his yad against El (G-d), and with insolence vaunts himself against Shaddai.

He charges against Him, with a stiff neck, with the thick bosses of his mogen (shield);

Though he covereth his panim with his fatness, and addeth fat on his flanks;

And he dwelleth in desolate towns, and in batim (houses) which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to crumble to rubble.

He shall not be osher, neither shall his substance continue; neither shall their possessions spread over ha’aretz.

He shall not escape from choshech; the flame shall wither his branches, and in the ruach of his mouth shall he perish.

Let not him that is deceived trust in shav (vanity); for shav shall be his recompense.

His Yom is not yet; then it is accomplished, and his branch shall not flourish.

He shall shake off his unripe grape like the gefen, and shall cast off his blossom like the zayit (olive tree).

For the Adat Chanef (congregation of hypocrites) shall be barren, and eish shall consume the ohalim of bribery.

They conceive amal (trouble), and give birth to evil, and their belly worketh mirmar (deceit).

Then Iyov answered and said,

I also could speak as ye do; if your nefesh were in place of my nefesh, I could heap up words against you, and shake mine head at you.

But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and the moving of my shfatayim (lips) should relieve your grief.

Though I speak, my grief is not relieved, and though I forbear, mah (what) alleviation is it for me?

But now He hath worn me out; Thou hast made desolate kol adat (whole household) of me.

And Thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is an ed (witness) against me; and my leanness rising up in me beareth witness to my face.

He teareth me in his wrath, who warreth against me; He gnasheth upon me with His shinayim (teeth); mine adversary sharpeneth His eyes against me.

They have struck at me with their mouth; they have struck me upon the lekhi (cheek) reproachfully; [Isa 50:6; Lam 3:30]
they have conspired themselves together against me.
[11] El hath delivered me to evil men, and turned me over into the hands of the resha'im.
[12] I was at ease, but He hath shattered me; He hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for His mattarah (object of attack, target).
[13] His archers surround me, He pierces my klayot (kidneys), and doth not show mercy; He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
[14] He bursteth upon me again and again; He runneth upon me like a gibbor (warrior).
[15] I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and laid my keren (horn, strength) in the aphar (dust).
[16] My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is the tzalmavet.
[17] Not for any chamas in mine hands; also my tefillah is pure.
[18] O earth, cover not thou my dahm, and let my outcry have no makom (place of rest).
[19] Also now, hinei, my Ed is in Shomayim, and my Sahed (witness, one who vouches for me) is on high [MJ 4:15].
[20] My friends scorn me; but mine eye poureth out tears unto Eloah.
[21] O that one might plead for a man with Eloah, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor!
[22] When a few shanot are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17 My ruach is broken, my yamim are extinct, the kevarim are ready for me.

18 Then answered Bildad the Shuchi, and said,
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Then Iyov answered and said,

19 How long will ye torment my nefesh, and crush me with words?

20 These ten times have ye reproached me; ye have no bushah that ye cause me astonishment.

And be it indeed that I have erred, mine meshugah (error) remaineth with myself.

If indeed ye will magnify yourselves above me, and use against me my cherpah (reproach, humiliation),

Have da'as now that Eloah hath put me in the wrong, and hath encompassed me with his matzud (net).

Behold, when I cry chamas, I am not heard; I cry for help, but there is no mishpat.

He hath fenced around my way that I cannot pass, and set choshech in my paths.

He hath stripped me of my kavod, and taken the atzet from my rosh.

He breaks me down on every side till I am gone, and mine tikveh hath He uprooted like an etz.

He hath also kindled His wrath against me, and He counteth me unto Him as His tzaar (enemy).

His forces come together, and raise up their siege ramp against me, and encamp around my obel.

He hath put achai (my brethren) far from me, and mine acquaintances are verily estranged from me.

My kerov (near and dear) have failed, and my familiar friends have forgiven me.

They that dwell in mine bais, and my maidservants, count me for a zar; I am a nokhri in their sight.

I summoned avdi, and he gave me no answer; I entreated him with my mouth.

My ruach is repulsive to my isha, loathsome to bnei beten of mine.

Even avilim (little children) treat me with contempt; I appear, and they ridicule me.

All my metei sod (confidants) detest me, and they whom I loved are turned against me.

Why do ye persecute me like El, not satisfied with my basar?

Oh that my words were but written! O that they were recorded in a sefer!

That they were engraved with a pen of barzel and with oferet (lead) in the tzur forever!

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand up at Acharon (at the Last) upon aphar (dust, the earth);

And though after my ohr (skin) has been thus destroyed, yet from my basar I shall see Eloah;

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and no other; my heart faints within me.

But ye think, How we will persecute him, seeing the shoresh (root) of the matter is found in me?

Be ye afraid of the cherev; for wrath bringeth the avonot (punishments) of the cherev, that ye may know there is a judgment.

Then answered Tzophar the Na’amati, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to answer, and ba’avur (because of [this]) I make haste.

3 I hear the musar that insults me, and the ruach of my understanding causeth me to answer.

4 Knowest thou not this of old, since adam was placed upon earth,

5 That the triumphing of the resha’im is short, and the simchat chanef (joy of the hypocrite) but for a moment?

6 Though his excellency mount up to Shomayim, and his rosh reach unto the clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish lanetzach (forever) like his own dung; they which have seen him shall say, Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a chalom, and shall not be found; yea, he shall be chased away as a chezyon lailah.

9 The ayin also which saw him shall see him no more; neither shall his makom any more behold him.

10 His banim shall seek the favor of the poor, and his hands shall restore their goods.

11 His atzmot are full of youthful vigor, which shall lie down with him in the aphar.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth, though he hide it under his leshon;

13 Though he savor it, and forsake it not, but keep it still betoch (within) his mouth;
Yet his lechem in his stomach is turned sour; it is the venom of vipers within him. He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again; El shall drive them out of his beten. He shall suck the venom of asps; the viper’s leshon shall slay him. He shall not see the rivers, the floods, the brooks of devash and khemah (butter, curds). That which he labored for shall he give back, and shall not swallow it down; he shall not rejoice according to his chayil temurah (business profit). Because he hath oppressed and hath forsaken the destitute; because he hath violently seized a bais which he built not; Surely he knew no quiet in his beten; he shall not save anything which he desired. There shall none of his ochel be left; therefore his posterity will not endure. In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in distress; kol yad of misery shall come upon him. When he is about to fill his beten, He shall cast the charon af (fury of His wrath) upon him, and shall rain it upon him while he is eating. He shall flee from the weapon of barzel (iron), and the keshet of bronze shall strike him through. It is drawn, and cometh out of their body; yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall; emim (terrors [of death]) are upon them. Kol choshech is reserved for his treasures; an eish not fanned shall consume him; it shall go ill with him that is left in his ohel. Shomayim shall reveal his iniquity; and eretz shall rise up against him. The increase of his bais shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in [G-d’s] Yom Af. This is the chelek of an adam rasha from Elohim, and the nachalah decreed unto him by El (G-d). Shalom shall reveal his iniquity; and eretz shall rise up against him. The increase of his bais shall depart, and his goods shall flow away in [G-d’s] Yom Af. This is the chelek of an adam rasha from Elohim, and the nachalah decreed unto him by El (G-d).
derech? And do ye not accept their testimony,

|30| That the rah is spared in the yom eid (day of calamity)? They shall be rescued in the yom avarot (day of wrath).
|31| Who shall declare his derech to his face? And who shall repay him what he hath done?
|32| Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the gadish (gravemound).
|33| The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him, and kol adam shall draw after him, as there are innumerable before him.
|34| How then comfort ye me with hevel (empty nothings), seeing in your answers there is nothing left but falsehood?

Then Eliphaz of Teman answered and said,

|2| Can a gever be profitable unto El, as he that has seichel may be profitable unto himself?
|3| Is it any pleasure to Shaddai, that thou art tzaddik? Or is it gain to Him, that thou makest thy ways blameless?
|4| Is it for thy yireh [Elohim] that He reproves thee? Will He enter with thee into mishpat?
|5| Is not thy rah great? And thine avonot infinite?
|6| For thou hast exacted a pledge from thy brother for naught, and stripped the arummim (naked ones) of their clothing.
|7| Thou hast not given mayim to the weary to drink, and thou hast withheld lechem from the hungry.
|8| But as for the ish zeraa (mighty man), his is ha’aretz; and the honorable man dwelt therein.
|9| Thou hast sent almanot away empty, and the arms of the yetomim have been broken.

[10] Therefore pachim (snares) are around thee, and sudden pachad troubleth thee;
[11] Or choshech, that thou canst not see; and overflow of mayim cover thee.
[12] Is not Eloah in the height of Shomayim? and hinei the rosh kokhavim, how high they are!
[13] And thou sayest, How doth El know? Can He judge through the thick cloud?
[14] Thick clouds veil Him, that He seeth not; and He walketh in the vault of Shomayim.
[15] Wilt thou note the orach olam which wicked men have trodden?
[16] Who were cut down before their time, whose yesod was overflown with a flood;
[17] Yet He filled their batim (houses) with tov; but the etza (counsel) of the resha'im is far from me.
[18] Verily our foe is destroyed, and the abundance of them the eish consumeth.
[19] Thou shalt make thy prayer unto Him, and He shall hear thee, and thou shalt fulfill thy nederim.

22 Then Iyov answered and said,

|2| Even hayom (today) is my complaint bitter; my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
|3| Oh that I knew where I might find Him! That I might come even to His techunah (abode)!
|4| I would order my mishpat (cause) before Him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
|5| I would know the words which He would answer me, and have binah of what He would say unto me.
|6| Will He contend against me with His great koach? No, but He would pay heed to me.
|7| Where the yashar might dispute with Him; so should I be delivered forever from my Shofet (Judge).
|8| Hen (behold), I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him;
|9| On the left hand, where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him; He hideth himself yamin (on the right hand), that I cannot see Him;
|10| But He knoweth the derech that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as zahav.

[23] When they are cast down, thou shalt say, Arise, and He shall save the one with low eynayim (i.e., humility).
[24] He shall deliver even the guilty, and he is delivered by the bar (cleanliness) of thine hands.

[27] Thou shalt lift up thy face unto Eloah.
[28] Thou shalt also decide a matter, and it shall be established unto thee, and the ohr shall shine upon thy ways.

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|6| Will He contend against me with His great koach? No, but He would pay heed to me.
|7| There the yashar might dispute with Him; so should I be delivered forever from my Shofet (Judge).
|8| Hen (behold), I go forward, but He is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him;
|9| On the left hand, where He doth work, but I cannot behold Him; He hideth himself yamin (on the right hand), that I cannot see Him;
|10| But He knoweth the derech that I take; when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as zahav.
|11| My regel hath held to His steps, over His way have I been shomer, and not turned aside.
|12| Neither have I gone back from the mitzvah of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my appointed portion.
|13| But He stands alone, and who can turn Him? And what His nefesh desireth, even that He doeth.
|14| For He accomplisheth the thing that is appointed for me; and rabbot (many) such things are with Him.
|15| Al-ken (therefore) am I troubled at His presence; when I consider, I am afraid of Him.
|16| For El maketh my lev dejected, and Shaddai troubleth me,
|17| Because I was not cut off from before the choshech, neither hath He hidden deep darkness from my face.

Why are times [for judgment] from Shaddai not kept, and why do those who have da'as of Him not see his yamim [days [of assize]]?
|2| Some move the boundary stones; they steal edar, and pasture them.
|3| They drive away the chamor of the yetomim, they take the ox of the almanah for a pledge.
|4| They thrust the needy out of the derech; the poor of the eretz needs hide themselves together.
|5| Look, as wild donkeys in the midbar go they forth to their work; foraging for teref (nourishment); the wilderness yieldeth lechem for them and for their na'arim.
|6| They reap every one his fodder in the sadeh, and they glean the kerem of the resha'im.
|7| They spend the night arom (naked) without levush (clothing), they have no covering in the cold.
|8| They are wet with the rain of the harim, and embrace the tzur for want of a shelter.
|9| They pluck the yatom from the breast, and seize the oni for debt.
|10| They cause him to go arom without levush, and they take away the omer (sheaf) from the hungry;
|11| Which crush olives within their walls, and tread their winepresses, yet suffer thirst.
|12| Men groan from out of the Ir, and the nefesh of the chalalim (wounded ones) crieth out, yet Eloah chargeth not tiflah (folly) to them.
|13| They are of those that are moredei ohr (rebelling ones against the light); they know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
|14| The rotzeach rising with the daylight killeth the oni and needy, and in the lailah is like a ganav.
|15| The eye also of the no'ef is shomer, watching for the dusk's twilight, saying, No eye shall see me, and puts something to hide his face.
|16| In the choshech they dig through batim (houses); in the daytime they shut themselves in; they have no da'as of the ohr.

If even the yarei'ach shineth not, yea, the kokhavim are not pure in His sight,
|5| If even the yarei'ach shineth not, yea, the kokhavim are not pure in His sight,
|6| How much less enosh, that is a maggot? And the ben adam, which is a tola'at (worm)?
26 But Iyov answered and said, 
|2| How hast thou helped him that is without ko'ach? How savest thou the zero'a that hath no oz (strength)? 
|3| How hast thou counseled him that hath no chochmah? And how hast thou plentifully declared the tushiyyah (efficient wisdom)? 
|4| To whom hast thou uttered words? And whose neshamah came from thee? 
|5| Dead things tremble from under the mayim, and the inhabitants thereof. 
|6| Sheol is naked before Him, and Avaddon hath no cover. 
|7| He stretcheth out the Tzafon over the tohu, and hangeth eretz upon nothing. 
|8| He bindeth up the mayim in His thick clouds; and the anan doeth not burst under them. 
|9| He covers the face of [His] kisse, and spreadeth His anan upon it. 
|10| He hath circled the horizon on the face of the mayim for a boundary between ohr and choshech. 

Moreover Iyov continued his mashal, and said, 
|2| As El liveth, Who hath taken away my mishpat, and Shaddai, Who hath saddened my nefesh; 
|3| All the while my neshamah is in me, and the ruach of Eloah is in my nostrils, 
|4| My lips shall not speak falsehood, nor my leshon utter deceit. 
|5| Far be it from me I should justify you; till I die I will not remove mine tom (integrity) from me. 
|6| My tzedakah I hold fast, and will not let it go; my lev shall not reproach for any of my days. 
|7| Let mine enemy be as the rasha (evildoer), and he that riseth up against me as unrighteous. 
|8| For what is the tikveh of the chanef, when He cutteth off, when Eloah taketh away, his nefesh? 
|9| Will El hear his cry when tzarah cometh upon him? 
|10| Will he delight himself in Shaddai? Will he always call upon Eloah? 
|11| I will teach you concerning the yad El; that which is with Shaddai will I not conceal. 
|12| Hen (behold), all ye yourselves have seen it; why then are ye thus altogether vain? 
|13| This is the chelek (lot) of the adam rasha with El and the nachalah of oppressors, which they shall receive from Shaddai. 
|14| If his banim be multiplied, it is for the cherev, and his offspring shall not have lechem enough. 
|15| Those that survive him shall be buried in mavet, and his almanot shall not weep. 

28 Surely there is a mine for the kesef, and a makom for zahav where they refine it. 
|2| Barzel (iron) is taken out of aphar, and nechoshet is smelted out of the even (stone, ore). 
|3| He setteth a ketz to choshech, and searcheth out all extremities, the even (ore) of darkness and tzalmavet. 
|4| He cuts out a shaft down far from the inhabitant; forgotten of the regel, they dangle, suspended, away from enosh. 
|5| As for eretz, out of it cometh lechem, and under it is transformed as by eish. 
|6| The stones of it are the makom of the sapphire, and it hath ore of zahav. 
|7| There is a hidden path of which no bird of prey has da'as, and which the falcon's eye hath not seen.
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The proud beasts have not trodden it, nor the shachal (lion’s cub) passed over it. He [the miner] putteth forth his yad upon the rock; he upturneth the mountains by the shoresh. He cutteth out channels through the tzurot (rocks), and his eye seeth every precious thing. He dams up the streams from flowing, and the thing that is hidden bringeth he forth to ohr.

But where shall chochmah be found? And where is the makom binah? Enosh knoweth not the price thereof; neither is it found in the Eretz HaChayyim. The tehom (abyss) saith, It is not in me; and the yam saith, It is not with me. It cannot be gotten in exchange for fine gold, neither shall kesef be weighed for the price thereof. It cannot be valued with the fine gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. The zahav and the crystal cannot equal it, and the exchange of it shall not be for the jewel of gold. Nor shall mention be made of coral or crystal, for the price of chochmah is above pearls. The chrysolite of Ethiopia shall not equal it, neither shall it be valued with tabor gold. From where then cometh chochmah? And where is the makom binah? Seeing it is hidden from the eyes of kol chai, and concealed from the oph HaShomayim.

Abaddon and Mavet say, We have heard a rumor thereof with our ears. Moreover Iyov continued his mashal, and said, Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when Eloah was shomer over me; When His ner (lamp) shined upon my rosh, and when by His ohr I walked through choshech; As I was in the days of my prime, when the Sod Eloah (friendship, counsel of G-d) was over my ohel; When Shaddai was yet with me, when my children were around me; When I washed my steps with khemah, and the tzur poured me out streams of shemen; When I went out to the sha’ar through the city, when I took my moshav in the rekhov! The ne’arim saw me, and stepped aside, and the aged arose, and stood up. The sarim (nobles) refrained from talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their peace, and their leshon cleaved to the roof of their mouth.

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Elohim understandeth the way to it, and He knoweth the makom thereof. For He looketh to the ketzot ha’aretz, and seeth all under Shomayim. The weight He appointed for the ruach, and He weigheth the mayim by measure. When He made a decree for the mator, and a derech for the lightening of the thunder, Az (then) did He see it, and declare it; He prepared it, yea, and searched it out. And unto adam He said, See, the Yirat Adonoi, that is chochmah, and to depart from rah is binah. Moreover Iyov continued his mashal, and said, Oh that I were as in months past, as in the days when Eloah was shomer over me; When His ner (lamp) shined upon my rosh, and when by His ohr I walked through choshech; As I was in the days of my prime, when the Sod Eloah (friendship, counsel of G-d) was over my ohel; When Shaddai was yet with me, when my children were around me; When I washed my steps with khemah, and the tzur poured me out streams of shemen; When I went out to the sha’ar through the city, when I took my moshav in the rekhov! The ne’arim saw me, and stepped aside, and the aged arose, and stood up. The sarim (nobles) refrained from talking, and laid their hand on their mouth. The nobles held their peace, and their leshon cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose avot I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my tzon.

Yea, what use was the koach of their hands to me, since their vigor hath perished?

For choser (want, lack) and hunger they gnawed the parched ground desolate and waste.

They cut up mallow plants by the bushes, and juniper roots for their lechem.

They were banished from among men, (they shouted after them as after a ganav);

To dwell in the clefts of the wadis, in holes of aphar, and in the rocks.

Among the bushes they brayed; tachat (under) the underbrush they were huddled together.

They were bnei naval, yea, sons of base men; they were driven forth out of ha'aretz.

Because He hath loosed my bowstring, and afflicted me, they have also let loose the resen (bridle) before me.

Upon my yamin (right hand) rise up the rabble; they push away my feet, and they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.

They break up my road, they set forward my overthrow, they have no ozer (helper).

They approach me as through a wide breach; in the shoah (desolation, Holocaust), they rolled themselves upon me.

Ballahot (terrors) are turned upon me; they pursue my dignity like the ruach, and

my safety passeth away like a cloud.

And now my nefesh ebbs away from me; the yemei oni have taken hold upon me.

My azmot are pierced in me in the night, and my gnawing pains take no rest.

By great koach is my garment disfigured; it bindeth me about like the collar of my kuttonet (chiton, robe).

He hath cast me into the chomer, and I am become like aphar and ashes.

I cry unto Thee, and Thou dost answer me lo (not); I stand up, and Thou regardest me not.

Thou art become cruel to me; with Thy strong yad Thou opposest Thyself against me.

Thou liftest me up to the ruach; Thou causest me to drive along, and vanish in the roaring of the storm.

For I know that Thou wilt bring me down to mavet, to the bais mo'ed l'khol chai.

Yet will not one stretch out his yad in a heap of ruin, or cry out for help in his disaster.

Did not I weep for him that was in trouble? Was not my nefesh grieved for the evyon (needy)?

When I looked for tov, then rah came unto me; and when I waited for ohr, there came ofel (darkness).

My bowels boiled, and rested not; yemei oni met me.

I went mourning without the sun; I stood up, and I cried out in the kahal.

I am an ach to jackals, and a re'a to owls.

My ohr (skin) grows black upon me, and my atzmot are burned with fever.

My kinnor (harp) also is turned to evel (mourning), and my flute into the voice of them that weep.

I made a brit (covenant) with mine eyes; how then look I upon a betulah?

For what chelek of Eloah is there from above? And what nachalah of Shaddai from on high?

Is not destruction to the wicked? And a disaster to the poalei aven (workers of wrong)?

Doth not He see my derech, and count all my steps?

If I have walked with shav (vanity, falsehood), or if my regel hath hasted to mirmah (deceit),

Let me be weighed in scales of tzedek that Eloah may know mine tom (integrity).

If my step hath turned out of the derech, and mine lev walked after mine eyes, and if any mum hath cleaved to mine hands,

Then let me sow, and let acher (another) eat; yea, let my harvest be uprooted.

If mine lev have been deceived by an isha, or if I have lurked at petach (doorway) of my re'a;

Then let my isha grind for another, and let another kneel over her.

For this is a heinous crime; yea, it is an avon to be brought before judges.

For it is an eish that consumeth to Abaddon, and would root out all mine increase.

If I did despise the mishpat (cause) of my eved or of my amah, when they contended with me,

What then shall I do when El riseth up? And when He visiteth, what shall I answer Him?

Did not He that made me in the beten make them? And did not Echad fashion us in the rechem?
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[16] If I have withheld the poor from their cheftetz (desire), or have caused the eyes of the almanah to grow weary,
[17] Or have eaten my morsel myself alone, and the yatom hath not eaten thereof;
[18] (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with an av, and I have guided her from beten immi;)
[19] If I have seen any oved (one perishing) for want of clothing, or any evyon (needy) without covering,
[20] If his heart did not bless me for warming him with the giz (fleece) of my sheep,
[21] If I have lifted up my yad against the yatom, when I saw my influence in the sha'ar (gate, court);
[22] Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder, and mine zero'a be broken from its socket.
[23] For destruction from El was a pachad to me, and by reason of His majesty I could not endure.
[24] If I have made zahav my hope, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my security,
[25] If I rejoice because my wealth was rav (great), and because mine yad had gotten much,
[26] If I beheld the ohr when it shined, or the yarei'ach moving in splendor,
[27] And my lev hath been secretly enticed, or my mouth hath kissed my yad [in heathen worship];
[28] This also were an avon to be punished by the judge; for then I would have been unfaithful, denying El that is on high.
[29] If I rejoice at the misfortune of him that hated me, or gloated when rah found him,
[30] Neither have I allowed my mouth to sin by invoking a curse to his nefesh.

[31] Ha’ananashim ceased to answer Iyov, because he was tzaddik in his eyes.
[32] Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu ben Barachel the Buzi, of the mishpochah Ram; against Iyov was his wrath kindled, because Iyov justified his nefesh rather than Elohim.

[33] Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no ma’aneh (refutation, answer), and yet had condemned Iyov.
[34] Now Elihu had waited till Iyov had spoken, because they were elder than he.
[35] When Elihu saw that there was no ma’aneh in the mouth of these shlomey ha’ananashim, then his wrath was kindled.
[36] And Elihu ben Barachel the Buzi answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; wherefore I was afraid, and dared not tell you of what I have da’as.
[37] I said, Yamim should speak, and multitude of shanim should teach chochmah.
[38] But there is a ruach in enosh, and the neshamat Shaddai giveth them binah.
[39] Great men are not always wise, neither do the zekenim understand mishpat.
[40] Therefore I said, Pay heed to me; I also will tell of what I have da’as.
[41] Hen (behold), I waited for your dvarim; I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye searched out what to say.
[42] Yea, I attended unto you, and hinei, there was none of you that proved Iyov wrong, or that answered his words.
[43] Yet do not say, We have found chochmah; El may vanquish him, lo ish (not man).
[44] Now he hath not directed his millin (words) against me; neither will I answer him with your speeches.
[45] They were amazed; they answered no od (more); they left off speaking.
[46] When I had waited, (for they spoke not, but stood still, and answered no od [more]);
[47] I said, I will answer also my chelek (portion); I also will show of mine da’as.
For I am full of millim (words), the ruach within me compelleth me.

Hinei, my beten is like yayin which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like ovot chadashim (new wineskins).

I will speak that I may be relieved; I will open my sfatayim and answer.

Let me not, now, show any man partiality, neither let me flatter adam.

For I am not skilled in flattery; in so doing Oseini (my Maker) would soon take me away.

Wherefore, Iyov, now, hear my speeches, and pay heed to all my words.

Hinei, now I have opened my mouth, my leshon hath spoken in my mouth.

My words shall be of my yosher lev (the uprightness of my heart), and my lips shall utter da'as that is pure.

The Ruach El [Ruach Hakodesh] hath made me, and the Neshamah of Shaddai hath given me life.

Im (If) thou canst, answer me; set thy words in order in my presence; take thy stand.

See, I am like thee, of El, from chomer (clay) was I taken also.

Hinei, my terror shall not make thee afraid, neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.

Surely thou hast spoken in my ozen, and I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

I am pure without peysha; I am clean; neither is there avon in me [Yn 8:46].

Yet He findeth tenuot (occasions) against me, He counteth me for his oyev,

He puteth my raglayim in the stocks, He watcheth all my orkhot.

But in this thou art not right; I will answer thee, that Eloah is greater than enosh.

Why dost thou contend against Him? For He giveth not account of any of His matters.

For El speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

In a chalom, in a chezyon lailah, when deep sleep falleth upon anashim, in slumberings upon the mishkav (bed),

Then He openeth the ozen anashim, and sealeth their admonition

That He may turn them aside from their deeds, and hide pride from gever (man).

His basar is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his atzmot that were not seen stick out.

If there be a melitz (mediator) for him, one of a thousand, who declares a person yashar (upright, Isa 53:11),

Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the shachat (pit); I have found a kofer (ransom) [Mk 10:45].

His basar shall be restored like a na'ar; he shall return to the yamim of his youthful vigor;

He shall pray unto Eloah, and be accepted by Him, and he shall see His face with teruah (shouts of joy); thus He recompenseth unto enosh his tzdek.

He looketh upon anashim, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was yasher, and it was not recompensed to me,

He will redeem his nefesh from going into the shachat, and his life shall see the ohr.

Lo, all these things worketh El, twice, shalosh with gever (man)

To bring back his nefesh from the shachat (pit), to be enlightened with the Ohr HaChayyim (light of the living).

Mark well, O Iyov, pay heed unto me; hold thy peace, and I will speak.

If thou hast anything to say, answer me; dabbir (speak), for I desire to justify thee.

If not, pay heed unto me; hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee chochmah.

Furthermore Elihu answered and said,

Hear my words, O ye chachamim; and give ear unto me, ye that have da'as.

For the ozen trieth words, as the mouth tasteth food.

Let us choose for ourselves what is mishpat (right); let us know among ourselves what is tov.

For Iyov hath said, I am innocent; and El hath taken away my mishpat (right).

I declare the mishpat (case) against me a lie; though without peysha, my arrow wound is incurable.

What gever is like Iyov, who drinketh up the scorn [of his friends] like mayim?
[8] Who goeth in chaverah with the po’alei aven (workers of iniquity, evildoers), and walketh with anshei resha.

[9] For he hath said, It profiteth a gever nothing that he should please Elohim.

[10] Therefore pay heed unto me ye anashei levav (men of understanding); far be it from El, that He should do evil, and from Shaddai, that He should do wrong.

[11] For the po’al adam (work of a man) shall He repay unto him, and make every man to find according to the man’s ways.

[12] Yea, surely El will not do wickedly, neither will Shaddai pervert mishpat (justice).

[13] Who hath given Him right to rule the earth? Or who hath appointed Him over the tevel?

[14] If now thou hast binah, hear this: pay heed to the kol (voice) of my words.

[15] Shall even one that hateth mishpat (right) govern? And wilt thou condemn Him that is Tzaddik and Kabir (the Mighty One)?

[16] If thou hast hast binah, hear this: pay heed to the kol (voice) of my words.

[17] If thou be tzaddik (righteous), what givest thou Him? Or what receiveth He of thine yad?

[18] Thy resha (wickedness) may hurt an ish as thou art; and thy tzedek may profit the ben adam.

[19] They cry out under a load of oppression; they plead for relief from the zero’a of the rabbim.

[20] In a moment shall they die, and at chatzot lailah the people shall be shaken, and pass away, and the mighty shall be taken away without human hand.

[21] For His eyes are upon the darkhei ish and He seeth all his goings.

[22] There is no choshech, nor tzalmavet, where the po’alei aven (evildoers) may hide themselves.

[23] For He does not need to consider an ish further for anyone to go before El in mishpat (judgment).

[24] He shall break in pieces kahirim (mighty men) without investigation, and sets acherim (others) in their place.

[25] Therefore He knoweth their works, and He overthroweth them in the lailah, so that they are crushed.

[26] He striketh them as reshaim in the open sight of others;

[27] Because they turned back from following Him, and He heareth the cry of the aniyim.

[28] When He giveth quietness, who then can condemn? When He hideth His panim, who then can behold Him?

[29] Where is Eloah Osai (G-d my Maker), Who giveth zemirot balailah (songs in the night);

[30] Who teacheth us more than the behamot eretz, and maketh us wiser than the oph HaShomayim?

[31] There they cry out, but none giveth answer, because of the ga’on (pride, arrogance) of ra’im (wicked men).

[32] Teach Thou me what I see not; im (if) I have done iniquity, I will do no more?

[33] Will He then recompense to suit you, just because you disavow it? Thou must choose, not I; therefore speak that of which thou hast da’as.

[34] Let anshei levav (men of understanding) say to me, and let a gever chacham who pays heed unto me say,

[35] Iyov hath spoken without da’as, and his words were without seichel.

[36] Iyov ought to be tried unto the limit, because his answers are those of anshi aven.

[37] For he addeth peshaya unto his chattat, he clappeth his hands [shaking fist at G-d] among us, and multiplieth his words against El.

[38] Elihu spoke moreover, and said,

[2] Thinkest thou this to be mishpat (right, just), that thou saidst, Tzidki meEl (I am cleared, in the right, justified before G-d)?

[3] Ki (yet) thou saidst, What advantage will it be unto thee? and, What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned [see 9:22]?

[4] I will answer thee, and thy companions with thee.

[5] Look unto Shomayim, and see; and behold the clouds which are higher than thou.

[6] If thou sinnest, what doest thou against Him? Or if thy peysha’im be multiplied, what doest thou unto Him?

[7] If thou be tzeddik (righteous), what givest thou Him? Or what receiveth He of thine yad?

[8] Thy resha (wickedness) may hurt an ish as thou art; and thy tzedek may profit the ben adam.

[9] They cry out under a load of oppression; they plead for relief from the zero’a of the rabbim.

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[12] There they cry out, but none giveth answer, because of the ga’on (pride, arrogance) of ra’im (wicked men).
Surely El will not hear shav (vanity), neither will Shaddai regard it.

Although thou sayest thou cannot see Him, yet Din (the court case) is before Him; therefore trust thou, waiting for Him,

do not regard wickedness much;

Therefore doth Iyov open his mouth hevel (in vain); he multiplieth words without da'as.

Elihu also proceeded, and said,

Bear with me a little, and I will show thee that I have yet to speak on behalf of Eloah.

I will get my da'as from afar, and will ascribe tzedek to my Maker.

For truly my words shall not be sheker; one that is tamim (complete) in da'as is among thee.

See, El is kabir (mighty), and despiseth not any; He is kabir in ko'ach lev (strength of understanding).

He preserveth not the life of the rasha, but giveth mishpat to the aniyim.

He withdraweth not His eyes from the tzaddik, but with melachim are they on the kisse; yea, He doth establish them lanetzach (forever), and they are exalted.

And if they be bound in chains, and be held fast in chevlei oni (cords of affliction),

Then He sheweth them their work, and their peysha'im that they have done arrogantly.

He openeth also their ozen to musar (discipline), and commandeth that they make teshuvah and turn from evil.

If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their yamim in tov (prosperity), and their shanim in contentment.

But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without da'as.

Though ye say His anger does not pakad (visit, punish) anything and that He does not regard wickedness much;

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| He sealeth up kol adam; that all men may know His work.  
| Then the chayyah (beasts) go into their lair, and remain in their places.  
| Out of its cheder (chamber) cometh the whirlwind; and cold out of the driving winds.  
| By the neshamah of El frost is given, and the broad mayim are frozen.  
| Also by watering He loadeth the thick cloud; He scattereth the anan of His ohr (lightning),  
| And it is turned round about by His guidance; that they may do whatsoever He commandeth them upon the face of the tevel (habitable world).  
| He causeth it to happen, whether for correction, or for His land, or for chesed.  
| Pay heed unto this, O Iyov; stand still, and consider the nifle'ot El (wondrous works of G-d).  
| Dost thou know how Elo'ah controls them, and caused the ohr (lightning) of His cloud to flash?  
| Gird up now thy loins like a gever; for I will ask of thee, and thou wilt answer Me.  
| Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of eretz? Tell, if thou hast binah.  
| Who hath drafted the dimensions thereof, if thou hast da'as? Or who hath stretched a measuring line across it?  
| Whereupon are the foundations thereof set? Or who laid the even-pinnah (cornerstone) thereof  
| When the kokhvei boker sang together, and all the Bnei Elohim shouted for joy?  
| Or who shut up the yam behind doors? Who brought it forth, issuing out of the rekhem (womb)  
| When I made the anan the garment thereof, and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
| And fixed bounds for it, and set bars and dlatot (doors),  
| And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further; and poh (here) shall thy proud waves be stopped?  
| Hast thou commanded the boker since thy yamim began; or caused the shachar (dawn) to know its place;  
| Splendor of zahav cometh out of the north; with Elo'ah is awesome hod (majesty).  
| Touching Shaddai, we cannot reach Him; He is exalted in ko'ach, and in mishpat, and rov tzedakah;  
| Anashim do therefore fear Him; He regardeth not any that are wise of heart.  
| Who is this that darkeneth etzah (counsel) with words without da'as?  
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| Hast thou commanded the boker since thy yamim began; or caused the shachar (dawn) to know its place;  
| That it might seize the ends of ha'aretz, that the resha'im be shaken out of it?  
| It is changed like chomer (clay) under the khotam (seal); and they stand out like a garment.  
| And from the resha'im their ohr is denied, and the upraised zero'a shall be broken.  
| Hast thou entered into the springs of the yam? Or hast thou walked in the recesses of the tehom?  
| Have the sha'arei mavet been disclosed unto thee? Or hast thou seen the sha'arei tzalmavet?  
| Hast thou perceived the expanse of eretz? Tell Me if thou hast da'as of it all.  
| Where is the derech where ohr dwelleth? And as for choshech, where is the place thereof,  
| That thou shouldest take it to its border, and that thou shouldest have da'as of the paths to its bais?  
| Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? Or because the mispar of thy yamim is so great?  
| Hast thou entered into the otzrot (storehouses) of the snow? Or hast thou seen the otzrot of barad (hail),  
| Which I have reserved for the time of tzar, for the yom kerav (battle) and milchamah (war)?  
| Which is the derech where the ohr is distributed, where is scattered the east wind upon eretz?  
| Who hath cut a channel for the overflowing of waters, or a derech for the lightning of thunder,  
| To cause it to rain on eretz, where lo ish is; on mid-bar, wherein there is lo adam;  
| To saturate a desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the desheh to spring forth?
28. Hath the rain an av? Or who hath begotten the drops of tal (dew)?
29. Out of whose beten cometh the ice? And the frost of Shomayim, who giveth birth to it?
30. The mayim harden like even (stone), and the face of tehom is frozen.
31. Canst thou bind the chains of the Pleiades, or loose the bonds of Orion?
32. Canst thou bring forth Mazzarot in their times? Or canst thou guide the Bear with its banim?
33. Knowest thou the chukkot of Shomayim? Canst thou set the rule over ha’aretz?
34. Canst thou lift up thy kol (voice) to the clouds, that abundance of mayim may cover thee?
35. Canst thou send lightning bolts, that they may go and say unto thee, Hineinu (here we are)?
36. Who hath put chochmah in the inward parts, or who hath given binah to the mind?
37. Who can number the clouds in chochmah, or who can tip the waterskins of Shomayim?
38. When the dust hardens into a clump, and the clods cleave fast together?
39. Doth thou have da’as of the time when the mountain goats give birth, or art thou shomer to watch when the doe bears her fawn?
Moreover Hashem answered Iyov, and said,
[2] Shall he that contendeth with Shaddai correct him? The mokhiach Eloah (rebuker of G-d), let him answer it.
[3] Then Iyov answered Hashem, and said,
[5] Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yea, shtayim (twice), but I will proceed no further.
[6] Then answered Hashem unto Iyov out of the whirlwind, and said,

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| 3 | Then Iyov answered Hashem, and said, |
| 4 | See, I am vile; what shall I answer Thee? I will lay mine yad upon my mouth. |
| 5 | Once have I spoken, but I will not answer; yea, shtayim (twice), but I will proceed no further. |
| 6 | Then answered Hashem unto Iyov out of the whirlwind, and said, |
| 7 | Gird up thy loins now like a gever. I will question thee, and thou shall answer Me. |
| 8 | Wilt thou also annul My mishpat (justice)? Wilt thou condemn Me, that thou mayest be justified? |
| 9 | Hast thou a zero'a like El? Or canst thou thunder with a kol (voice) like Him? |
| 10 | Adorn thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with hod (glory) and hadar (splendor). |
| 11 | Unleash thy evrot af (furious wrath); and behold every one that is proud, and bring him low. |
| 12 | Look on every one that is proud, and humble him, and tread down the resha'im in their place. |
| 13 | Bury them in the aphar together; shroud their faces in the crypt. |
| 14 | Then odecha (will I confess, admit unto thee) that thine own right hand can save thee. |
| 15 | Hinei now behemot (hippopotamus), which I made along with thee; he eateth grass like an ox. |
| 16 | Hinei now, his koach is in his loins, and his force is in the sinews of his beten (belly). |
| 17 | He moveth his zanav (tail) like a cedar branch; the sinews of his thighs are firmly interwoven. |
| 18 | His atzmot are like tubes of nechoshet; his limbs are like rods of barzel (iron). |
| 19 | He is the reshit (firstling) of the ways of El; He, his Maker, can approach it with His cherев. |
| 20 | Surely the harim bring forth food for him, where all the wild beasts play. |
| 21 | He lieth under the shade of lotus plants, beseter (in the covert) of the reed and marsh. |
| 22 | The lotus plants cover him with their shadow; the willows by the nakhal (brook, stream) surround him. |
| 23 | See, when the nahar (river) rages, he is not alarmed; he is confident, though Yarden breaketh forth upon his mouth. |
| 24 | While he is looking can one capture him? With mokeshim (hooks) can one pierce his nose? |
| 25 | Canst thou draw out Leviathan with a khakah (fishhook)? Or tie down his leshon with a cord? |
| 26 | Canst thou put a hook into his af (nose)? Or bore his jaw through with a barb? |
| 27 | Will he make many tachanunim unto thee? Will he speak soft words unto thee? |
| 28 | Will he make a brit (covenant) with thee? Wilt thou take him for an eved olam? |
| 29 | Wilt thou play with him as with a pet bird? Or wilt thou leash him for thy na’arot (maidens)? |
| 30 | Shall traders barter for him? Shall they divide him among the Kena’anim (Canaanites, merchants)? |
| 31 | Canst thou fill his ohr (skin) with fishing spears? Or his head with fishing spears? |

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His lev (chest) is as firm as an even (stone); yea, as hard as the lower millstone. When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid; shuddering they retreat.

When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid; shuddering they retreat. The cherev of him that reacheth at him cannot hold— the spear, the dart, nor the harpoon. He esteemeth barzel (iron) like straw, and nechoshet as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee; sling stones are turned with him into stubble. Clubs are counted as straw; he laugheth at the shaking of a spear. Sharp shards are his under parts; he leaveth a trail in the mud like a threshing sledge. 

He maketh the deep to boil like a pot; he stirreth the yam like a pot of ointment. He maketh a wake to shine after him; one would think the deep to be white hair. He beheldeth all things lofty; he is a melech over every proud beast. He have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ozen, but now mine eye hath seen Thee. Therefore I abhor myself, and nichamti (I am sorry, I make teshuvah) in dust and ashes. And it was so, that after Hashem had spoken these words unto Iyov, Hashem said to Eliphaz the Temani, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken in reference to Me the thing that is nekhonah (correct), like Avdi Iyov hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bulls and seven rams, and go to Avdi Iyov, and offer up for yourselves olah (burnt offering); and Avdi Iyov shall pray for you; for him will I accept; lest I deal with you after your nevalah (folly), in that ye have not spoken in reference to Me the thing which is nekhonah (correct), like Avdi Iyov.

T.N. A book that is traditionally read at Pesach is Shir HaShirim, 'The Song of Songs' (meaning 'the best of all possible songs'). There are several reasons why Shliach Sha’ul is correct when he interprets the book as making reference to the Moshiach and his wedding banquet with his people. In Ep 5:25-27, Shliach Sha’ul says, ‘Husbands, love your wives.’ The Song of Songs contains love poems and refers to Ben Dovid’s Chasunoh (‘wedding ceremony and celebration’) in Song of Songs 3:11. Shlomo HaMelech here, the son of Dovid, is not the ultimate Prince who brings peace. One greater than Shlomo is here, the Sar Shalom, the rose of Sharon, the lily of the Valley, the fairest of ten thousand. And He does have a Kehillah Bride who is faithful to his Brit Chadasha covenant with her. He is her king (1:2-4,12) and her shepherd (1:7-8). She is tahm-mah-tee ‘my perfect one’ (5:2; 6:9). Then Iyov answered Hashem, and said,

I have da'as that Thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of Thine can be thwarted.

Who is this that hideth etzah (counsel) without da'as? Therefore have I judged without understanding things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

Shema, I beseech Thee, and I will speak; I will ask of Thee, and declare Thou unto me.

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Shir HaShirim, which is Shlomo’s

1 Let him kiss me with the neshikot (kisses) of his mouth; for better is dodecha (thy love) than yayin (wine).

2 Tovim is the fragrance of thy shmanim (ointments); thy shem (name) is like shemen (ointment) poured forth; therefore do the alamot love thee [alamot, young unmarried virgins; pl of almah virgin; see Shir HaShirim 6:8; Yeshayah 7:14; Bereshis 24:43; Shemot 2:8; Mishlei 30:19, where the word has this explicit or implicit meaning throughout the Tanakh; see page vii].

3 Draw me; so will we run after thee; the Melech hath brought me into his chadarim (chambers); we will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will extol dodecha (thy love) more than yayin; uprightly have they loved thee.

4 Shechorah (black, dark, sun-blackened) am I, yet lovely, O ye banot Yerushalayim, like the oholim (tents) of Kedar, like the curtains of Shlomo.

5 Let your eyes burn not into me because I am black, because the shemesh hath burned its eyes into me; bnei immi (my step-brothers) were angry with me; they made me the keeper of the kramim (vineyards); but mine own kerem (vineyard) have I not kept.

6 I am the rose of Sharon, and the shoshan (lily) of the valleys.

7 As the shoshan (lily) among thorns, so is my love among the banot.

8 As the tapuach (apple tree) among the trees of the wood, so is dodi (my beloved) among the hanim. Betzilloth (in his shade, shadow) chimmadti (I desire [see Shir HaShirim 5:16]), and his p’ri (fruit) is sweet to my taste.

9 He brought me to the Bais HaYayin, and his degel (standard, banner, flag) over me is ahavah.

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14 I charge you, O ye banot Yerushalayim, by the gazelles, and by the deer of the sadeh, that ye arouse nor awake HaAhavah till it pleases [i.e., until its own time—see 3:5; 8:4].

15 Kol dodi (the voice of my beloved)! Hinei, he cometh leaping upon the harim, bounding over the hills.

16 Hinei, the winter is past, the geshem (rain) is over and gone;

17 The flowers appear on ha’aretz; the time of zemer (song, singing of birds) has come; and the voice of the turtledove is heard in Artzeinu (our Land);

18 The te’enah (fig tree) putteth forth her early figs, and the vines with the tender grape give forth fragrance.

19 Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

20 O my yonah (dove), that art in the clefts of the rock, in the seter (secret place) of the cliff, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is lovely.

21 Catch the shu’alim (foxes), the shu’alim ketanim (little foxes), that spoil the kramim (vines); for krameinu (our [blooming] vines) have tender grapes.
In the nights on my bed
I sought him whom my nefesh loveth; I sought him; but I found him not.

2 So I will rise then, and go about the city in the streets, and in the rechovot (open squares, places); I will seek him whom my nefesh loveth; I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The shomrim (watchmen) that go about the city found me; to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my nefesh loveth?

4 Scarcely had I passed him whom my nefesh loveth? to whom I said, Saw ye him, but I found him not.

5 Who is this that cometh forth in the night, the redhevi vayishar (to find) me on the battlements, whereon there being inlaid with cherev (sword) at his side

6 Until HaYom (the day) break, and the shadows flee away, turn, dodi (my beloved), and be thou like a gazelle or a young deer upon the hills of Beter.

7 Thou art all yafeh, my love; there is no mum (blemish, spot, defect, flaw) in thee.

8 They all hold swords, being expert in michamah (war); every man hath his cherev (sword) at his side

9 HaMelech Shlomo made himself an appiryon (palanquin, mobile throne carried on a litter on the shoulders of men) of the wood of the Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof of keef (cushion) and the support thereof of zahav, the cushion of it of purple, the interior thereof being inlaid with Ahavah, by the banot Yerushalayim.

11 Come out, O ye banot Tziyon, and behold Shlomo HaMelech with the atarah (crown) wherewith his em crowned him in the Yom Chasunoh (day of his wedding), and in the Yom Simchat Libo (day of the gladness of his heart [see Rv 19:6-10; Ep 5:22-33; Yn 3:29; 2C 11:1-2; Yeshayah 54:3-6; Yirmiyah 2:2 Yechezkel 16:8-14,20-21,32,38; Hoshea 2:16,18-20 and here see the Shulamite as a type of the Kehillah of Moshiach and Shlomo Ben Dovid a type of the Roeh HaTov, the Good Shepherd)

4 Behold, thou art yafeh, my love; behold, thou art yafeh; thine eyes are yonim (doves) behind your veil; thy hair is like an eder (flock) of goats descending from Mount Gil’ad.

2 Thy teeth are like an eder (flock) of goats descending from Mount Gil’ad among the lilies.

3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy mouth is naveh (lovely); thy temple is like a half-pomegranate within thy veil.

4 Thy tzavar (neck) is like the migdal Dovid girt with cherev (sword) at its side

5 Thy two breasts are like yonim (doves) behind your veil; thy tongue; and the scent of thine perfumes than any spice!

6 Thy lips, O my kallah, drip like the honeycomb; devash and cholov are under thy tongue; and the scent of thy garments is like the scent of the Lebanon.

7 How fair is thy love, my sister, my kallah! How much better is thy love than yayin! And the scent of thine perfumes than any spice!

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12 A gan (garden) is locked is my sister, my kallah; a spring enclosed, a ma’ayan (fountain) sealed.

13 Thy plants are a pardeis (park, paradise) of pomegranates, with pleasant p’ri; henna with spikenard, Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with kol atzei levonah (all kinds of incense trees); myrrh and aloes, with all the finest spices:

14 A na’yan (fountain) of gardens, a be’er (well) of
I am come into my garden (garden), my sister, my kallah; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my devash (honey); I have drunk my yayin with my cholov (milk); Eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, and be drunken. 6 Dodi (my beloved) is gone out of my temple; from my window, and hath passed away (wounded me; the shomrei hachomat [i.e., the shomrim, the guardians [of the city on the wall]] took away my cloak from me.

7 I charge you, O banot Yerushalayim, if ye find dodi (my beloved), what will ye tell him? Tell him shecholah avah ani (I am faint with ahavah, lovesick [see 2:5]).

8 How is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among nashim? How is thy beloved more than another beloved, that thou dost so charge us? 10 Dodi (my beloved) is radiant and ruddy, unrivaled by ten thousand.

9 How is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among nashim? Where is thy beloved turned aside, that we may seek him with thee? 12 His mouth is most sweet; yea, he is machamaddim (altogether desirable [see Shir HaShirim 2:3; Chaggai 2:7 says Moshiach is the Desired of all Nations]). 14 His legs are like pillars of almah, 'virgin,' alamot, 'virgins;' see Shir HaShirim 1:3; Yeshayah 7:14; Bereshis 24:48; Shemot 2:8; Mishlei 30:19 where the word means explicitly or implicitly 'virgin' and where 'young woman' is not an adequate rendering, in this case, since the King was hardly interested in only young women in his harem, but demanded 'virgins'; the older Jewish translations like Harkavy's so translated the word as 'virgin' in this verse until it became politically incorrect to do so in later, more

11 His head is like the purest gold, his hair is wavy and shachor (black) as the raven.

12 His eyes are like yonim (doves) by the streams of mayim, washed with cholov, jewels fitly set.

13 His cheeks are like beds of spices, like sweet flowers; his lips like shoshanim (lilies), dripping sweet scented myrrh.

14 His hands are like rods of zahav set with chrysolites; his body is like a polished work of ivory decorated with sapphires.

15 His legs are like pillars of mayim, set upon sockets of marble, set upon sockets of sapphires.

16 Your friend, O banot Yerushalayim, that knocketh, saying, ‘Open to me, my sister, my beloved, what will ye tell him? Tell him shecholah avah ani (I am faint with ahavah, lovesick [see 2:5]).

17 The shomrim (watchmen) that went about the city found me, they beat me, they wounded me; the shomrei hachomat [i.e., the shomrim, the guardians [of the city on the wall]] took away my cloak from me.

6 Where is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among nashim? Where is thy beloved turned aside, that we may seek him with thee? Dodi (my beloved) is gone down into his gan (garden), to the beds of spices, to feed in the ganim (gardens), and to gather shoshanim (lilies). I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine; he feedeth among the shoshanim.

7 Thou art yafeh, O my love, as Tirtzah, lovely as Yerushalayim, awe-inspiring as banded troops on the march.

8 Turn away thine eyes from me, for they overwhelm me; thy hair is as an eder of goats that descend from Gil' ad.

9 Thy teeth are as an eder harechalim (flock of ewes) which go up from the washing, whereof every one is matched, and there is not one missing among them. 12 His eyes are like yonim (doves) by the streams of mayim, washed with cholov, jewels fitly set.

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liberal Jewish translations into English].

[9] My yonah (dove), tammati (my perfect one, my undefiled) is unique; she is the only one of her em (mother), she is the barah (choice one) of her that bore her. The banot saw her, they called her blessed; yea, the melakhot and the pilagshim [see 6:8] praise her.

[10] Who is she that looks forth like the shachar (dawn), yafeh as the levanah (moon), clear as the sun, and awe-inspiring as banneered troops on the march?

[11] I went down into the grove of nut trees to see the blossoms of the valley, and to see whether hagefen (the vine) flourished and the pomegranates bloomed.

[12] Before I was aware, my nefesh lifted me up to the merkevot of ammi (my people) and kept for thee, O dodi (my beloved), to the tamar, I will take hold of the branches thereof; now also thy breasts shall be as eshkolot hagefen (clusters of fruit).

[13] I said, I will climb up to the tamar, I will take hold of the branches thereof; now also thy breasts shall be as eshkolot (clusters of fruit).

[14] I am my beloved's, and to me goeth forth his teshukah (desire).

[15] Come, dodi (my beloved), let us go forth into the sadeh; let us lodge in the villages.

[16] Let us get up early upon thine leve, as a chotam (seal).

[17] The mandrakes send out their fragrance, and at our doors are all manner of pleasant fruits, chadashim (new ones) and yeshanim (old ones), which I have stored up and kept for thee, O dodi (my beloved).

[18] I charge you, O banot Yerushalayim, that ye arouse nor awake HaAhavah (the Love) till it pleases [i.e., until its own time, see 2:7, 3:5].

[19] Who is this that cometh up from the midbar, leaning upon her beloved? Under the tapuach (apple tree) I awakened thee; it was there thy em conceived thee; there she who brought thee forth conceived thee.

[20] Set me as a chotam (seal) upon thine leve, as a chotam upon thine zero'a (arm); for ahavah is strong as mavet (death); kinah (jealousy) as the flames thereof are flames of eish, the flame of Hashem.

[21] Mayim rabbim (many waters) cannot quench HaAhavah, neither can the floods drown it; if a man would give all the wealth of his bais for ahavah, it would be utterly scorned.

[22] We have an achat ketannah (little sister), and she hath as yet no breasts. What shall we do for achatetinu (our sister) in the day when she shall be spoken for?

[23] If she be a chomah (wall), we will build upon her a pinnacle of kesef; and if she be a delet (door), we will enclose her with panels of cedar.

8 O that thou were like my brother, that nursed the breasts of immi (my mother)! Then, if I should find thee outside, I would kiss thee; yea, and no one would look down on me.

[2] I would lead thee, and bring thee into bais immi [see 3:4]. Thou wouldest instruct me; I would cause thee to drink of spiced yayin and the nectar of my pomegranate.

[3] His left hand should be under my rosh, and his right hand embrace me.

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|10| I am a chomah (wall), and my breasts, like migdalot; then was I in his eyes like one that findeth shalom.

|11| Sh'lomo had a kerem (vineyard) at Baal-Hamon; he gave over the kerem (vineyard) unto caretakers; each had to pay a thousand pieces of kesef for the p'ri (fruit) thereof.

|12| My kerem (vineyard), which is mine, is at my own disposal [see 7:13 (12)]; thou, O Sh'lomo, the thousand are for thee, and two hundred for those that tend the p'ri thereof!

|13| Thou that dwellest in the ganim (gardens), the chaverim are listening for thy voice; cause me to hear it.

|14| Make haste, dodi (my beloved), and be thou like to a gazelle or a young deer upon the mountains where spices grow. www.afii.org/ruth.WMA

### WHY NOT PRAY THESE WORDS FROM THE TANAKH:

1 Ps 116:10a
2 Ps 116:4
3 Ps 51
4 Job 42:6
5 Isa 44:22
6 Job 33:23
7 Mal 3:1
8 Song 2:4
9 Isa 53:11-12 ; Lv 16:20-22
10 Zech 4:3-5 ; 3:8 ; 6:11-12
11 Song 2:4
12 Isa 53:7 ; Ruth 3:12
13 2Sm 22:3 ; Dan 3:25
14 PS 110:4
15 Isa 53:8
16 Jer 3:19
17 Prov 30:4 ; 8:30
18 Psa 51:11

T.N. The Book of Ruth is arguably the greatest short story ever written, though of course, it is history and not fiction. Judges and Ruth are so different in tone that it is amazing that they take place during the same time period. In contrast to the murder and lust of Judges, there is the wonder of how much Ruth endeared herself to people who should have been strangers. A miracle quietly transpires in this story, and people who might have considered Ruth an enemy because of her Moabite ancestry, were instead drawn to her by the cords of G-d's love. Love is a wonderful thing. The story of Ruth is saying, look how G-d's love binds people together, with a bond that even death cannot sever, for G-d is the G-d of the living, and even the dead are not beyond his protective, redemptive hand. See 1C 15:3-4. Look at Ruth's story. Ruth's husband Mahlon is dead; he left her no son, Naomi he left no grandchildren. Mahlon's property is languishing untended in Bethlehem. All seems hopelessly lost. Who can help Naomi? Who can help Ruth? Who can reclaim the land and bring a harvest of prosperity again? Who can redeem the dead? No one, it seems. The land has seen famine, the dead are gone. But is anything too
hard for Hashem? Read the story and watch G-d go into action! Watch him redeem the lost property and put the deed of ownership back into the name of the deceased. All right, you say, G-d can redeem the land perhaps. But can G-d redeem the dead? Can a corpse have a child? As we read the whole story, we find that not only can a child be given to the corpse, but also that in this child is the promise of a Moshiach who himself will be raised from the dead with the ultimate promise that every corpse sleeping in the grave will be raised from the dead, even the corpse in this story, Mahlon, the deceased husband of Ruth! Now the story is saying, after all that, you reader, should believe that G-d is the G-d of the living, who can redeem the world and the land and who can make alive even the dead. Ruth had neither a Jewish mother nor a Jewish father! But she has entered Ideal Israel (Yeshuron Yisroel, meaning ‘upright one or ‘law-abiding one’, a poetic name for the true Israel —see Isaiah 44:2; Deut. 32:15; 33:26; 33:5) by faith alone (Gal.2:15-21), by an individual choice to turn away from the former heathenish direction she was going and by making a personal decision to turn back and join the people of G-d and to take their G-d as her G-d in true teshuva (1:16-17). (Moab symbolizes for Naomi a heathenish neglect of G-d’s people and G-d’s House, because Bethlehem means ‘House of Bread’, and Naomi has felt the covenant curses of famine, death, and childlessness as a result of her moving in a heathenish direction that neglects G-d’s House—Dt 28:18, 21, 24). But

Ruth has become a ‘supernatural Jew’ through the new birth identity in Hashem, entering ‘Upright’ Israel by what alone made her upright, that is, emunah (Hab. 2:4; Gn 15:6; Psalm 106:31; Gal. 2:16), and Ruth has entered Upright Israel ahead of those who say they are Jews but are still spiritually uncircumcised, still blindly heathen at heart, as Naomi seems to be in Moab until she is provoked to jealousy by seeing G-d’s blessing in Bethlehem one of the Gentiles, her daughter-in-law Ruth (contrast Ruth 1:15 and Ruth 2:20). Ruth’s regenerated, circumcised heart made her part of the true circumcision, and we who are regenerated in the Brit Chadasha kehillah have also entered Yeshurun Israel with Ruth the Moabitess and with Rahab in order to provoke the Jewish people to jealousy; to turn them back to the true G-d, the G-d revealed in the Holy Bible. The point that the story is leading to is how great G-d’s blessing is on this non-Jewish woman—more than she could ever see in her lifetime. Ruth became a direct ancestor of King David and, through him, Ruth became a direct ancestor of the promised Moshiach! The irony of G-d’s hand on a Gentile’s life in the midst of Jewish people is a theme of the story. Hashem’s providential care for her, the way her footsteps are literally ordered by the Lord (Ps 37:23), the gracious way her faith is answered by His provision —these are all highlighted by the fact that she is an outsider, alone, a widow, a non-Jew, a foreigner, a member of the excluded, (cursed by the Law—Dt 23:3) Moabite people, a pagan who had known only death and a false religion and was now poor and helpless in a strange land. G-d’s special providential care toward those on their way to salvation is a theme of Ruth. Everywhere this Gentile widow turns, she is blessed, because she has been given a heart to bless G-d’s people (Gn 12:2). Just as she does not forget her mother-in-law, G-d does not abandon His chessed (covenant-keeping loving kindness) with Ruth and with both the living and the dead (Ruth 2:20). G-d makes everything work together for good for Ruth, even a famine, even a death in the family, even three deaths in the family (Ro 8:28). G-d uses the famine in Israel to get Ruth’s future mother-in-law Naomi to move from Bethlehem to where Ruth could meet her in Moab, making Naomi an unwitting “Jonah to the Ninevites,” a light to the nations. G-d uses the death of Ruth’s husband to free Ruth to begin a spiritual pilgrimage that is nothing short of salvation. G-d, who withdraws the rain, now brings the early rain and the later rain to end the famine and bless the land with the harvest, which is a reward for covenant- obedience (Dt 28:4). But, here is where the wonder really begins. G-d leads the two widows back to Bethlehem for a harvest greater than they could ever imagine, a world harvest led by the Moshiach (Mt 28:19-20), the world Harvester to whom the nations belong (Gen.49:10). (Notice carefully the G-d redeemer son of Judah at the threshing floor in Ruth 3:2). The World Harvester, the Moshiach will be born there in Bethlehem a thousand years later (see Mic 5:1-2). G-d gives Ruth a strange and marvelous love. G-d gives
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<td>And the shem (name) of the ish (man) was Elimelech, and the shem (name) of his isha (wife) Naomi, and the shem of his two banim Machlon and Kilyon, Ephrathites of Beit-Lechem Yehudah. And they came into the sadei Moav, and continued there.</td>
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<td>And they took them wives of the nashim (women) of Moav; the shem (name) of the one was Orpah, and the shem (name) of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about eser shanim (ten years).</td>
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(mother's house): may Hashem show chesed (lovingkindness) to you, as ye have dealt with hamesim (the dead ones), and with me.

under Whose wings thou art come to seek refuge.

|13| Then she said, Let me find chen (favor, grace) in thy sight, adoni; for that thou hast brought nachamah (comfort) to me, and for that thou hast spoken to the lev of thine shifcha, though I be not like unto one of thine shfakhot.
|14| And Boaz said unto her, At et haokhel (mealtime) come thou hither, and eat of the lechem, and dip thy morsel in the chometz. And she sat beside the kotzerim; and he offered her roasted grain, and she did eat, and was filled, and had left over [shirayim].
|15| And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his ne’arim, saying, Let her glean even among the omarim, and reproach her not; and let fall also some [out from the omarim] of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.
|16| And let fall also some [out from the omarim] of the handfuls on purpose for her, and leave them, that she may glean them, and rebuke her not.
|17| So she gleaned in the sadeh until the erev, and she threshed what she had gleaned, and she brought forth, and gave to her the left over [shirayim] after she had been filled.
|18| And she took it up, and went into the town; and her chamot saw what she had gleaned; and she brought forth, and gave to her the left over [shirayim] after she had been filled.
|19| And her chamot said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned hayom (today)? And where did you work? Baruch he who did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her chamot with whom she had worked, and said, Shem HaIsh whom I worked hayom (today) is Boaz.
|20| And Naomi said unto her kallah, Baruch hu l’Hashem asher lo azav chasdo et haChayyim v’et haMesim (Blessed be he of Hashem who hath not abandoned his chesed to the living and to the dead). And Naomi said unto her, The man is karov unto us. MiGoaleimu hu (he is one of our kinsmen redeemers).
|21| And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, Thou shalt keep close by my ne’arim, until they have ended kol HaKatzer that is mine.
|22| And Naomi said unto Ruth her kallah, It is tov, my daughter, that thou go out with his ne’arot, because in someone else’s sadeh you might be harmed.
|23| So she kept close by the ne’arot of Boaz to glean unto the end of katzir haSeorim; and of katzir chittim; and dwelt with her chamot.

3 Then Naomi her chamot said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek manoach (a resting place) for thee, that it may be well with thee?

|2| And now is not Boaz our relative, with whose ne’arot thou wast? Hinei, he winnoweth haSeorim halailah in the threshing floor.
|3| Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing floor; but make not thyself known unto the Ish, until he shall have done eating and drinking.
|4| And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the makom (place) where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do.
|5| And she said unto her, Kol that thou sayest unto me I will do.
|6| And she went down unto the threshing floor, and did according to kol that her chamot bade her.
|7| And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his lev was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.
|8| And it came to pass in the middle of the night, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, hinei, an isha lay at his feet!
|9| And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid; spread therefore thy robe over thine amah (handmaid); for thou art a Go’el (Redeemer).
|10| And he said, Berukhah hu l’Hashem, my daughter; for thou hast showed more chesed in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not the bochurim, whether poor or rich.
|11| And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest; for kol sha’ar ami doth have das that thou art an aishes chayil (virtuous woman, Prov 31).
|12| And now it is true that I am thy Goel; howbeit there is a Goel karov unto us (Redeemer nearer than I).
|13| Tarry this night, and it shall be in the boker, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a Goel, well; let him do the part of a Goel to thee, and redeem you. But if he will not do the part of a Goel to thee, then will I do the part of a Goel to thee, as Hashem liveth. Lie down until HaBoker.
|14| And she lay at his feet until HaBoker; and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that an isha came into the threshing floor.
|15| Also he said, Bring the mitpachat (shawl) that thou hast upon thee, and hold it.
And when she held it, he measured six measures of seorim (barley) and laid it on her; and she went into the town.

[16] And when she came to her chamot, she said, Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that HaIsh had done to her.

[17] And she said, These six measures of seorim gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty-handed unto thy chamot (mother-in-law).

[18] Then said she, Wait, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall; for Halsh will not rest until the matter is settled HaYom.

4 Then went Boaz up to the sha'ar, and sat him down there; and, hinei, the sha'ar of the town, and the zekenim, and unto kol haAm, that were sitting there, said, Sham be my wife; lahakim (to raise up, resurrect) the shem hamet (name of the dead man) upon his nachalah (inheritance).

[6] And the Go'el said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own nachalah; redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it.

[7] Now this was the manner in former time in Yisroel concerning the geulah (redemption) and concerning the temurah (the substitute, exchange), for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his sandal, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was an attestation in Yisroel.

[8] Therefore the Go'el said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he drew off his sandal.

[9] And Boaz said unto the zekenim, and unto kol haAm, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Kilion's and Machlon's, of the hand of Naomi.

[10] Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Machlon, have I purchased to be my wife, luhakim (to raise up, resurrect) the shem hamet (name of the dead man) upon his nachalah, that the shem of the dead man be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the sha'ar of his place; ye are edim (witnesses) HaYom.

[11] And kol HaAm that were in the sha'ar, and the zekenim, said, We are edim. Hashem make the isha haba'ah (the woman coming, see Gn 3:15; Isa 7:14) into thine bais [i.e. Bais Dovid] like Rachel and like Leah, who two did build Bais Yisroel; and do thou worthy in Ephrat, and be famous in Beit-Lechem;

[12] And let thy bais be like the bais of Peretz, whom Tamar bore unto Yehudah, of the zera (Bereshis 22:18; Ga 3:16) which Hashem shall give thee of this na'arah.

[13] So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his isha; and when he went in unto her, Hashem gave her conception, and she bore ben [see Isa 7:14].

[14] And the nashim said unto Naomi, Baruch Hashem, which hath not left thee this yom without a Go'el. May shmo be famous in Yisroel.

[15] And may he restore your nefesh and be a nourisher of thine old age; for thy kallah, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than shiva banim, hath born him.

[16] And Naomi took the yeled, and laid him in her kheyk (bosom), and became omenet (nurse) unto it.

[17] And the women her shchenim gave him a name, saying, There is a ben born to Naomi; and they called his name Oved; he is the father of Yishai, the father of Dovid.

[18] Now these are the toldot of Peretz; Peretz fathered Chetzron,

[19] And Chetzron fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Amminadav,

[20] And Amminadav fathered Nachshon, and Nachshon fathered Salmon,

[21] And Salmon fathered Boaz, and Boaz fathered Oved,

[22] And Oved fathered Yishai, and Yishai fathered Dovid.

T. N. This genealogy is important not only because it is Dovid's, but also because it is Moshiach's. See 1Chr 2:4; 3:5 and the genealogy in Mt chp 1 and Lk 3:23-38 of Yeshua, an abbreviated and Aramaic form of Yehoshua, which came into use in the Exilic period of Israel's history. So we see here that the royal line did not encumber itself with pride over racial purity, just as Yochanan of the tevilah who came into the world to bear witness to the truth, the make ish ha'shamayim, who came into the world to bear witness to the truth, the melech ha'yehudim, who came into the world to be a nourisher of life in Efrat, and be famous in Efrat's history.

[11] And kol HaAm that were in the sha'ar, and the zekenim, said, We are edim. Hashem make the isha haba'ah (the woman coming, see Gn 3:15; Isa 7:14) into thine bais [i.e. Bais Dovid] like Rachel and like Leah, who two did build Bais Yisroel; and do thou worthy in Ephrat, and be famous in Beit-Lechem;
EKHAH

The Book of Lamentations, especially 1:21; 2:2f speak of two phases of the Day of the Lord, the first already past in the fall of Jerusalem and the dissolution of the people of Judah, and a second in store for the gloating enemies of G-d’s people. Therefore those who speak of Israel’s Final Holocaust had better be reminded that it will also be a holocaust for all the nations of the world. Jeremiah is the traditional author of Lamentations in the closing days of Judah’s conflict with Babylon around 586, the date of Jerusalem’s final capitulation to Nebuchadnezzar. The ninth of Av (August) is the Jewish commemoration of this disaster, and on that day, a full fast day, this scroll is read in the synagogue following the evening services. The other days associated in some way with this event are the Tenth of Tevet (marking the beginning of the Babylonian siege of Jerusalem), the Seventeenth of Tammuz (which marks the first breach in the walls of Jerusalem during the Babylonian siege), and the Fast of Gedaliah (the third day of Tishri, the day following Rosh HaShanah, Yom Gedaliah commemorating his assassination after he was appointed Governor of the Jewish people by Nebuchadnezzar). In this book of Ekhah (Lamentations), Jerusalem is personified and she weeps bitterly (1:2) because Judah has gone into the Golus (Exile)–see 1:8-5. The prodigal city remembers the wonderful days of old when her festivals brought rejoicing multitudes to her Beis Hamikdash. Now those days are gone, and she is mocked and despised, and enemies have invaded her sanctuary (1:10). Like the Moshiach, hanged on the etz, Jerusalem is still a rebuke and a challenge against them.

Note for street ministry: homelessness is mentioned in 5:2. Jerusalem’s survivors are homeless after G-d’s judgment falls on them. But see the song of hope in 3:22-23. We see that to be thus humbled is good (3:27-29). There is hope in 3:31-32. If we don’t grow bitter toward G-d but instead test and examine our ways and return to the Lord, then there is indeed good in being humbled by Hashem (3:39-40). The hope of Israel’s ultimate return to G-d is stated in 4:22 and 5:21. This is still the great hope of all Biblically defined believers.

When one reads this book one needs to revisit the material in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 27-28. See, Lam 2:17. This book is a vindication of Jeremiah’s ministry and many of the prophetic themes of his preaching. Immediately in Jeremiah’s ministry G-d shows him the coming crisis that we see has played out in Lamentations, represented by a ‘boiling pot, tilted away from the north’ (Jer 1:13). This pot was going to boil over and pour its hot lava of destruction as foreign soldiers came down on Jerusalem from the north. This threat from the north (Jer 1:14; 4:6; 6:1,22; 19:22; 13:20; 16:15; 25:9,26; 31:8) became concrete in the persons of King Nebuchadnezzar’s Babylonian soldiers. G-d is telling Jeremiah to preach that there is no escape for these soldiers. The people have broken G-d’s Law and now Hashem is sending His divine marshall’s to put the people under arrest and take them off to Babylon to serve a Seventy Year Exile prison sentence (Jer 25:11-12; 29:10). Go peaceably,
Jeremiah preaches, and you will live. If the nation humbles itself and waits on Hashem, the nation will return. But whoever attempts to resist the divine arrest will be put to death. They will be like bad figs (Jer 24:8), and because of their disobedience G-d will not give them a heart to know Him (Jer 24:7). This was Jeremiah’s hard message, which cost him dearly, and brought great persecution down on his head. But, ironically, weak, isolated Jeremiah, the maggid with the dangerous and wrath-provoking message, is in much safer hands than the sonorous-voiced false prophets and power-wielding political leaders, who stir up violence against Jeremiah as a traitor. For Hashem promises to protect Jeremiah but to put to death these enemies of his, both Jews and Gentiles, with judgment beginning at the household of G-d (see Jer 1:18-19; 25:8-9,29) and climaxing in the Day of the L-rd (see Jer 25:18-19; 25:8-9,29) and climaxing in the Day of the L-rd (see Jer 25:33; 32:33-35; 35:15-17). Jeremiah did not have a popular message to preach (look at it—Jer 13:19; also 15:10), and many people opposed him. Who wanted to hear someone prophesy massacre and national desolation (see, for example Jer 9:22)? But all Jeremiah was preaching was Deuteronomy 28 and its covenant reprisals and curses (see Jer. 11:2-4; 34:18). Nevertheless, some men from Jeremiah’s hometown (Anathoth near Jerusalem) were so embarrassed and infuriated by his preaching that they started a conspiracy to kill him (Jer 11:8-23). The political leaders were stupid, because they did not inquire of the L-rd (Jer 10:21) but had rejected the Word of G-d (Jer 8:9).

How doth HaIr (the city, Yerushalayim) sit solitary, that was full of people! How is she become like an almanah (widow)! She that was great among the Goyim, and sarah (princess) among the provinces, how is she become a forced laborer! [2] She weepeth bitterly in the lailah (night), and her tears are on her cheeks; among all her lovers she hath no Menachem (comforter); all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. [3] Yehudah is gone into the Golus (Exile) under affliction, and under great avodah (servitude); she dwelleth among the Goyim; she findeth no manoach (rest); all her rodefim (persecutors) overtook her in dire straits. [4] The darkhei Tziyon (approaches to Tziyon) do mourn, because none come to mo‘ed (set feasts); all her she’arim (gates) are desolate; her kohanim sigh, her betulot (virgins) are afflicted, and she is in bitterness. [5] Her adversaries are now the rosh (supreme, master); her enemies prosper; for Hashem hath afflicted her because of the multitude of her peysha’im (transgressions); her olalim (little children) are gone into captivity before the enemy. [6] And from Bat Tziyon all her beauty has departed; her sarim (princes) are become like deer that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength
before the rodef (persecutor, pursuer).

[7] In the yamim (days) of her affliction and of her persecutions, Yerushalayim remembers all her pleasant things that she had miymei kedem (in the days of old), when her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and there was no ozer (helper) for her; the adversaries saw her, and did mock at her downfall.

[8] Yerushalayim hath grievously sinned; therefore she is niddah (menstruous woman) untouchability during menstruation; Vayikra 15:19; all that honored her despise her, because they have seen her erom (nakedness); yea, she sigheth, and turneth away for shame.

[9] Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her latter end; therefore she sank appallingly; she had no Menachem (comforter). O Hashem, behold my affliction; for the enemy hath triumphed.

[10] The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her precious things; for she hath seen how the Goyim entered into her [Beis] Hamikdash, whom Thou didst command that they should not enter into Thy Kahal (congregation, community).

[11] All her people sigh, they seek lechem; they have given their precious things for bread to revive the nefesh; see, O Hashem, and consider that I am become despaired.

[12] Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Consider, and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith Hashem hath afflicted me in the Yom Charon Af (day of His fierce anger).

[13] From above hath He sent eish into my atzamot (bones), and it prevaleth against them; He hath spread a net for my feet, He hath turned me back; He hath made me desolate and kol hayom (ever) languishing.

[14] The yoke of my peysa'him hath been fastened by His hand; they [i.e., my sins] intertwine themselves and set upon my tzavar (neck);

He hath made my strength to fall; Hashem hath delivered me into their hands, from whom I am not able to rise up.

[15] Hashem hath taken away all my strong ones in my midst; He hath proclaimed a moed (set time) against me to crush my young men; Hashem hath trodden the winepress for the Betulat Bat Yehudah.

[16] For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with mayim, because the Menachem (comforter) that should refresh my nefesh is far from me; my children are desolate, because the enemy hath prevailed.

[17] Tziyon stretcheth forth her hands, yet there is no Menachem (comforter) for her; Hashem hath commanded concerning Ya'akov, that his adversaries should be round about him; Yerushalayim is as a niddah (menstruous woman) among them.

[18] Tzaddik is Hashem; for I have rebelled against His mouth; hear, I pray you, kol amim (all people), and behold my sorrow; my betulot and my bochurim are gone into captivity.

[19] I called for my lovers, but they have deceived me; my kohanim and my zekenim gave up the ghost (i.e., expired) in HaIr (the City), while they sought okhel (food) to revive their nefashot.

[20] Consider, O Hashem how I am in distress; my bowels are troubled; mine lev is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled; without (i.e., outside), the cherev (sword) bereaveth, within (i.e., babayit, at home) it is like mavet (death).

[21] They have heard that I sigh; there is no Menachem (comforter); all mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that Thou hast done it; Thou bringest the Yom Karata (the day that Thou has proclaimed), that they (all the peoples; see 1:18) may be like me.

[22] Let all their wickedness come before Thee; and do unto them, as Thou hast done unto me for all my peysha'im; for my sighs are many, and my lev is faint.

2

How hath Adonoi covered Bat Tziyon with a cloud in His anger, and hurled down from Shomayim unto Eretz the tiferet Yisroel, and remembered not His hadom (footstool) in the Day of His Wrath!

[2] Adonoi hath swallowed up all the habitations of Ya'akov, and hath not pitied; He hath torn down in His Wrath the strongholds of Bat Yehudah; He hath brought them down to the ground; chillil (He hath defiled) the manlachah and the sarim (princes) thereof.

[3] He hath cut off in His fierce anger kol keren Yisroel; He hath drawn back His right hand from before the oyev, and He burned against Ya'akov like a flaming eish, which devoureth all around.

[4] He hath bent His keshet (bow) like an oyev; He took His stand with His right hand as an adversary, and slaughtered all that were pleasant to the eye in the ohol Bat Tziyon; He poured out His fury like eish.

[5] Adonoi was like an oyev; He hath swallowed up Yisroel, He hath
swallowed up all her armonot (palaces); He hath destroyed His strongholds, and hath increased in Bat Yehudah mourning and lamentation.

[6] And He hath violently destroyed His sukkah, as if it were of a gan (garden); He hath laid waste His Mo’ed; Hashem hath caused Mo’ed and Shabbos to be forgotten in Tziyon, and in the indignation of His anger hath spurned Melech and Kohen.

[7] Adonoi hath cast off His Mizbe’ach, He hath disowned His Mikdash, He hath given up into the yad oyev the chomot armonot of hers; they have raised shouts in the Beis Hashem, as in the Yom Mo’ed.

[8] Hashem hath purposed to destroy the Chomat Bat Tziyon; He hath stretched out a measuring line, He hath not withdrawn His hand from destroying; therefore He made the rampart and the chomah to lament; they languished together.

[9] Her she’arim are sunk into the ground; He hath destroyed and broken her bars; her melech and her sarim (princes) are among the Goyim; the torah is no more; her nevi'im also find no chazon (vision) from Hashem.

[10] The Ziknei Bat Tziyon sit upon the ground, and keep silence; they have cast up apher upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth; the Betulot Yerushalayim hang down their heads to the ground.

[11] Mine eyes do fail from weepings, my insides are troubled, empty and poured upon ha’aretz, for the destruction of Bat Ami; because the olel and the infant swoon in the rechovot of the city.

[12] They say to their imahot, Where is grain and yayin? Say they when they swooned like the wounded in the rechovot Ir, when their nefesh ebbed away into the kheyk imahot of them.

[13] What thing shall I say to thee? What thing shall I liken to thee, O Bat Yerushalayim? What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O Betulat Bat Tziyon? For thy shever (destruction) is as gadol as the yam. Who can heal thee?

[14] Thy nevi'im have seen false and worthless visions for thee; and they have not exposed thine avon, to ward off thy captivity; but have seen for thee mase’ot shav and madduchim (false and misleading burdens, oracles).

[15] All that pass by clap their hands at thee; they hiss and wag their head at Bat Yerushalayim, saying, Is this the Ir that men call Kelilat Yofi Masos L’Khol HaAretz (perfection in beauty, the joy of the whole earth)?

[16] All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee; they hiss and gnash their teeth; they say, We have swallowed her up; certainly this is the Yom that we waited for; we have found, we have seen it.

[17] Hashem hath done that which He had devised; He hath fulfilled His word that He decreed in the yemai kedem; He hath overthrown, and hath not pitied, and He hath caused thine adversaries.

[18] Their lev cried unto Adonoi, O Chomat Bat Tziyon, let tears run down like a river yomam valailah; give thyself no relief; let not thine eye rest.

[19] Arise, cry out balailah; in the beginning of the night watches pour out thine lev like mayim before the face of Adonoi; lift up thy hands to Him for the nefesh of thy ollelim, that faint for hunger on every street corner.

[20] Look, Hashem, and consider to whom Thou hast done this. Shall the nashim eat their offspring, the children they have cared for? Shall the Kohen and the Navi be slain in the Mikdash Adonoi?

[21] The nedar and the zaken lie in the dust of the streets; my betulot and my bochurim are fallen by the cherev; Thou hast slain them in the Day of Thy Wrath; Thou hast slaughtered, and not pitied.

[22] Thou hast summoned as in a Yom Mo’ed my terrors all around, so that in the Yom Af Hashem none escaped nor remained; those that I have swaddled and reared hath mine oyev consumed.

I am the gever that hath seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

[2] He hath driven me away, and brought me into choshech, but not into ohr.

[3] Surely against me is He turned; He turneth His yad against me kol hayom.

[4] My basar and my ohr (skin) hath He made old; He hath broken my atzmot.

[5] He hath set up seigeworks against me, and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.

[6] He hath set me in dark places, like the mesei olam (long dead).

[7] He hath hedged me about, that I cannot escape; He hath made my chain heavy.
[8] Also when I cry and call out, He shutteth out my tefillah.

[9] He hath barred my ways with hewn stone, He hath made my paths crooked.

[10] He was unto me like a dov (bear) lying in wait, and like an aryeh in mistarim (hiding places).

[11] He hath turned aside the darkhei of mine, and pulled me in pieces; He hath made me desolate.

[12] He hath bent His keshet, and set me as a target for the khetz (arrow).

[13] He hath caused the arrows of His quiver to enter into my organs.

[14] I was a derision to kol ami; and their [mocking] song kol hayom.

[15] He hath filled me with merorim (bitter herbs); He hath made me drunk with suffering.

[16] He hath also broken my teeth with gravel, He hath covered me with aphar.

[17] And Thou hast removed my nefesh far off from shalom; I forgot tovah (prosperity).

[18] And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from Hashem;

[19] Remember mine oni (affliction) and my misery, the sorrow and the trouble.

[20] My nefesh hath them still in remembrance, and is downcast in me.

[21] This I recall to my lev, therefore have I hope:

[22] Because of the chasdei Hashem we are not consumed, for His rachamim fail not.

[23] They are chadashim every boker; great is Thy faithfulness.

[24] Hashem is my chelek, saith my nefesh; therefore in hope will I wait for Him.

[25] Hashem is tov unto them that wait for Him, to the nefesh that seeketh Him.

[26] It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the Teshu'at Hashem.

[27] It is tov for a gever that he bear the ol (yoke) from his youth.

[28] He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because He hath laid it upon him.

[29] He puttheth his mouth in the aphar; there may yet be tikvah.

[30] He offereth his lekhi (cheek) to him that striketh him; he is filled full with reproach [Isa 50:6].

[31] For Adonoi will not cast off Iolam (forever);

[32] But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the rov chasadav (the multitude of His mercies).

[33] For He doth not afflict willingly nor bring grief to Bnei Ish.

[34] To crush under His feet kol asirei eretz (all the prisoners of the earth),

[35] To turn aside the mishpat gever (the right of a man) before the face of Elyon,

[36] To subvert a man in his cause, Adonoi approveth not.

[37] Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when Adonoi commandeth it not?

[38] Out of the mouth of Elyon proceedeth not hara'ot (the woe) and hatov (the good)?

[39] Why doth an adam chai (any man alive) complain, a gever for the punishment of his sins?

[40] Let us search and test derakheinu (our ways), and let us turn again to Hashem.

[41] Let us lift up levavenu (our heart) with our hands unto El baShomayim.

[42] We have transgressed and have rebelled; Atah lo salachta (Thou hast not pardoned, forgiven).

[43] Thou hast covered with af (anger), and pursued us; Thou hast slain, Thou hast not pitied.

[44] Thou hast covered Thyself with an anan, that our tefillah not pass through.

[45] Thou hast made us as the scoffing and refuse among the amim.

[46] Kol oyveinu (all our enemies) have opened their mouths against us.

[47] Pachad (terror) and a snare is come upon us, ruin and destruction.

[48] Mine eye runneth down with streams of mayim for the destruction of Bat Ami.

[49] Mine eye will flow down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission

[50] Till Hashem look down, and behold from Shomayim.

[51] Mine eye affecteth mine nefesh because of all the banot of my city.

[52] Mine enemies hunted me down, like a tzippor (bird), without cause.

[53] They have cut off my life in the bor (pit) and cast an even (stone) upon me.

[54] Mayim flowed over mine rosh; then I said, I am cut off.

[55] I called upon Thy Shem, Hashem, out of the lowest pit.

[56] Thou hast heard my voice; close not thine ear at my sighing, at my cry.

[57] Thou drewest near on the Yom that I called upon Thee; Thou saidst, Fear not.

[58] Adonoi, Thou hast pleaded the causes of my nefesh; Thou hast redeemed my life.

[59] Hashem, Thou hast seen my wrong; uphold my cause.

[60] Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their machsh'vot against me.

[61] Thou hast heard their reproach, Hashem, and all their machsh'vot against me;

[62] The whisperings of those that rose up against me, and their muttering against me kol hayom.
Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; Ani (I) am their mocking song. Render unto them a gemul (recompence), Hashem, according to the work of their hands. Give them hardness of lev as thy curse unto them. Pursue in anger and destroy them from under HaShomayim of Hashem.

How has the zahav lost its luster! How is the most fine gold changed! The avnei kodesh are poured out on every street corner. The precious Bnei Tziyon, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the yotzer (potter)!

Even the jackals offer the breast; they nurse their young ones; the Bat Ami is become heartless, like the ostriches in the midbar. The leshon of the nursing infant cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the olalim beg for lechem, and no man giveth it unto them. They that did feed delicately are destitute in the chutzot; they that were brought up in purple lie on dunghills. For the punishment of the iniquity of the Bat Ami is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands helped her. Her nobles were purer than snow; they were whiter than cholov, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their appearance was of sapphire; Their visage is blacker than soot; they are not known in the streets; their skin cleaveth to their atzmot; it is dried up, it is become like a stick. They that are slain with the cherev are better than they that are slain with hunger; for these pine away, being pierced for want of the increase of the sadeh. The hands of the pitiful nashim have cooked their own yeladim; they were their meat in the destruction of the Bat Ami. Hashem hath accomplished His fury; He hath poured out His charon af, and hath kindled an eish in Tziyon, and it hath devoured the yesodot thereof. The malkhei eretz, and all the inhabitants of the tevel (world), would not have believed that the adversary and the oyev should have entered into the sha’arei Yerushalayim.

They cried unto them, Go away; tamei (unclean)! Depart, depart, touch not; so they fled away and wandered. They said among the Goyim, They shall no more sojourn there. The anger of Hashem hath scattered them; He will no more regard them; they respected not the persons of the Kohanim; they showed no favor to the Zekenim. Our nachalah is turned over to zarim, our batim (houses) to foreigners. We are yetomim and fatherless, immoteinu are like almanot. We must pay kesef for our own mayim; our wood is sold unto us. Avoteinu have sinned, and are no more; and we have borne their iniquities. Avadim have ruled over us; there is none that doth deliver us out of their yad. Avoteinu have sinned, and are no more; and we have borne their iniquities. The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O Bat Tziyon; He will no more prolong your Golus; He will visit thine iniquity, O Bat Edom; He will expose thy sins.

Remember, Hashem, what is come upon us; consider, and behold our reproach. Our nachalah is turned over to zarim, our batim (houses) to foreigners. We are yetomim and fatherless, immoteinu are like almanot. We must pay kesef for our own mayim; our wood is sold unto us. Our necks are under persecution; we are weary, and have no rest. We have submitted to the Mitzrayim, and to the Assyrians, to get enough lechem. Avoteinu have sinned, and are no more; and we have borne their iniquities. Avadim have ruled over us; there is none that doth deliver us out of their yad. We get our lechem with the peril of our lives because of the cherev of the midbar.
|10| Our skin was hot like an oven because we burn with ra'av (hunger, famine).
|11| They ravished the nashim in Tziyon, and the betulot in the towns of Yehudah.
|12| Sarim (princes) are hanged by their yad; the faces of Zekenim were not respected.
|13| They took the bochurim to grind, and the ne'arim staggered under the wood.
|14| The zekenim have ceased from the sha'ar, the bochurim from their music.
|15| The joy of our heart is gone; mekholeinu (our dance) is turned into mourning.
|16| The ateret is fallen from our head; woe unto us, for we have sinned!
|17| For this our lev is faint; because of these things our eyes are dim.
|18| Because of the Har Tziyon, which is desolate, the jackals prowl upon it.
|19| Thou, Hashem, remainest forever; Thy throne from generation to generation.
|20| Why dost Thou forget us forever, and forsake us for so long?
|21| Restore us, Hashem, to Thyself that we may return; renew yamenu (our days) as of old.
|22| Unless Thou hast utterly rejected us and Thou art angry with us beyond measure.

T.N. The Book of Kohelet shows us that in the gruesome shadow of death, the whole life of Man is made to seem as so much empty and lonely loitering at the gates of an infinite abyss. There is a word for this emptiness in Hebrew, the word hevel which means empty, unsubstantial, a passing elusive vapor. This is what life is without a personal knowledge of G-d. The author, who calls himself Kohelet 'leader of the Assembly,' “Ben Dovid Melech B'Yerushalayim' finds that death has thrown a shroud of gloom and meaninglessness over every kind of work that man does 'under the sun,' G-d's work endures (3:14; 7:13), but man's does not. Death sees to that. And therein is the riddle of life. What can dying man gain from all his work (1:3)? What can mortal man achieve from all his labor, in view of his rapidly approaching demise (2:22)? There is a time to die (3:2), but death is life's biggest riddle. What possible gain can workers have from all their life-long toil (3:9), since death causes them in the end to toil 'for the wind (5:16)?' A generation comes and goes and expires in death and is forgotten (1:4; 2:16). Death makes all toil 'wearisome' and predictably futile. Also, since everything dies, everything is déjà vu (disagreeably the same). People of long ago and people yet to come will both alike be forgotten and all their labors will be forgotten because of that great leveler called Death. Death is what makes life at heart such an unhappy business, and there is nothing man can do about this crooked state of dying affairs (1:15). So this life in itself is found wanting, and death is the reason. Many who claim to be Jewish claim that life is wonderful as it is, but these people are not Biblical Jews, any more than that Jewish man Karl Marx was a Biblical Jew with all his philosophizing about the worker's existence 'under the sun.' The French philosopher Pascal noticed how we habitually block out the thought of our own coming demise. We do this in order to maintain a fragile sense of mental happiness. Death is an end too incomprehensibly ominous to contemplate. Yet our thoughts keep returning to glover at its reality. And though we try to divert ourselves with continuous activity and company and 'unhappy business,' we know that each of us must ultimately die alone and see everything we have done unravelled into nothingness. Where can we then find pleasure in anything we do? What in the world, what under the sun, are dying men to do with their meaningless lives?

The author makes a test of various activities and pursuits: wisdom, madness, folly, pleasure, laughter, wine, women, song, great building projects, great 'life works,' great acquisitions, possessions, treasure-collecting; and in the end he finds only emptiness and meaninglessness in all these. Whatever pleasures these things brought him were fleeting indeed. The more wisdom he acquired, the more sorrow he became aware of. The more money he acquired, the more vexation came with it. Death robs all men, because everyone goes to the grave naked and penniless. So what use is money, in the face of death? And since the sage and the fool must both go to the same
The work of G-d. It endures and death has no dominion over it (3:14). But what is the work of G-d? What does G-d do, in the final analysis? G-d judges everyone, and he has appointed a time to judge the world (3:17). G-d judges the sinner by bringing all things he does into judgment (11:9). The sinner's life is dispensed with not as the sinner pleases but as G-d pleases, and the wages of sin that G-d pleases to dispense is a meaningless death (2:26). But death cannot obliterate this judgment that G-d metes out. Therein is where lies the hope of the resurrection from the dead, which this book questions but does not negate. The author does not merely say, 'Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die.' In fact he says just the opposite. He says, 'I've tried that, and I don't recommend it.' G-d will bring everything into judgment (11:9); therefore, fear G-d (5:7). Do not live for this world because this world in itself is meaningless and empty and fallen and dying. Live for G-d and enjoy everything that He gives you as a gift from Him. Otherwise, there is no pleasure in this life. Death is man's lot. To be able to accept this as a fact of life is itself a gift from G-d. G-d is a mystery and creation was created good but it is now fallen (7:29). Man has limits to his wisdom. There is no power in man that will save him from the day of death. All he can say is that death cannot take away the good that the G-d-fearer has. It will be well with those who fear G-d, because they stand in fear before Him. 'The author seems to be questioning and looking for something new under the sun (1.9-10), which was what the Moshiaich when he comes walking out of the tomb in his glorious resurrection body. Otherwise, 'there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol (the abode of the dead), to which you are going' (9:10). The righteous and the wise and their deeds are in 'the hand of G-d' Who endures and Whose judgment not even death can thwart. This is the assurance of wisdom that makes the resurrection of the dead the vibrant hope and the only answer to the riddle that death poses to the author of this book. Philosophers like David Hume may say that they are not afraid to die, but put a pistol to their breasts, then threaten to kill them, and see (with Boswell and Johnson) how the wisest philosopher will behave. The illusions of genteel philosophy will not help us face the rude indignities of death when they brutally rap at the door. The problem of evil as it churns bitterly around in our minds often tempts us to doubt the existence of G-d, especially a G-d who is safely removed from both suffering and death and waits austerely in heaven to judge us (but this is not the G-d of the Bible, the G-d in Moshiaich, the G-d who as Immanu-El suffers with us in this world). But if we think of death's inescapableness, where do we have to go with the guilt of our moral failures as our years quickly arraign us into the courts of the inevitable graveyard? Facing the universal evil of the human condition and the absurd, meaningless, sniper fire of death picking off everyone around us, we begin to feel a deep inner unhappiness and anxiety. We ask ourselves, what is lurking at the bottom of our fears—is it not the fear of death?
Yet the English philosopher Hobbes once wrote, ‘G-d, that could give life to a piece of clay, hath the same power to give life again to a dead man, and renew his inanimate and rotten carcass into a glorius, spiritual and immortal body.’ This very point is what separates the religion of the Jews from that of Homer, for the Greek gods could not revive the dead. They were not truly omnipotent. But omnipotence is precisely the claim of the G-d of the Bible, Whose Hebrew prophets even predicted the Moshiach’s coming victory over death. The prophets said that the coming Moshiach would be an eternal kohen and his death would be a momentous ‘ah-sham’ guilt offering for sin (see Psalm 110:4; Isaiah 53:10). Further, these Hebrew prophets predicted that after the Moshiach offered himself as an offering for sin he would see the light of resurrection life (see Isaiah 52:13-53:12 in the Dead Sea Scrolls).

KOHELET

1 Divrei Kohelet, Ben Dovid, Melech in Yerushalayim.
[2] Hevel havalim, saith Kohelet, hevel havalim; all is hevel.
[3] What profit hath a man from all his amal (toil) which he hath toiled under the shemesh?
[4] Dor v’dor, generations come and go, passing away; but haretz remaineth Iolam.
[5] The shemesh also ariseth, and the shemesh goeth down, and hasteth to its place, there to arise again.
[6] The ruach (wind) goeth toward the darom (south), and turneth about unto the tzafon (north); it whirleth about continually, and the ruach returneth again according to its circuits.
[7] All the nechalim (rivers) run into the yam; yet the yam is not full; unto the place from whence the nechalim come, thither they return to go again.
[8] All things are wearsome; no ish can express it; the ayin is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ozen full with hearing.
[9] The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is nothing chadash under the shemesh.
[10] Is there anything whereof it may be said, See, this is chadash? L’olamim (ages ago), which were before us, it hath been already.
[11] There is no zichron (remembrance) of former things; neither shall there be with those who come after any zikaron (recollection) of things that are to come.
[12] I, Kohelet, was Melech over Yisroel in Yerushalayim. I communed with mine lev, saying, Hinei, I am come to greatness, even greater chochmah than all they that have been before me over Yerushalayim; yea, my lev had great experience of chochmah and da’as.
[17] And I applied my lev to have da’as of chochmah, and to have da’as of holelot (madness) and sichlut (folly); I perceived that this also is striving after ruach (wind).
[18] For in much chochmah (wisdom) is much ka’as (grief, vexation); and he that increaseth da’as increaseth mach’ov (sorrow).

2 I said in mine lev, Come now, I will test thee with simchah, therefore enjoy tov; and, hinei, this also is hevel.
[2] I said of laughter, It is mad; and of simchah, What doeth it accomplish?
[3] I searched in mine lev to draw my basar on with yayin, my mind guiding me with chochmah; and to lay hold on sichlut (folly), till I might see what was tov for bnei haAdam, which they should do under Shomayim all the few days of their life.
[4] I undertook me great works; I built me batim (houses); I planted me kramim (vineyards); I made me ganot (gardens) and parks, and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them; I made me reservoirs of mayim, to water therewith the forest of trees tzomeiach (sprouting up); I bought me avadim and shfakhot, and had bnei bayit (avadim born in my bais); also I had great possessions of herds and tzon more than all that were in Yerushalayim before me;
[8] I amassed for me also kesef and zahav, and the treasure of melachim and of the
provinces; I acquired for me men singers and women singers, and the delights of bnei haAdam, musical instruments of all kinds.

[9] So I was great, and excelled more than all that were before me in Yerushalayim; also my chochmah remained with me.

[10] And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them, I withheld not my lev from any simchah; for my lev rejoiced in all my amal (labor); and this was my chelek (portion) for all my amal.

[11] Then I looked on kol ma’asim that my hands had wrought, and on the amal that I had labored to do; and, hinei, all was hevel and chasing after ruach, and there was no profit under the shemesh.

[12] And I turned myself to consider chochmah, and holelot, and sichlut; for what can the adam do who cometh after HaMelech? Even that which hath been done already.

[13] Then I saw that chochmah excelleth sichlut, as far as ohr excelleth choshech.

[14] The chacham (wise man) hath eyes in his rosh; but the kesil (fool) walketh in choshech; but I myself perceived also that the same mikreh (fortune) happeneth to them all.

[15] Then said I in my lev, As the mikreh befalls the kesil, so also will the same mikreh befall me; and wherein have I then been of more chochmah? Then I said in my lev, This also is hevel.

[16] For no zichron (remembrance) of the chacham—no less the kesil—remains l’olam; seeing that in hayamim haba’im (the days to come) all shall be forgotten. How can the chacham die just like the kesil?

[17] Therefore I hated HaChayyim (Life); because the ma’aseth that is wrought under the shemesh is grievous unto me; for all is hevel and chasing after ruach.

[18] Yea, I hated all my amal for which I had toiled under the shemesh; because I must leave it unto the adam that shall occupy my place after me.

[19] And who hath da’as whether he shall be a chacham or a kesil? Nevertheless shall he have shilitah (control, authority) over all my amal for which I have toiled, and have poured out my chochmah under the shemesh. This also is hevel.

[20] Therefore I turned aside to give up my lev to despair over all the wearisome amal with which I toiled under the shemesh.

[21] For there is an adam whose amal is with chochmah, and da’as, and kishron (skill); yet to an adam that hath not worked for it he must leave it for his chelek. This also is hevel.

[22] For what hath adam for all his yamim for his chelek. This also is hevel.

[23] For there is an adam whose amal is with chochmah, and da’as, and kishron (skill); yet to an adam that hath not worked for it he must leave it for his chelek. This also is hevel.

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[25] For who can eat, or who can find enjoyment without Hashem?

[26] For to the adam that is pleasing in His sight, Hashem gives chochmah, and da’as, and simchah; but to the choteh (sinner) Hashem giveth travail; Hashem giveth the work of gathering and storing up, that Hashem may give to him that pleases HaElohim. This also is hevel and chasing after ruach.

3 To every thing there is a zeman (time), and an et (season) for every matter under Shomayim;

[2] An et (season) to be born, and an et (season) to die; an et (season) to plant, and an et (season) to uproot which is planted;

[3] An et (season) to kill, and an et (season) to heal; an et (season) to tear down, and an et (season) to build up;

[4] An et (season) to weep, and an et (season) to laugh; an et (season) to mourn, and an et (season) to dance;

[5] An et (season) to throw stones away, and an et (season) to gather stones together; an et (season) to embrace, and an et (season) to refrain from embracing;

[6] An et (season) to look for, and an et (season) to lose; an et (season) to keep, and an et (season) to throw away;

[7] An et (season) to tear, and an et (season) to mend; an et (season) to keep silent, and an et (season) to speak;

[8] An et (season) to love, and an et (season) to hate; an et (season) of milchamah, and an et (season) of shalom.

[9] What profit hath the worker from his amal (labor)?

[10] I have seen the occupation, which Elohim hath given to the bnei HaAdam to keep them occupied.

[11] Hashem hath made every thing yafeh in its et (season); also He hath set HaOlam in their lev, yet so that no adam can find out the ma’aseth that HaElohim hath done from the beginning to the end.
12 I have da’as that there is nothing better for adam, than that they have simchah and do tov while they live.
13 And also that kol haAdam should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his amal. This is a gift of Elohim.
14 I have da’as that, all that HaElohim doeth will endure l’olam; nothing can be added to it, nor any thing taken from it; HaElohim doeth it, that men should fear before Him.
15 That which is hath been already; and that which is to be hath already been; and HaElohim will call that which is past to account.
16 And moreover I saw under the shemesh that in the Mekom Mishpat (place of judgment) resha (wickedness) was there; and in the Mekom Tzedek, resha (wickedness) was there.
17 I said in mine lev, HaElohim shall judge the tzaddik and the resha (wicked); for an et (season) for every matter and for every ma’aseh is there.
18 I said in mine lev, As for bnei haAdam, HaElohim tests them, that they might see that they themselves are like beheimah.
19 For bnei haAdam and beheimah share one and same mikreh (fortune); as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that the adam hath no advantage above the beheimah.
20 All go unto mekom echad; all are of the afahr (dust), and all return to the afahr again.
21 Who hath da’as of the ruach bnei haAdam that goeth upward, and the ruach habeheimah that goeth downward to ha’aretz [see 12:7]? Why?
22 Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better than that the adam find simchah in his ma’asim; for that is his chelek; for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him?
4 So I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the shemesh, and, hinei, the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no menachem (comforter); and on the side of their oppressors there was ko’ach (power); but they had no menachem (comforter).
2 Wherefore I praised the mesim which are already dead more than the living ones which are yet alive.
3 Yea, better is he than both they, which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the ma’aseh harah that is done under the shemesh.
4 Again, I considered all amal, and every kishron hama’aseh (skillful achievement), that such is a simple derivative of kinat ish meirei’eihu (the envy of man of his neighbor). This also is hevel, a chasing after ruach.
5 The kesil foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own basar.
6 Better is a handful with tranquility than both the hands full with amal and chasing after ruach.
7 Then I returned, and I saw under the shemesh this hevel:
8 There was a man all alone, and there was with him neither ben nor ach (brother); yet there was no ketz (end) to all his amal; neither was his ayin satisfied with osher (riches); neither saith he, For whom do I toil, and deprive my nefesh of tovah? This also is hevel, yea, it is an evil matter.
9 Two are better than one because they have a sachar tov for their amal.
10 For if they fall, the echad will lift up his partner, but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.
11 Also, if two lie down, then they have chom (heat), but how can one be warm alone?
12 Though echad may be overpowered, shnayim shall withstand him; and a khoot hameshulash (threefold cord) is not quickly broken.
13 Better is a poor and a wise yeled than an old and foolish melech, who will no more be admonished.
14 For out of the bais hasohar he cometh to reign, although he was born a poor man in his malchut (kingdom).
15 I considered all the living ones which walk under the shemesh in the throng of the yeled, that is, the second one that shall enter into the place of the former melech.
16 There is no ketz of kol haAm, all those at whose head he stands; and yet they who come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is hevel and striving for ruach.
5 (4:17) Keep thy footing when thou goest to the Bais HaElohim, and be more ready to listen than to give the zevach of kesilim, for they have no da’as that they do rah.
2 (5:1) Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine lev be hasty to utter any thing before HaElohim; for HaElohim is in Shomayim, and thou upon ha’aretz; therefore let thy dvarim be few.
3 (5:2) As by a multitude of cares cometh a chalom, so by a multitude of dvarim
There is a ra'ah which I have seen under the shemesh, and it is a great weight upon the adam;[2] An ish to whom HaElohim hath given osher (riches), nekhasim (possessions), and kavod (honor), so that he wanteth nothing for his nefesh of all that he desireth, yet HaElohim giveth him not shlitah (empowerment) to have enjoyment thereof, but an ish nochri (stranger) hath the enjoyment thereof; this is hevel, and it is a grievous ill.

[3] If an ish beget a hundredfold, and live shanim rabbot, so that ray be the yamim of his shananim, and his nefesh be not filled with hatovah, and also that he have no kevurah (grave); I say, that a nefel (stillborn) is better than he.

[4] For he cometh in with hevel, and departeth in choshech, and shmo shall be shrouded with choshech, and shmo shall be choshech, and shmo shall be shrouded with choshech, and shmo shall be shrouded with choshech.

[5] Moreover though he hath not seen the shemesh, nor known any thing, this hath more nakhat (rest, quietness) than the other.

[6] Yea, though he live an elef shanim twice over, yet hath he seen no tovah. Do not all go to mekom echad?

[7] All the amal (labor) of haAdam is for his mouth, and yet the nefesh is not satisfied.

[8] For what hath the chacham more than the kesil? What hath the poor man, who has da'as of how to conduct himself before the living?

[9] Better what the eynayim see than the roving of the nefesh; this also is hevel and chasing after ruach.

[10] That which is, its shem hath already been named, and it is known what adam shall be; neither may he contend against what is stronger than he.

[11] Seeing there be many things that increase hevel, what profit is there for adam? [12] For who has da'as what is tov for adam in this life, all that the few days of his chayyei shanim, yet hath he seen no tovah. Do not all go to mekom echad?

[12] The sleep of the oved (working man) is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the abundance of the oisher (rich man) will not permit him to sleep.

[13] There is a grievous ra'ah which I have seen under the shemesh; oisher (riches) hoarded by the baal thereof to his hurt;

[14] The same osher (riches) perish by an evil event and he begetteth a ben; thus this one hath nothing in his hand.

[15] As he came forth of the womb of his Em (mother), arom (naked) shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his amal (labor), which he may carry away in his hand.

[16] And this also is a grievous evil, that in every respect as he came, just so shall he go; and what profit hath he that hath toiled for the ruach (wind)?

[17] All his yamim also hath he that hath toiled for his nefesh; this also is hevel and it is a ra'ah which I have seen under the shemesh. Do not all go to mekom echad?
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7 A shem tov is better than precious ointment; and the yom hamavet than the day of one's birth. [2] It is better to go to the bais evel (house of mourning), than to go to the bais mishteh (house of feasting); for that is the sof (end, conclusion; see 12:13) of kol haAdam; and the living will take it to heart. [3] Ka'as (sorrow) is better than laughter; for sadness of the countenance is good for the lev. [4] The lev of chachamim is in the bais evel (house of mourning); but the lev of kesilim is in the bais simchah. [5] It is better to hear the rebuke of the chacham, than for an ish to hear the shir kesilim. [6] For as is the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the kesil; this also is hevel. [7] Surely oppression maketh a chacham mad; and a bribe corrupts the heart. [8] Better is the acharit (end) of a thing than the reshit (beginning) thereof; and erech ruach (patience) is better than gavoah ruach (haughtiness). [9] Be not hasty in thy ruach to be angry; for ka'as (anger) resteth in the kheyk (bosom) of kesilim. [10] Say thou not, What is the cause that the yamim harishonim were better than these? For it is not because of chochmah that thou dost inquire concerning this. [11] Chochmah is good with a nachalah (inheritance); and by it there is an advantage to them that see the shemesh. [12] For chochmah is a protective tzel (shade), and kesef is as well; but the advantage of da'as is, that chochmah giveth chayyim (life) to them that possess it. [13] Consider the ma'aseh HaElohim; for who can make straight what Hashem hath made crooked? [14] In the yom tovah he joyful, but in the yom ra'ah consider: HaElohim also hath set the one over against the other in such a way that adam may not find out anything that will come after him. [15] All things have I seen in the yamim of my hevel; there is a tzaddik that perisheth in his tzedakah, and there is a rasha that prolongeth his life in his ra'ah. [16] Do not be over much the tzaddik nor over much the chacham; why cause thyself desolation? [17] Be not over much resha, neither be thou foolish; why shouldst thou die before thy time? [18] It is good that thou holdest fast to the one and withdrawest not thine hand from the other; for he is a yire Elohim (G-d fearer) who shall fulfill both. [19] Chochmah makes one chacham stronger than asarah shalitim (ten rulers) which are in the city. [20] For there is not a tzaddik upon earth, that doeth tov, and sinneth not [Ro 3:23]. [21] Also take no heed unto kol dvarim that are spoken; lest thou hear thy eved curse thee; [22] For oftentimes also thine own lev hath da'as that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others. [23] I tested all this with chochmah; I said, I shall be wise; but it was far from me. [24] That which is far off, and exceeding deep, whose chochmah can find it out? [25] I applied mine lev to have da'as, and to search, and to seek out chochmah, and the cheshbon (scheme, plan) of things, and to have da'as of resha (wickedness) of kesel (stupidity), even of sichlut (folly) and holelot (madness). [26] And I find more mar (bitter) than mavet the isha, whose lev is snares and traps, and her hands are as chains; whoso pleaseth HaElohim shall escape from her; but the choteh (sinner) shall be ensnared by her. [27] Look, this have I discovered, saith Kohelet, adding one point to another to find out the cheshbon (the scheme, plan of things); [28] Which yet my nefesh seeketh, but I have not found; one man among a thousand have I found, but a woman among all those have I not found. [29] Lo, this only have I found, that HaElohim hath made man yashar (upright, Gn 1:27); but they have sought out chishvivot rabim (many schemes, Gn 3:6-7; Ps 51; Ro 5:12; 3:23).

8 Who is the chacham? And who knoweth the pesher (interpretation, explanation) of a thing? A man's chochmah maketh his face bright, and the rudeness of his face is changed. [2] I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and that because of the shevuat Elohim (the oath of G-d). [3] Be not hasty to go out of his sight; stand not in a rah (an evil matter); for he executeth whatsoever pleaseth him. [4] For the devar melech is shilton (supreme), and who may say unto him, What dost thou?
there be resha'im, to whom it happeneth according to the ma'aseh haresha'im; again, there be resha'im, to whom it happeneth according to the ma'aseh haresha'im; I say that this also is hevel.

Then I commended simchah, because a man hath no better thing under the shemesh, than to eat, and to drink, and to have simchah; for that shall accompany him in his amal the yamim of his life, which HaElohim giveth him under the shemesh.

When I applied mine lev to have da'as of chochmah, and to see the business that is done upon ha'aretz, though one's eyenim see sleep neither yom nor lailah,

then I beheld kol ma'aseh HaElohim, that haAdam cannot comprehend the ma'aseh that is done under the shemesh; because though haAdam labor to seek it out, yet he shall not comprehend it; moreover, though a chacham claim to have da'as of it, yet shall he not be able to comprehend it.

All this I took to my lev, explaining it all, that the tzaddikim, and their works, are in the yad HaElohim; adam does not have da'as of whether it will be ahavah or sinah; all lies before him.

Though a choteh do rah an hundred times, and his yamim be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear HaElohim, which fear before Hashem;

But it shall not be well with the rasha, neither shall he lengthen his yamim like a tzel (shadow); because he feareth not before Elohah.

There is a hevel which is done upon ha'aretz; that there he tzaddikim, unto whom it happeneth according to the ma'aseh haresha'im; again, there be resha'im, to whom it happeneth according to the ma'aseh haresha'im; I say that this also is hevel.

For to him that is joined against a ma'aseh hatzaddikim; I say that this also is hevel.

For the living have da'as that they shall die; but the mesim do not have da'as of anything, neither have they any more a sachar, for the memory of them is forgotten.

Also their ahavah, and their sinah, and their kina, is now perished; neither have they any more a chelek Ialam in any thing that is done under the shemesh.

Thou go thy way, eat thy lechem with simchah, and drink thy yayin with a lev tov; for HaElohim now accepteth thy ma'asim.

Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no siment (ointment).

Live joyfully with the isha whom thou lovest all the days of thy chayyei hevel, which he hath given thee under the shemesh, all the days of thy hevel; for that is thy chelek in this life, and in thy amal (toil) which thou laborest under the shemesh.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy koach; for there is no ma'aseh, nor cheshbon, nor d'as, nor chochmah in Sheol, whither thou goest.

I returned, and saw under the shemesh, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the gibborim, neither yet lechem to the chachamim, nor yet osher to the intelligent, nor yet chen (favor) to the experts; but et (time) and pega (chance) happeneth to them all.

For haAdam also hath no da'as of his et (time, hour, but see Yn 13:1; 8:20; 7:30; 2+ regarding the Moshiach's knowledge of his hour); as the dagim
that are caught in a metzodah rah (evil net), and as the birds that are trapped in the pach (snare), so are the Bnei HaAdam snared in an et ra’ah (evil time), when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 This chochmah have I seen also under the shemesh, and it seemed gedolah (great) unto me:

14 There was an ir ketanah (little city), and few men within it; and there came a melech gadol against it, and besieged it, and built metzorim gedolim (huge siegeworks) against it.

15 Now there was found in it a poor chacham, and he by his chochmah delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I, Chochmah is better than gevurah (strength); nevertheless the poor man’s chochmah is despised, and his devarim are not heard.

17 Divrei chachamim in quiet are more to be heeded than the shouting of the moshel (one ruling) among kesilim.

18 Chochmah is better than weapons of war, but one choteh destroyeth much good.

Dead flies cause the perfumer’s shemen to send forth a foul odor; so doth a little sichlut outweigh chochmah and kavod.

2 A chacham’s lev is at his yamin (right hand); but a kesil’s lev is at his semol (left hand).

3 Yea also, when he that is a kesil even walketh along the derech, his sense faileth him, and he saith to every one that he is a kesil.

4 If the ruach of the moshel rise up against thee, leave not thy mekom; for calmness pacifieth chata’im gedolim.

5 There is a ra’ah which I have seen under the shemesh, the sort of error which proceedeth from a shalit (ruler);

6 Sekhel (folly) is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.

7 I have seen avadim (servants) upon susim, and sarim (princes) walking as avadim upon ha’aretz.

8 He that diggeth a gumatz (pit) shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through a wall, a nachash shall bite him.

9 Whoso pulleth out avanim (stones) may be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood may be endangered thereby.

10 If the barzel (iron [of the axe]) be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must more strength be marshalled; but chochmah brings success.

11 If the nachash will bite before it is charmed, there is no use in a charmer.

12 The words of a chacham’s mouth are chen (gracious); but the lips of a kesil will swallow up himself.

13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is zichlut; and the end of his talk is holelot ra’ah.

14 A kesil also is full of devarim; haAdam has no da’as of what shall be, and what shall be after him, who can tell him?

15 The amal of the kesilim wearieth him, because he has no da’as of how to go to town.

16 Woe to thee, O eretz, when thy melech is a na’ar, and thy sarim (princes) feast in the boker!

17 Blessed art thou, O eretz, when thy melech is a nobleman, and thy sarim (princes) eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

18 By much atzlut (slothfulness) the rafters falleth; and through idleness of the hands the bais leaketh.

19 Lechem is made for laughter, and yayin maketh merry; but kesef answereth everything.

20 Curse not the Melech, no not in thy thought; and curse not the oisher in thy bedchamber; for an Oph haShomayim may carry the voice, and that which hath wings may report what you say.

11 Cast thy lechem upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many yamim.

2 Give chelek (portions) to shivah, and also to shmonah; for thou knowest not what ra’ah shall be upon ha’aretz.

3 If the clouds be full of geshem, they empty themselves upon ha’aretz; and if the etz fall toward the darom (south), or toward the tzafon (north), in the makom (place) where the etz falleth, there it lieth.

4 He that observeth the ruach (wind) shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.

5 As thou knowest not what is the derech haruach [see Yn 3:3-8], nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the ma’asei HaElohim who maketh all.

6 In the boker sow thy zera, and in the erev do not let thine hand be idle; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be tovim.

7 Truly the ohr is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eynayim to behold the shemesh.

8 But if haAdam live many shanim, and rejoice in them all; yet let him
Remember now thy Bo’re (Creator) in the yamim of thy bechurot, while the yamei hara’ah come not, nor the shanim draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no chefetz (pleasure) in them; while the shemesh, or the ohr, or the yarei’ach, or the kokhavim, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain; in the yom when the shomrei habayit shall tremble, and the strong men shall stoop, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows grow dim, and the delatayim (doors) shall be shut in the street, when the sound of the grinding fades, and he shall arise at the sound of a tzipor (bird), and all their banot hashir (daughters of song) are brought low; also when they shall be afraid of height, and fears shall be in the derech, and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper drags himself along, and desire shall fail; because haAdam goeth to his bais olam (eternal home), and the mourners go about the streets;

Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the bor (cistern).
Then shall the aphar return to ha’aretz as it was; and the ruach shall return unto HaElohim who gave it.
Hevel havalim, saith Kohelet; all is hevel.
And moreover, because Kohelet was chacham, he taught the people da’as; yea, he applied, and searched out, and set in order many meshalim (proverbs).
Kohelet searched to find out divrei chefetz; and that which was written was yosher, even divrei emes.
Divrei chachamim are like goads, and like nails firmly fixed are the collected sayings that are given by Ro’eh Echad (One Shepherd).
And further, by these, beni, be admonished; of making many sefarim there is no ketz; and much study is a weariness of the basar.
Let us hear the sof (conclusion) of the whole matter; Fear HaElohim, and of His commandments be shomer mitzvot; for this is the whole duty of haAdam.
For HaElohim shall bring kol ma’aseh (every work) into mishpat (judgment), with every ne’lam (secret thing, concealed thing), whether it be tov (good), or whether it be rah (evil).

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T.N. A note on the Book of Esther. Five books of the Hebrew Bible are known as the Five Scrolls (Chamesh Megillot). Song of Songs is read on the Shabbos of Passover week (Sepherdim read it on Seder night and Friday afternoons). Ruth is read on Shavuos (Pentecost). Kohelet is read on the Shabbos of the week of Sukkot. Ekkah (Lamentations) is read of the Ninth of Av, a fast commemorating the destruction of the Beis Hamikdash. And, finally, the book we are studying, the Scroll of Esther, is read on Purim. Both Esther and Job could certainly be produced as plays or musicals with a high professional production level. In writing a musical, the scenario has to be laid out for the story by identifying the points in the play, visualized as a series of scenes, where the conflicts in each scene rise to a crescendo requiring song and/or choreography. Here are a few ideas on how to organize the telling of Esther’s story in this way. A few possible lyric lines for songs have been put in quotation marks. Why not think of how you could write an original play or musical to be presented every Purim? Try your own creative hand—you can polish the ideas below or come up with better ones: Scene: Persian city of Susa (modern Iran). Time: 483 B.C.E. Possible ideas for a scenario with a few song lyric ideas:

King Ahasuerus and company (tipsy): ‘Queen Vashti, you’re not acting very pretty.’ Queen Vashti could sing a song to her maidens to go tell the King she is now a ‘liberated’ woman. The chorus made up of King
Ahasuerus's counselors (wise men [chachamim])—Esth 1:13—could lament the rebellious female population of the country and how Queen Vashti will start an insurrection in every home. A national domestic revolt is imminent, right in homes of the nation! These wise men could sing, “It's a scandal! Things are getting out of hand... Queen Vashti refuses to come at the king's command!” (see Esth 1:12). Purim is to be a time of joy (simcha) and feasting and gladness and yontef (holiday) and a time to send gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor (Esth 9:22). Saddam Hussein, dictator of Iraq, boasted that his scud missiles would burn half of Israel, but then he should have studied the whole megilah of Esther because then he would have understood why his elite Republican Guard tank divisions would suffer a “turkey shoot” from the air and be defeated on Thursday, February 28, 1991 (5751), Adar 14, the very day of Purim (Esth 9:19), proving that any Haman who threatens to destroy Israel can still be brought down by the G-d of Esther.

Now it came to pass in the yamim of Achashverosh, (this is Achashverosh which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and twenty-seven provinces;) That in those yamim, when HaMelech Achashverosh sat on his kisse malkhut (royal throne), which was in the [Persian] capital, Shushan, In the shnat shalosh (third year) of his reign, he gave a mishleh (feast, banquet) unto all his sarim (princes) and his avadim (officials); the might of Persia and Media, the nobles and sarim (princes) of the provinces, being before him; When he displayed the osher kavod malkhut (riches of the glorious kingdom) of his and the yeقار (honor) [see 1:20] of his tiferet gedulah (glorious majesty) yamim rabbim, even a hundred and eighty days.

And when these yamim were expired, HaMelech gave a mishleh (feast) unto all the people that were present in the capital of Shushan, both gadol (great) and katan (small), shivat yamim (seven days), in the khatzer (courtyard) of the garden of the palace of HaMelech, Where were white and blue linen curtains, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to rings of silver and pillars of marble; the mittot (couches) were of zahav and kesef, upon an inlaid floor of purplish-red exquisite stone and mother-of-pearl and marble.

And they gave them drink in vessels of zahav, the vessels being different one from another, and yayin malkhut (royal wine) in abundance, according to the [bountiful] yad HaMelech.
because she hath not performed the commandment of HaMelech Achashverosh at the agency of the sarisim (eunuchs)?
[16] And Memuchan answered before HaMelech and the sarim (princes), Vashti HaMalkah hath not done wrong to HaMelech only, but also to all the sarim (nobles), and to kol haAmim that are in all the provinces of HaMelech Achashverosh.
[17] For this deed of HaMalkah shall spread abroad unto all the nashim (women, wives), so that they shall despise their be'alim (husbands) in their eyes, when it shall be reported that HaMelech Achashverosh commanded Vashti HaMalkah to be brought in before him, but she came not.
[18] Likewise, when they will have heard of the conduct of HaMalkah, the sarot (ladies of the nobility) of Persia and Media shall similarly respond this day unto all the sarim (nobles) of HaMelech. Thus shall there arise too much bizzayon (contempt) and ketzef (wrath).
[19] If it please HaMelech, let there go forth a royal decree from him, and let it be written in the laws of the Persians and the Medes, laws that shall not pass away, that Vashti come no more before HaMelech Achashverosh; and let HaMelech give her royalty unto another that is better than she.
[20] And when the edict of HaMelech which he shall make shall be published throughout all his Malkhut (realm)—for it is great—all the nashim (women, wives) shall give to their be'alim (husbands) yekar (honor, respect), both to gadol and katan.
[21] And the proposal was good in the eyes of HaMelech and the sarim (nobles); and HaMelech did according to the devar Memuchan;
[22] For he sent sefarim into all the provinces of HaMelech, into every province according to the script thereof, and to every people after their leshon, that every ish should bear rule in his own bais, and speak in the leshon of his own people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of HaMelech Achashverosh was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her.
[2] Then said the attendants of HaMelech that ministered unto him, Let there be beautiful ne'arot betulot (young virgins) sought for HaMelech;
[3] And let HaMelech appoint pekidim (overseers) in all the provinces of his malkhut (kingdom, realm), that they may gather together all the beautiful na'arah betulah (young virgins) unto Shushan the capital, to the Bais HaNashim (House of the Women, Harem), unto the custody of Hegai the Saris HaMelech (the Eunuch of the King), the Shomer HaNashim (Custodian of the Women); and let their (bodily) rubbings be given them.
[4] And let the na'arah which pleaseth HaMelech be Malkah (Queen) instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased HaMelech; and he did so.
[5] Now in Shushan the capital there was an ish Yehudi, shmo Mordechai ben Yair ben Shim'i ben Kish, a Binyamini,
[6] which (ones) had been carried away from Yerushalayim in the Golus among those taken captive with Yechanyah Melech Yehudah, whom Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel had carried away.
[7] And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Ester, the bat of his dod (uncle); for she had neither av nor em, and the na'arah was lovely in form and beautiful in appearance, whom Mordechai, when her av and em were dead, took for the bat of his own.
[8] So it came to pass, when the commandment of HaMelech and his dat (decree, law) was heard, and when ne'arot rabbot (many maidens) were gathered together unto Shushan the capital, to the custody of Hegai, that Ester was brought also unto the Beis HaMelech, to the custody of Hegai, Shomer HaNashim.
[9] And the na'arah pleased him, and she took up chesed before him; and he speedily had her be given her (bodily) rubbings, with her portion of special food; and also he selected sheva hanearot (seven maids) for her from the Beis HaMelech; and he transferred her and her ne'arot to the preferred quarters in the Bais HaNashim.
[10] Ester had not revealed her Am (People, i.e., the Jewish people) nor her moledet (kindred, i.e., her Jewishness), for Mordechai had charged her she should not show it.
[11] And Mordechai walked kol yom vayom before the khatzer Bais HaNashim (courtyard of the House of the Women, Harem) to have da'as of the shalom Ester (welfare of Ester), and what would become of her.
[12] Now before the turn of every na'arah came to go in to HaMelech Achashverosh, she had to complete the yemei yamim (days of
her [bodily] rubbings which were prescribed for the nashim and which involved shneym asar chodesh (twelve months), shisha chodashim (six months) of shemen (oil) of myrrh and shisha chodashim (six months) of perfumes and beauty treatments for nashim. [13] Then thus came every na'arah unto HaMelech; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the Bais HaNashim unto the Beis HaMelech. [14] Ba'erev (in the evening) she went, and baboker (in the morning) she returned to a Bais HaNashim Sheni (a second House of the Women, Harem) to the custody of Shaashgaz, Saris HaMelech, Shomer HaPilagshim (Eunuch guards, the custodians of the women). She came in unto HaMelech no more, except HaMelech delighted in her, and she were summoned b'shem (by name). [15] Now when the turn of Ester bat Avichayil, dod Mordechai, who had adopted her as his bat, was come to go in unto HaMelech, she required nothing but what Hegai, Saris HaMelech, the Shomer HaNashim, suggested. And Ester took up chen (favor, grace) in the sight of all them that looked upon her. [16] So Ester was taken unto HaMelech Achashverosh into his Bais Malkhut (royal residence) in the chodesh ha'asiri (tenth month), which is the month Tevet, in the shnatin sheva (seventh year) of his reign. [17] And HaMelech loved Ester mikol hanashim (more than all the women), and she took up chen vachesed (favor and grace) in his sight more than kol habetulot (all the virgins), so that he set the keter malkhut (royal crown) upon her head, and made her Malkah instead of Vashti. [18] Then HaMelech gave a mishteh gadol (great feast) unto all his sarim (nobles) and his avadim (servants, officials), even Mishtehe Ester; and he decreed a holiday throughout the provinces and distributed gifts according to the bountiful yad HaMelech. [19] And when the betulot (virgins) were gathered together again, then Mordechai yoshev b'Sha'ar HaMelech (sat in the King's Gate). [20] Ester had not yet revealed her moledet (kindred) nor her Am (people, i.e., the Jewish people) as Mordechai had charged her; for Ester did the commandment of Mordechai, like as when she was brought up with him. [21] In those yamim, while Mordechai yoshev b'Sha'ar HaMelech, two of the Sarisim of HaMelech, Bigtan and Teresh, of the Mishomreim HaSaf (Keepers of the Door, Doorkeepers), were angry, and conspired to assassinate HaMelech Achashverosh. [22] And Mordechai came to da'as of the plot, and told it unto Ester HaMalkah; and Ester informed HaMelech thereof b'shem Mordechai. [23] And when inquiry was made of the matter, it was found true; therefore the two of them were made taliui al etz (hanged on a tree), and it was written in the sefer of the divrei hayamim before HaMelech. After these things did HaMelech Achashverosh promote Haman ben Hamdata the Agagi [Num 24:7], and advanced him, and set his rank above all the sarim (nobles). [2] And all the avadim of HaMelech, that were in the Shaar HaMelech, bowed, and paid homage to Haman, for HaMelech had so commanded concerning him. But Mordechai bowed not, nor did him reverence. [3] Then avadim of HaMelech, which were in the Shaar HaMelech, said unto Mordechai, Why transgressest thou the mitzvat HaMelech? [4] Now it came to pass, when they spoke yom vayom unto him, and his was a lo shema (not listen) unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordechai's behavior would be tolerated; for he had told them that hu Yehudi (he was a Jew). [5] And when Haman saw that Mordechai ein kore'a (bowed not), nor to him mistachaveh (would prostrate, worship) [Devarim 5:9], then was Haman full of chemah (wrath). [6] And he scorned to lay hands on Mordechai alone; since they had told him the Am Mordechai; therefore Haman sought to make shmad (public) shmad of kol haYehudim that were throughout the kol Malkhut Achashverosh, even the Am Mordechai. [7] In the chodesh harishon (first month), that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of HaMelech Achashverosh, they cast Pur, that is, the goral (lot), before Haman miyom l'yom (from day to day, every day), and me'chodesh Ichodesh (from month to month, every month) until the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar. [8] And Haman said unto HaMelech Achashverosh, There is Am Echad scattered abroad and dispersed among the amim in all the provinces of thy malkhut (kingdom, realm); and their dat (law) is different from kol am; neither
obey they the datei HaMelech; therefore it is not suitable for HaMelech to tolerate them.

9  If it please HaMelech, let it be written that they may be killed, and I will weigh ten thousand talents of kesef into the hands of those that are the osei hamelachah (doers of the work, T.N. i.e., the S.S.), to bring it into genazim (treasuries [T.N. see the word genizah here]) of HaMelech.

10  And HaMelech took his taba'at (signet ring) from his hand, and gave it unto Haman ben Hamdata the Agagi, the tzorer (vexer, harasser) of the Yehudim.

11  And HaMelech said unto Haman, The kesef is given to thee, HaAm also, to do with them as it seemeth good in thine eyes.

12  Then were the soferim of HaMelech summoned on the shloshah asar yom of chodesh harishon, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded, unto the satraps of HaMelech, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the sarim of every people of every province according to the script thereof, and to every people after their leshon; b'shem HaMelech Achashverosh was it written, and sealed with the taba'at HaMelech (the signet ring of HaMelech).

13  And the sefarim were sent by couriers into all the provinces of HaMelech, to make shmad, to kill, and to annihilate kol HaYehudim, both na'ar and zaken (young and old), little children and nashim, on yom echad (one day), even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to plunder their possessions.

4  When Mordechai perceived all that was done, Mordechai rent his garments, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a zeakah gedolah umarah (loud and a bitter wailing);

2  And came even before the Sha'ar HaMelech; for none might enter into the Sha'ar HaMelech clothed with sackcloth.

3  And in every province, whithersoever the Devar HaMelech and his dat (decree) came, there was evel gadol (great mourning) among the Yehudim, and a tzom, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes.

4  So Ester's na'arot and her sarisim came and told it her. Then was HaMalkah exceedingly distressed; and she sent begadim (raiment) to clothe Mordechai, and to take away his sackcloth from him, but he received it not [see Am 6:6].

5  Then called Ester for Hatach, one of the sarisim of HaMelech, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment about Mordechai, to have da'as of mah zeh (what is this?), and al mah zeh (why is this?)

6  So Hatach went forth to Mordechai unto the rechov halr (open square of the city), which was before the Sha'ar HaMelech.

7  And Mordechai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the parashat hakesef (exact amount of the money) that Haman had promised to pay to the genazim of HaMelech for the Yehudim, to destroy them.

8  Also he gave him the copy of the edict of the dat (decree, Final Solution) that was published at Shushan to make them shmad, to show it unto Ester, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto HaMelech, to make supplication unto him, and to make bakash (request, pleading) before him for her Am (People, the Jewish People).

9  And Hatach came and told Ester the divrei Mordechai.

10  Again Ester spoke unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordechai:

11  All the avadim of HaMelech, and the people of the provinces of HaMelech have da'as that whether ish or isha, shall come unto HaMelech into the pnimiyus khatzer (innermost courtyard), who is not called, there is echat dat (one law) of his to put him to death, except such to whom HaMelech shall hold out the sharvit hazahav (golden sceptre), that he may live. But I have not been called to come in unto HaMelech these shloshim yom.

12  And they told to Mordechai Ester’s words.

13  Then Mordechai commanded to answer Ester, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the Beis HaMelech, more than kol HaYehudim.
And Ester answered, If it seem to you and to HaMelech, let HaMelech and Haman come today unto the mishteh that I have prepared for him. So HaMelech and Haman came to the mishteh that Ester had prepared. And HaMelech said unto Ester at the mishteh hayayin (feast), What is thy she'elah (petition)? Even to chatzi HaMalchut it shall be granted. Then answered Ester, and said, My she'elah and my bakash (request)? Even to HaMelech to grant my she'elah and my bakash (request)?: And if it is tov to HaMelech, let HaMelech and Haman come to the mishteh that I shall prepare for them, and I will do makhar (tomorrow) as HaMelech hath said. Then went Haman forth that day samei'ach (joyfully) with a tov lev; but when Haman saw Mordechai in the Sha'ar HaMelech, that he stood not up, nor trembled because of him, he was full of chemah (indignation, rage) against Mordechai. Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and when he came home, he sent and called for his ohavim (friends), and Zeresh his isha. And Haman told them of the kavod of his osher, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein HaMelech had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the sarim (princes) and avadim of HaMelech.

[12] Haman said moreover, Yea, Ester HaMalkah did let no man come in with HaMelech unto the mishteh that she had prepared but myself; and makhar (tomorrow) am I invited unto her also with HaMelech. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordechai HaYehudi sitting at the Sha'ar HaMelech. Then said Zeresh his isha and all his ohavim (friends) unto him, Let an etz (hanging tree) be made of fifty cubits high, and baboker (in the morning) speak thou unto HaMelech that Mordechai may be hanged thereon[see Lk 23:21 OJBC]; then go thou samei'ach (joyfully) with HaMelech unto the mishteh. And the thing was tov to Haman; and he caused HaEtz to be built.

6 On that night HaMelech's sleep fled away, and he commanded to bring the sefer of records of the chronicles; and they were read before HaMelech. And it was found written, that Mordechai had told of Bigtan and Teresh, two of the sarism of HaMelech, the Mishomrei HaSaf (Keepers of the Door, the Doorkeepers) who conspired to assassinate HaMelech Achashverosh. And HaMelech said, What yekar (honor [see 1:4,20]) and what recognition hath been done to Mordechai for this? Then said the servants of HaMelech that ministered unto him, Nothing has been done for him.

[4] And HaMelech said, Who is in the khatzer (court)? Now Haman was come into the Khatzer HaKhitzonah (Outer Court) of the Beis HaMelech, to speak unto HaMelech lit'lot (to hang; see Esth 2:23)

5 Now it came to pass on the yom hashelishi, that Ester put on her royal apparel, and stood in the pnimiyus [khatzer] of the Beis HaMelech in front of the Beis HaMelech; and HaMelech sat upon his kisse malkhut (royal throne) in the Beis Hamalkhut, facing the Petach HaBeis (Entrance of HaBeis). And it was so, when HaMelech saw Ester HaMalkah standing in the Khatzer (Court), that she took up chen (favor, grace) in his sight, and HaMelech held out to Ester the sharvit (sceptre). Then said HaMelech unto her, What wilt thou, Ester HaMalkah? And what is thy bakash (request)? It shall be given thee even to the chatzi HaMalchut (half of the kingdom).

[14] For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there revach (relief) and hatzalah (deliverance) arise to the Yehudim from another place; but thou and thy bais Avicha (house of thy father) shall be destroyed; and who knoweth whether thou art to be the savivon (deliverer) of thy bais Avicha (house of thy father)? And what is thy bakash (petition)? Even to HaMalkhut standing in the Khatzer (Court), that she was in his hand. So Ester drew near, and touched the top of the sharvit (sceptre). Then said HaMelech unto her, What wilt thou, Ester HaMalkah? And what is thy bakash (request)? It shall be given thee even to the chatzi HaMalchut (half of the kingdom).

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[4] And Ester answered, If it seem to you and to HaMelech, let HaMelech and Haman come today unto the mishteh that I have prepared for him. So HaMelech and Haman came to the mishteh that Ester had prepared. And HaMelech said unto Ester at the mishteh hayayin (feast), What is thy she'elah (petition)? Even to chatzi HaMalchut it shall be granted. Then answered Ester, and said, My she'elah and my bakash (request): And if it is tov to HaMelech, let HaMelech and Haman come to the mishteh that I shall prepare for them, and I will do makhar (tomorrow) as HaMelech hath said. Then went Haman forth that day samei'ach (joyfully) with a tov lev; but when Haman saw Mordechai in the Sha'ar HaMelech, that he stood not up, nor trembled because of him, he was full of chemah (indignation, rage) against Mordechai. Nevertheless Haman restrained himself, and when he came home, he sent and called for his ohavim (friends), and Zeresh his isha. And Haman told them of the kavod of his osher, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein HaMelech had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the sarim (princes) and avadim of HaMelech.

[12] Haman said moreover, Yea, Ester HaMalkah did let no man come in with HaMelech unto the mishteh that she had prepared but myself; and makhar (tomorrow) am I invited unto her also with HaMelech. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordechai HaYehudi sitting at the Sha'ar HaMelech. Then said Zeresh his isha and all his ohavim (friends) unto him, Let an etz (hanging tree) be made of fifty cubits high, and baboker (in the morning) speak thou unto HaMelech that Mordechai may be hanged thereon[see Lk 23:21 OJBC]; then go thou samei'ach (joyfully) with HaMelech unto the mishteh. And the thing was tov to Haman; and he caused HaEtz to be built.

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Mordechai on HaEtz that he had erected for him. [T.N. See Moshiach Ben David hanging on a tree 2Sm 18:10 as well as the specter of the same fate for this descendant of the first royal family of Israel].

[5] And the servants of HaMelech said unto him, Hinei, Haman standeth in the khatzer. And HaMelech said unto him, What shall be done unto the ish whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar.

[6] So Haman came in. And HaMelech said unto him, What shall be done unto the ish whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar. [see 1:4;20: 6:3] Now Haman thought in his lev, To whom would HaMelech delight to do yekar more than to myself? [7] And Haman answered HaMelech, For the ish HaMelech delighteth to show yekar therewith whom HaMelech, let nafshi (my life) be granted thee; and what is thy she'elah (petition)? And it shall be performed, even to chatzi hayayin (feast) at the mishteh (banquet) that Ester had prepared.

7 So HaMelech and Haman came to banquet with Ester HaMalkah.

[8] And Haman said again unto Ester on the yom hasheni (second day) at the mishteh hayayin (feast), What is thy she'elah (petition), Ester HaMalkah? And it shall be granted thee; and what is thy bakash (request)? And it shall be performed, even to chatzi hayayin, went into the palace garden; and Haman stood up to make bakash (request) for his nefesh (life) to Ester HaMalkah; for he saw that harm was determined against him by HaMelech.

[9] Then HaMelech returned out of the palace garden into the Bais Mishteh HaYayin, and Haman was fallen upon the mittot (couches) whereon Ester was. Then said HaMelech, Will he ravish Ester HaMalkah also before me in the bais? As the davar (word) went out of the mouth of HaMelech, they covered Haman's face.

[10] And Charvonah, one of the sarisim, said before HaMelech, Hinei, also, HaEtz fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordechai, who has spoken chachamim and Zeresh his isha and all his ohavim before whom thy downfall hast begun, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt nafol tipol (surely fall) before him [see Mt 27:19].

[11] Then took Haman the levush and the sus, and arrayed Mordechai, and brought him on horseback through the rechov of the ir, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the ish whom HaMelech delighteth to show yekar.

[12] And Mordechai came again to the Sha'ar HaMelech. But Haman hasted to his bais, having his head covered in evel (mourning [see 4:3]) and his isha and all his ohavim everything that had befallen him. Then said his chachamim and Zeresh his isha unto him, If Mordechai be of the zera of the Yehudim, before whom thy downfall hast begun, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt nafol tipol (surely fall) before him [see Mt 27:19].

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On that day did HaMelech Achashverosh give the Bais Haman Tzoror HaYehudim (the estate of Haman the Vexer, Harasser, Enemy of the Jews) unto Ester HaMalkah. And Mordechai came before HaMelech; for Ester had told what he was unto her.

2 And HaMelech took off his taba’at (signet ring), which he had reclaimed from Haman, and gave it unto Mordechai. And Ester set Mordechai over the Bais Haman.

3 And Ester spoke yet again before HaMelech, and fell down at his feet, and she wept and made supplication to him to avert the rah of Haman HaAgagi and the machashevet of him (his scheme, i.e., final solution plan) that he had devised against the Yehudim.

4 Then HaMelech held out the sharvit hazahav (golden sceptre) toward Ester. So Ester arose, and stood before HaMelech.

5 And said, If it is tov to HaMelech, and if I have found chen (favor, grace) in his sight, and the thing seem kosher (fit, right, proper) before HaMelech, and I be tovah (favorable) before HaMelech, and he be tov (pleasing) in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the seferim (pleasing) in his eyes, let it be written and sealed with the taba’at (signet ring) of HaMelech; and for the writing which is written b’shem HaMelech, and sealed with the taba’at (signet ring) of HaMelech may no man reverse.

6 Then were the soferim of HaMelech summoned at that time in the chodesh hashelishi, that is, the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and according to all that Mordechai ordered it was written unto HaYehudim, and to the satraps, and the governors and nobles of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the script thereof, and unto every people after their leshon, and according to their script, and according to their leshon.

7 And he wrote b’shem HaMelech Achashverosh, and sealed it with the taba’at (signet ring) of HaMelech, and sent soferim by couriers on horseback riding thoroughbred royal steeds;

8 Wherein HaMelech granted the Yehudim which were in all the provinces of HaMelech; for the writing which is written b’shem HaMelech, and seal it with the taba’at (signet ring) of HaMelech may no man reverse.

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11 Wherein HaMelech granted the Yehudim which were in every city to assemble themselves together, and to engage in self-defense, to make shmad, to slay and to annihilate, any chayil (armed force) of any people or province that would attack them, both little ones and nashim, and to plunder their property.

12 On yom echad in all the provinces of HaMelech Achashverosh, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar.

13 A copy of the edict was to be issued as dat (law) in every province and was galui (made known) unto kol ha’amim (all nationalities), and that the Yehudim should be atidim (ready, prepared, [see 3:14]) for yom hazeh to avenge themselves on their oyvim (enemies).

14 So the couriers that rode upon royal steeds went out, being hastened and pressed on by the devar HaMelech. And the dat (decree) was given at Shushan the capital.

15 And Mordechai went out from the presence of HaMelech in levush malkhut (royal robe, clothing) of blue and white, and with an ataret zahav gedolah (a great crown of gold), and with a tachrich (garment, robe, [see OJBC Mt 27:59]) of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan celebrated and rejoiced.

16 The Yehudim had orah (light), and simcha, and sasson (joy) and yontef. And many of the people of the land mityahadim (became Yehudim); for the pachad Yehudim fell upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the devar HaMelech and his dat drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the oyvei HaYehudim hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Yehudim had rule over them that hated them);
[2] The Yehudim assembled themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of HaMelech Achashverosh, to lay hands on such as sought their hurt, and no man could withstand them, for the pachad of them fell upon all people.

[3] And all the nobles of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and officials of HaMelech helped the Yehudim; because the pachad of Mordechai fell upon them.

[4] For Mordechai was gadol (great) among the people, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces; for haish Mordechai grew more and more powerful.

[5] Thus the Yehudim struck all their oyvim with makkat cherev, slaughter, destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them.


[7] And Parshandata, Dalphon, Aspata,
[8] Porata, Adalya, Aridata,
[9] Parmashita, Arisai, Aridai, and Vaizata,
[10] The aseret bnei Haman (provinces of HaMelech) were in all the provinces of the Yehudim that were in the unwalled towns, made the villages, that dwelt in the villages, and also those that were in the cities throughout all the provinces of HaMelech.

[11] On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the capital was brought before HaMelech.

[12] And HaMelech said unto Ester HaMalkah, The Yehudim have slain and destroyed 500 men in Shushan the capital, and the ten bnei Haman. What have they done in the rest of the provinces of HaMelech? Now what is thy she’elah (petition)? And it shall be granted thee. Or what is thy bakash further? And it shall be done.

[13] Then said Ester, If it be tov to HaMelech, let it be granted to the Yehudim which are in Shushan to do tomorrow also according unto the dat of this day, and let the aseret bnei Haman be hanged upon haetz [see Esth 6:4].

[14] And HaMelech commanded it so to be done; and the dat (decree) was given at Shushan; and they hanged aseret bnei Haman.

[15] For the Yehudim that were in Shushan assembled themselves together on the 14th day also of the month Adar, and slew 300 men at Shushan; but on the plunder they laid not their hand.

[16] But the she’ar (remainder, remnant) of the Yehudim that were in the provinces of HaMelech assembled themselves together, engaged in self-defense, got relief from their oyvim, slew of those hating them 75,000, but they laid not their hands on the plunder.

[17] This was on the 13th day of the month Adar, and on the 14th day of the same rested they, and made it a yom mishteh and simcha.

[18] But the Yehudim that were at Shushan assembled together on the 13th day thereof, and on the 14th thereof, and on the 15th day of the same they rested, and made it a yom mishteh and simcha.

[19] Therefore the Yehudim of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns, made the 14th day of the month Adar a simcha and mishteh, and a yontef, and of sending presents each one to his neighbor.

[20] And Mordechai wrote these things, and sent seferim unto all the Yehudim that were in all the provinces of HaMelech Achashverosh, both near and far,

[21] To establish this among them, that they should keep the 14th day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, shanah vshanah,

[22] As the yamim wherein the Yehudim got relief from their oyvim, and the month which was turned unto them from yagon (sorrow) to simcha (joy), and from evev (mourning) into yontef; that they should make them yemei mishteh v’simcha, and of sending presents one to another, and mattanot (gifts) to the evyon (needy, poor).

[23] And the Yehudim undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordechai had written unto them;

[24] Because Haman ben Hamdata, the Agagi, the tzorer kol HaYehudim, had devised against the Yehudim to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the goral (lot), to utterly defeat them, and to destroy them;

[25] But when Ester came before HaMelech, he commanded by hasefer that his wicked machasheveh, which he devised against the Yehudim should return upon his own head, and that he and his banim should be hanged on the etz.

[26] Therefore they called these yamim Purim after the shem of the Pur. Therefore for all the words of this iggeret (letter), and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had happened unto them,

[27] The Yehudim established, and took upon them, and upon their zera, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time shanah vshanah;
And that these yamim should be remembered and kept dor v’dor (throughout every generation), in every mishpachah, every province, and every city; and that these yemei HaPurim should never cease from among the Yehudim, nor the memorial of them perish from their zera.

Then Ester HaMalkah, the bat Avichayil, and Mordechai HaYehudi, wrote with kol tokef (all authority), to confirm this second iggeret (letter) of Purim.

And he sent seferim unto all the Yehudim, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the malchut of Achashverosh, with words of shalom and emes,

To confirm these yemei HaPurim in their times appointed, according as Mordechai HaYehudi and Ester HaMalkah had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their zera, the matters of the tzomot (fasts) and their ze’akah (lamentation).

And the decree of Ester confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the sefer.

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And Hashem gave Yehoiakim Melech Yehudah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the Beis HaElohim; which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his g-d; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his g-d.

And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's food, and of the yayin which he drank, so nourishing them shanim shalosh (three years), that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.

Now among these were of the Bnei Yehudah, Daniel, Chananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah; unto whom the chief of the eunuchs gave names; for he gave unto Daniel the name of Belshatzar; and to Chananyah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azaryah, of Abednego.

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's delicacies, nor with the yayin which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

Now G-d had brought Daniel into chesed and sympathy with the chief of the eunuchs.

And the chief of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear adoni hamelech, who hath appointed your meat and your drink; for why should he see your faces worse looking than the yeladim which are of your age? Then shall ye make me endanger my head to the king.

Then said Daniel to the steward, whom the chief of the eunuchs had set over Daniel, Chananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah,

Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, yamim asarim (ten days); and let them give us vegetables to eat, and mayim (water) to drink.

And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the yeladim which did eat the
portion of the king's meat.

[16] Thus the steward took away the portion of their meat, and the yayin that they should drink; and gave them vegetables.

[17] As for these four yeladim, G-d gave them knowledge and skill in all sefer and chochmah, and Daniel had understanding in all chazon (visions) and chalomot (dreams).

[18] Now at the end of the days that the king had said he would bring them in, then the chief of the eunuchs brought them in before Nevuchadnetzar.

[19] And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Chananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah; therefore stood they before the king.

[20] And in all matters of chochmah and binah that the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

[21] And Daniel continued even unto the first year of King Koresh (Cyrus).

And in the second year of the reign of Nevuchadnetzar, Nevuchadnetzar dreamed chalomot (dreams), wherewith his ruach was troubled, and his sleep left him.

[2] Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Kasdim (Chaldeans) for to show the king his chalomot. So they came and stood before the king.

[3] And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a chalom (dream) and my ruach was troubled, and my sleep was troubled, and I am troubled, and my sleep was troubled.

[4] Then spoke the Kasdim (Chaldeans) to the king in Aramaic, O king, live for ever; tell thy servants the chalom (dream), and we will show the pesher (interpretation, explanation).

[5] The king answered and said to the Kasdim (Chaldeans), The decision from me is firm; if ye will not give me da'as of the chalom (dream), with the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a pile of rubble;

[6] But if ye show the chalom (dream), and the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor; therefore show me the chalom (dream), and the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof.

[7] They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the chalom (dream), and we will show the pesher (interpretation, explanation) of it.

[8] The king answered and said, I have da'as of certainty that ye would gain time, because ye see the decision from me is firm.

[9] But if ye will not give me da'as of the chalom (dream), there is but one decree for you; for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the tide is turned; therefore tell me the chalom (dream), and I shall have da'as that ye can show me the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof.

[10] The Kasdim (Chaldeans) answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter; therefore there is no melech, no matter how rav (great) or powerful, that asked such things of any magician, or enchanter, or Kasdai (Chaldean).

[11] And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the g-ds, whose dwelling is not with basar (flesh).

[12] For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the chachamim (wise men) of Babylon.

[13] And the decree went forth that the chachamim should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his chaverim to be slain.

[14] Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Aryoch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the chachamim of Babylon.

[15] He answered and said to Aryoch the kings captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Aryoch made the thing known to Daniel.

[16] Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the pesher (interpretation, explanation).

[17] Then Daniel went to his bais, and made the decree known to Chananyah, Mishael, and Azaryah, his chaverim,

[18] That they would plead for rachamim from the G-d of Shomayim concerning this raz (mystery, secret); that Daniel and his chaverim should not perish with the rest of the chachamim of Babylon.

[19] Then was the raz revealed unto Daniel in a chazon of the lailah.

Then Daniel said a brakhah to the G-d of Shomayim concerning this raz (mystery, secret); that Daniel and his chaverim should not perish with the rest of the chachamim of Babylon.

[20] Daniel answered and said, Baruch hashem Elohim l'olam va'ed; for chochmah (wisdom) and gevurah (might) are His;
[21] And He changeth the times and the zmanim (seasons); He removeth melachim, and setteth up melachim; He giveth chochmah unto the chachamim, and da’as to them that know binah;
[22] He revealeth the deep and secret things; He knoweth what is in the choshech, and the light dwelleth with Him.
[23] I thank Thee, and praise Thee, O Thou G-d of my fathers, Who hast given me chochmah and gevurah, and hast given unto me da’as now of what we desired of Thee; for Thou hast now made known unto us the king’s matter.
[24] Therefore Daniel went in unto Aryoch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the chachamim of Babylon; he went and said thus unto him: Destroy not the chachamim of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the pesher (interpretation, explanation).
[25] Then Aryoch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the Bnei Golus of Yehudah, that will give da’as unto the king of the pesher (interpretation, explanation).
[26] The king answered and said to Daniel whose name was Belshatzar, Art thou able to give da’as unto me of the chalom (dream) which I have seen, and the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof?
[27] Daniel answered in the presence of the king and said, The raz which the king hath demanded cannot the wise men, the enchanters, the magicians, the soothsayers, show unto the king; but there is a G-d in Shomayim that revealeth razim, and maketh known to the king Nevuchadnetzar what shall be in the acharit hayamim. Thy chalom (dream), and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these:
[28] As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and He that revealeth razim (secrets) maketh known to thee what shall come to pass.
[29] But as for me, this raz is not revealed to me for any chochmah that I have more than any living, but in order that the pesher (interpretation, explanation) may be known to the king, and that thou mightest understand the thoughts of thy heart.
[30] Thou, O king, thy head upon thy bed, are these:
[31] Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great tzelem (image, idol, statue). This great tzelem, whose brightness was extraordinary, stood before thee; and the form thereof was awesome.
[32] This tzelem’s head was of fine gold, his chest and his arms of silver, his middle and his thighs of bronze,
[33] His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.
[34] Thou sawest till that an even (stone [Moshiach; see Tehillim 118:22; Yeshayah 53:8, Tehillim 2:9]) was cut out without hands, which struck the tzelem upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces.
[35] Then was the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no trace was found of them; and the even (stone) that struck the tzelem became a great mountain, and filled kol ha’aretz.
[36] This is the chalom (dream); and we will tell the pesher thereof before the king.
[37] Thou, O king, art a king of kings; for the G-d of Shomayim hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.
[38] And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath He given into thine hand, and hath made thee shalit (ruler) over them all. Thou art this head of gold.
[39] And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of bronze, which shall bear rule over kol ha’aretz.
[40] And the fourth mamlachah shall be strong as iron; forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and crush.
[41] And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay and part of iron, the mamlachah shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with baked clay.
[42] And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the mamlachah shall be partly strong, and partly fragile.
[43] And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with baked clay, so the zera of the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, even as iron is not mixed with clay.
[44] And in the days of these melachim shall the G-d of Shomayim set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these mamlachot (kingdoms), and it shall stand for ever [Lk 1:32-38].
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Then the dedication of the tzelem was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great G-d hath made known to the king what shall come to pass after this; and the chalom (dream) is certain, and the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof trustworthy.

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|19| Then was Nevuchadnetzar full of fury, and the expression on his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; therefore he spoke, and commanded that they should heat the attun seven times hotter than usual.
|20| And he commanded certain gibborim (mighty men) of valor that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery attun.
|21| Then these anashim (men) were bound in their mantles, their tunics, and their turbans, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
|22| Therefore because the king's commandment was severe, and the furnace exceedingly hot, the flames of the eish (fire) violently killed those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.
|23| And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
|24| Then Nevuchadnetzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spoke, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, ye servants of El Elyon (G-d Most High), come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, came forth of the midst of the eish (fire).
|27| And the satraps, governors, and administrators, and the king's counselors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the eish (fire) had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their garments affected, nor the smell of eish (fire) had passed on them.
|28| Then Nevuchadnetzar spoke, and said, Baruch Elohim shel Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, Who hath sent His malach, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him, and frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve (as deity, pey-lammed-chet) nor worship any g-d, except their own G-d.
|29| Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the G-d of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a pile of rubble, because there is no other g-d that can deliver like this.
|30| Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the province of Babylon.

4 Nevuchadnetzar the king, unto all people, nations and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Shalom aleichem 1machbir (Peace be multiplied unto you).
|2 (3:32)| I thought it good to show the otot (signs) and mofetim (wonders) that El Elyon hath wrought toward me.
|3 (3:33)| How great are His otot (signs)! And how mighty are His mofetim (wonders)!
|4 (4:1)| I, Nevuchadnetzar, was at rest in mine bais, and prospering in my heikhal (palace).
|5 (4:2)| I saw a chalom (dream) which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the chazonot (visions) of my head troubled me.
|6 (4:3)| Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the chachamim of Babylon before me, that they might give me da'as of the pesher (interpretation, explanation) of the chalom (dream).
|7 (4:4)| Then came in the magicians, the enchanters, the Kasdim (Chaldeans), and the soothsayers; and I told the chalom (dream) before them; but they did not make known unto me the pesher thereof.
|8 (4:5)| But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Beltshatzar, according to hashem of my G-d, and in whom is the Ruach Elohim Kadishin (Ruach Elohim HaKadosh); and before him I told the chalom (dream), saying,
|9 (4:6)| O Beltshatzar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Ruach Elohim Kadishin (Ruach Elohim HaKadosh) is in thee, and no raz (secret, mystery) troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my chalom (dream) that I have seen, and the pesher thereof.
|10 (4:7)| Thus were the chazonot of mine head in my bed; I was looking, and hinei, an etz (tree)
in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great.

11:8 The etz grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto Shomayim, and visibility thereof extended to the end of kol ha'aretz;

4:9 The leaves thereof were lovely, and the p'ri thereof abundant, and in it was food for all; the beasts of the field found shade under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and kol basar was fed of it.

10:1 I saw in the chazonot of my head upon my bed, and, hinei, an ir (watcher, messenger), a melach hakodesh, came down from Shomayim.

11:1 He cried with strength, and said thus, Chop the etz down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the etz with its roots, in the midst of the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him partake with the beasts of the field, till seven times (seasons, years) pass over him.

12:1 Then Daniel, whose name was Beltshazzar, was perplexed for a time, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke, and said, Beltshazzar, let not the chalom (dream), or the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, trouble thee. Beltshazzar answered and said, Mari (my master), if only (interpretation, explanation) thereof thine enemies.

13:1 Forasmuch as all the chachamim of my malchut are not able to make known unto me the pesher (interpretation, explanation); but thou art able; for the Ruach Elohim Kadishin (Ruach Elohim HaKadosh) is in thee.

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15:1 Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him partake with the beasts of the field, till seven times (seasons, years) pass over him.

16:1 Let his lev (heart) be changed from man's, and let a beast's lev be given unto him; and let seven times (seasons, years) pass over him.

17:1 This matter is by the decree of the irin (watchers), and the demand by the word of the Ketuvim (holy ones), to the intent that the living may have da'as that Elyon (Most High) ruleth in the malchut haAdam, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setheth up over it the basest of men.

18:1 This chalom (dream) I, king Nevuchadnetzar, have seen. Now thou, O Beltshazzar, declare the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, forasmuch as all the chachamim of my malchut are not able to make known unto me the pesher (interpretation, explanation); but thou art able; for the Ruach Elohim Kadishin (Ruach Elohim HaKadosh) is in thee.

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20:1 The etz that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto Shomayim, and the visibility thereof extended to kol ha'aretz;

21:1 Whose leaves were lovely, and the p'ri thereof abundant, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of heaven had their habitation; and said, Mari (my master), if only (interpretation, explanation) thereof thine enemies.

22:1 It is thou, O king, and this is the decree of Elyon (Most High), which is come upon mari (my master) the king;

23:1 That they shall drive thee from anashim, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times (seasons, years) shall pass over thee, till thou have da'as that Shomayim (G-d) does rule.

24:1 This is the pesher (interpretation, explanation), O king, and this is the decree of Elyon (Most High), which is come upon mari (my master) the king;

25:1 That they shall drive thee from anashim, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times (seasons, years) shall pass over thee, till thou have da'as that Shomayim (G-d) does rule.

26:1 And whereas the king saw an ir (watcher), a melach hakodesh, come down from Shomayim, and saying, Chop the etz down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him partake with the beasts of the field, till seven times (seasons, years) pass over him.

27:1 Wherefore, O king, let not the chalom (dream), or the pesher (interpretation, explanation), be to whomsoever He will.

28:1 All this came upon the king Nevuchadnetzar.
saying, O king Nevuchadnetzar, to thee it is spoken: The malchut has been taken from thee.
|32 (4:29)| And they shall drive thee from anashim, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times (seasons, years) shall pass over thee, until thou have da’as that Elyon ruleth in the malchut haAdam, and giveth it to whomsoever He will.
|33 (4:30)| The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nevuchadnetzar, and he was driven from anashim, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair had grown like eagles’ feathers, and his nails like birds’ claws.
|34 (4:31)| And at the end of the time, I, Nevuchadnetzar, lifted up mine eyes unto Shomayim, and mine da’as returned unto me, and I said Baruch El Elyon, and I praised and honored Him that liveth forever, Whose works are emes, and His ways mishpat; and those that walk in ga’avah (pride) He is able to abase.

5 Belshatzar the king made a mishkteh gadol (great feast) to a thousand of his nobles, and drank wine before the thousand.
|2| Belshatzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his forefather Nevuchadnetzar had taken out of the Beis Hamikdash which was in Yerushalayim, that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein.
|3| Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the Beis Hamikdash of the Beis HaElohim which was at Yerushalayim, and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them.
|4| They drank wine, and praised the g-ds of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone.
|5| In the same hour came forth fingers of a man’s yad (hand), and wrote opposite the menorah upon the plaster of the king’s heikhal, and the king saw the part of the yad that wrote.
|6| Then the king’s countenance was changed, and his machsh’vot troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosed, and his knees knocked together.

13 There is a man in thy malchut, in whom is the Ruach Elohim Kadishin (Ruach Elohim HaKadosh) and in the days of thy forefather ohr and seichel and chochmah, like the chochmah of HaElohim, was found in him; the king Nevuchadnetzar thy forefather, the king, I say, thy forefather, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Kasdim (Chaldeans), and soothsayers;
|12| Forasmuch as an excellent ruach, and da’as, and seichel, interpreting of chalomot, and solving riddles, and explaining enigmas, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belshatzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the malchut.
|8| Then came in all the king’s chachamim, but they could not read the mikhtav (writing), nor make known to the king the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof.
|9| Then was king Belshatzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his nobles were perplexed.
|10| Now the malkah (queen) by reason of the words of the king and his nobles came into the banquet house; and the malkah (queen) spoke and said, O king, live forever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed.
|11| There is a man in thy malchut, in whom is the Ruach Elohim Kadishin (Ruach Elohim HaKadosh) and in the days of thy forefather ohr and seichel and chochmah, like the chochmah of HaElohim, was found in him; the king Nevuchadnetzar thy forefather, the king, I say, thy forefather, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Kasdim (Chaldeans), and soothsayers;
Art thou that Daniel, which art of the Bnei Golus of Yehudah, whom the king my forefather brought out of Yehudah?

14 I have even heard of thee, that the Ruach Elohim is in thee, and that ohr and seichel and excellent chochmah is found in thee.

15 And now the chachamim, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this mikhtav (writing), and give me da'as of the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, but they could not show the pesher (interpretation, explanation) of the thing:

16 And I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and explain enigmas; now if thou canst read the mikhtav (writing), and make known to me the pesher (interpretation, explanation) thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the malchut.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the mikhtav (writing) unto the king, and make known to him the pesher (interpretation, explanation).

18 O thou king, El Elyon gave Nevuchadnetzar thy forefather a malchut, and gedulah (greatness), and kavod (glory), and hadar (majesty);

19 And for the gedulah that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him; whom he would he violently killed; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

[20] But when his heart was lifted up, and his ruach hardened in ga'avah (pride), he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his kavod (glory) from him;

[21] And he was driven from the bnei haAdam; and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys; they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that El Elyon ruled in the malchut haAdam, and that He appointeth over it whomsoever He will.

[22] And thou thou thy son, O Belshatzar, hast not humbled thine lev, though thou had da'as of all this;

[23] But hast lifted up thyself against Hashem of Shomayim; and they have brought the vessels of His Beis Hamikdash before thee, and thou, and thy nobles, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the g-ds of silver, and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the G-d in Whose hand thy breath is, and Whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified.

[24] Then was the part of the yad sent from Him; and this mikhtav (writing) was written.

[25] This is the pesher (interpretation, explanation) of the thing; MENE; G-d hath numbered thy malchut, and finished with it.

[26] TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.

[27] Peres; Thy malchut is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

[28] Then commanded Belshatzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the malchut.

[29] In that night was Belshatzar the king of the Kasdim slain.

[30] And Daryavesh the Mede took the malchut, being about 62 years old.

6 It pleased Daryavesh to set over the malchut an hundred and twenty satraps, which should be over the whole malchut;

[2 (6:3)] And over these three overseers, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give accounts unto them, and that the king should suffer no loss.

[3 (6:4)] Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the overseers and satraps, because an excellent ruach was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole malchut.

[4 (6:5)] Then the overseers and satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the malchut; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was trustworthy, neither was there any negligence or corrupt thing found in him.

[5 (6:6)] Then said these anashim, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the dat (law, religion) of his G-d.

[6 (6:7)] Then these overseers and satraps assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Daryavesh, L’olam yicheyeh (live for ever!)

[7 (6:8)] All the overseers of the malchut, the administrators, and the
satraps, the counselors, and the governors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall make a petition of any g-d or man for shloshim yom (thirty days), except of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 (6:9) Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the ketav (writing, document), that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not.

9 (6:10) Wherefore king Daryavesh signed the written decree.

10 (6:11) Now when Daniel knew that the ketav was signed, he went into his bais; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Yerushalayim, he kneeled down three times that day, and davened, and gave thanks before his G-d, as he had been doing before this.

11 (6:12) Then these anashim assembled, and found Daniel davening and making supplication before his G-d.

12 (6:13) Then they came near, and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree: Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall make a petition of any g-d or man within shloshim yom, except of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed.

13 (6:14) Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the Bnei Golus of Yehudah, shows no regard for thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. 14 (6:15) Then the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him, and he did strive till the going down of the shemesh to deliver him. 15 (6:16) Then these anashim assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Have da'as, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 (6:17) Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spoke and said unto Daniel, Elohecha (Thy G-d) whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee.

17 (6:18) And an even (stone) was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet ring, and with the signet ring of his nobles, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

18 (6:19) Then the king went to his heikhal, and spent the night fasting, neither were entertainments brought before him, and his sheynah fled from him.

19 (6:20) Then the king arose very early in the boker, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 (6:21) And when he came to the den, he cried with an anguished voice unto Daniel; and the king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, eved of HaElohim HaChai, is thy G-d, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

21 (6:22) Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, Lolam yicheyeh (live for ever).

22 (6:23) My G-d hath sent his malach, and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me; forasmuch as before Him innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no rah (wrong).

23 (6:24) Then was the king exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had emunah in his G-d.

24 (6:25) And the king commanded, and they brought those anashim which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

25 (6:26) Then king Daryavesh wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in kol ha'aretz; Shalom aleichem l'machbir (Peace be multiplied unto you).

26 (6:27) I make a decree, That in every dominion of my malchut men must tremble and fear before the G-d of Daniel, for He is HaElohim HaChai, and stedfast l'olamim (forever), and His dominion shall be even ad hasof (unto the end).

27 (6:28) He delivereth and rescueth, and He worketh otot and mofetim in Shomayim and in ha'aretz, Who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 (6:29) So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Daryavesh, and in the reign of Koresh (Cyrus) the Persian.
In the first year of Belshazzar melech Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head upon his bed; then he wrote down the dream, and the sum of the matters he related.

[2] Daniel answered and said, I saw in my vision that came by night, and, hinei, in this keren were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

[3] And four chayyot hagedolot (great beasts) came up from the yam, different one from another.

[4] Harishonah (the first) was like an arye (lion), and had eagle's wings. I was beholding until its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from ha'aretz, and was made to stand upon two feet like a man, and a man's lev was given to it [see Daniel 4:34 (4:31)]

[5] And hinei another beast, a second, like a bear, and it was raised up on one side, and three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth; and it was said thus unto it, Arise, devour much basar (flesh).

[6] After this I beheld, and hinei another, like a leopard, and its feet were different from all the others, which had upon its sides four wings of a bird; the beast had also arbah rashim (four heads) and dominion was given to it.

[7] After this I saw in the night visions, and hinei a fourth Chayyah (Beast), dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it was devouring and crushing, and trampling the residue with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had eser karnayim (ten horns).

[8] I was contemplating the karnayim (horns), and, hinei, there came up among them another keren (horn), a little one, before whom there were three of the first karnayim plucked up by the roots; and, hinei, in this keren were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.

[9] I was beholding until kisot (thrones) were placed, and the Atik Yomin (Ancient of Days, i.e., Hashem) did sit, whose raiment was like white snow, and the hair of His rosh like pure wool; His kes (throne) was like the fiery flames, and its wheels like burning eish.

[10] A river of eish was flowing and came forth from before Him; thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat, and the sfarim (books) were opened.

[11] I was beholding from (the time of) the voice of the arrogant words which the keren [Anti-Moshiach] spoke, I was beholding even till the Chayyah (Beast) was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning eish.

[12] As concerning the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a time and a season.

[13] I was beholding in visions of the night, and, hinei, one like a Bar Enosh (Ben Adam, i.e., Moshiach) came with the clouds of Shomayim, and came to the Atik Yomin (Ancient of Days, i.e., Hashem), and before Him He was brought.

[14] And there was given Him (Moshiach) dominion, and honor, and sovereignty, that all people, Govim, tongues, should pey-lammed-chet (see Dan 3:12, serve, reverence as deity Him (Moshiach). His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His (Messianic) Kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

[15] As for me, Daniel, my ruach was anxious in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head were troubling me.

[16] I drew near to one of the attendants to ask him the certainty concerning all this; and he said to me that he would make me to have da'as of the pesher (interpretation) of the things.

[17] These chayyot hagedolot (great beasts), which are arbah (four), are four melachim, which shall arise out of ha'aretz.

[18] But the kedoshim Elyon (holy ones of the Most High) shall receive the Kingdom, and shall possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

[19] Then I desired to make sure concerning the fourth Chayyah (Beast), which was different from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and its claws brass; it was devouring, crushing, and stamped the residue with its feet;

[20] And concerning the eser karnayim (ten horns) that were in its head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell, even of that horn (Anti-Moshiach) that had eyes, and a mouth that spoke arrogant things, which seemed greater than the others.

[21] I was beholding, and the same keren (horn, Anti-Moshiach) made war against the kedoshim, and prevailed against them;

[22] Until the Atik Yomin (Ancient of Days, Hashem) came, and judgment was given for the kedoshim Elyon; and the time came that the kedoshim possessed the Kingdom.
This is what he said: The fourth Chayah (Beast) shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms, and shall devour kol ha'aretz, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.

And the eser karnayim (ten horns) out of this kingdom are asarah melachim (ten kings) that shall arise, and another shall arise after them; and he shall be different from the first, and he shall subdue three melachim.

And he (Anti-Moshiach) shall speak great words against Elyon, and shall wear out the kedoshim Elyon, and think to change set times and law, and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time.

But judgment was given, and there was taken away its [Anti-Moshiach's] power to destroy and to annihilate unto the end.

And the dominion and sovereignty, and greatness of the kingdom under kol HaShomayim, shall be given over to the people of the kedoshim Elyon, whose kingdom is a malchut olam (an everlasting kingdom), and all dominions shall serve and obey Him.

Unto this point is the end of the matter. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and the color of my countenance changed upon me, but I kept the matter in my lev.

T.N. Chanukah remembers the restored and re-dedicated worship in Jerusalem 164 B.C.E. after the Anti-Moshiach-like activities of Antiochus Epiphanes predicted in chp 8 below.

8 In the shnat shalosh (third year) of the reign of Belshatzar HaMelech, a chazon (vision) appeared unto me, Daniel, after that which appeared unto me in the beginning.

And I beheld in a chazon; and it came to pass, while I was seeing, that I was in Shushan (Susa) the fortress, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in a chazon, and I was by the stream Ulai.

Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, hinei, there stood before the stream a ram which had two karnayim (horns), and the two karnayim were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher was coming up last.

I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no chayyot (beasts) might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and made a great display of strength.

And as I was considering, hinei, a he-goat was coming from the west on the face of kol ha'aretz, and it was not touching the earth; and as to the goat it had a conspicuous keren (horn) between its eyes.

And he came to the ram that had two karnayim, which I had seen standing before the stream, and he ran against him with the wrath of his koach (strength).

And I saw him approaching the ram, and he was enraged against him, and he smote the ram, broke his two karnayim, and there was no koach in the ram to stand before him, and he cast him down to the ground, and trampled him; there was none to deliver the ram from him.

Therefore the he-goat was acting very presumptuously; and when he was powerful, the keren hagedolah (great horn, [i.e., Alexander's Empire]) was broken; and in the place of it came up conspicuously four, toward the arbah ruchot HaShomayim (the four winds of Heaven).

And out of one of them came forth a little horn [Antiochus Epiphanes], which became exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the [erez] hatzevi (the glorious land, [i.e., Erets Israel]).

And it became great, even unto the tava HaShomayim; and it caused to fall down to the earth some of the host and some of the kokhavim it trampled.

Yea, he magnified himself even unto the Sar HaTzava, and the daily sacrifice was taken away from Him, and the place of His Mikkdash was cast down.

And a tzva (army) was given over to oppose the daily sacrifice on account of peysha (transgression, rebellion); and it cast down emes to the ground; and it acted, and prospered.

Then I heard one kadosh concerning the daily sacrifice, and the desolating peysha (transgression), to give both the Kodesh (Sanctuary) and the tzva (host) to be trodden under foot?

And he said unto me, Unto erev-boker two thousand and three hundred; then shall the Kodesh (Sanctuary) be vindicated.

And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, was beholding the chazon, that I sought the meaning; then, hinei, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

And I heard a kol adam (man's voice) amidst the Ulai, and he called, and said, Gavriel, cause this one to understand the vision [see Daniel 9:21].
[17] So he came near where I stood; and as he came, I was filled with fear, and I fell down upon my face, but he said unto me, Understand, O ben adam, the chazon (vision) points to the time of the ketz (end).
[18] Now while he was speaking with me, I swooned upon my face toward the ground, but he touched me, and made me stand upright.
[19] And he said, Hineni, I will cause thee to know that which shall take place in the latter part of HaZa’am (the Wrath period), since at a mo’ed (an appointed time) the Ketz (End) shall be.
[20] The ram which thou sawest having two karnayim (corners) is the melech harishon (the first king between his eyes is the hagedolah (great horn) that is Greece), and the keren melech Yavan (the king of Paras (Persia).

9 In the shnat achat (first year) of Daryavesh ben Achashverosh, by zera (descent) a Mede, who was made melech over the realm of the Kasdim (Chaldeans);
[2] In the shnat achat of his reign, I, Daniel, received binah (understanding) from the Sfarim (books, Kitvei Hakodesh) of the number of the shanim, that the Devar Hashem was unto Yirmeyah Hakodesh) of the number of the shanim, that the Devar Hashem was unto Yirmeyah HaNavi, with respect to the desolations of Yerushalayim, SHIVIM SHANAH must be completed [Firmyeh 25:11; 29:10].
[3] And I set my face unto Adoni HaElohim, to plead by tefillah and tachanunim (supplications), with a tzom, and sackcloth, and ashes;
[4] And I davened unto Hashem Elohai, and I made vidduy (confession of sin), and said, O Adoni, HaEl HaGadol VHaNorah (the great and dreadful G-d), Shomer HaBrit VHaChesed (Who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness) to them that love Him, and to them that are shomrei mitzvot;
[5] We have sinned, and we have committed iniquity, and we have done wickedly, and we have rebelled, even by departing from Thy mitzvot and from Thy mishpatim;
[6] Neither have we heeded or listened unto Thy avadim the nevi'im, which spoke in Thy Name unto our Melachim, our Sarim (princes), and our Avot, and to kol Am HaAretz.
[7] To Thee, Adoni, is the tzedakah, but unto us is boshet hapanim (shame of face), as at yom hazeh; to the men of Yehudah, and to the yoshev Yerushalayim, and unto kol Yisroel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither Thou hast driven them, because of their ma’al (betrayal, treachery) wherein they have dealt unfaithfully against Thee.
[8] O Hashem, to us belongeth boshet hapanim, to our Melachim, to our Sarim (princes), and to our Avot, because we have sinned against Thee.
[9] To Adoni Eloheinu belong the rachumim and the selichot (forgiveness), for we have rebelled against Him;

[22] Now one being broken and four stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its koach (strength).
[23] And in the latter time of their kingdom, when haposhe'im (the transgressors, the ones rebelling) are come to the full, a melech of unyielding countenance, and mastering intrigues, shall stand up.
[24] And his koach shall be mighty, but not by his own koach; and he shall cause astounding destruction, and shall prosper, and accomplish, and shall destroy the mighty and Am Kedoshim (the Holy People).
[25] And by his cunning also he shall cause mirmah (deceit) to prosper through his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his lev, and by peace shall destroy rabbim (many); he shall also stand up against the Sar Sarim (Prince of Princes); but he shall be broken without [human] hand.
[26] And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is emes; and thou! Shut up the chazon; for it shall be for many yamim [i.e., distant times].
[27] And I Daniel was faint, and lay ill several yamim; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but without understanding it.

[12] And He hath confirmed His words, which He spoke concerning us, and concerning our shofetim who judged us, that He...
would bring upon us a ra'ah gedolah, so that there has not been done under kol HaShomayim what has been done to Yerushalayim.

[13] Even as it is written in the Torat Moshe, all hara'ah hazot (this evil) is come upon us, yet we have not mollified the face of Hashem Eloheinu, by turning away from avoneinu (our iniquities), and by having seichel (discernment) in Thy Emes.

[14] Therefore hast Hashem watched upon the rah, and brought it upon us; for Hashem Eloheinu is tzaddik in all His ma'asim which He doeth, for we obeyed not His kol (voice).

[15] And now, Adonoi Eloheinu, Who hast brought Thy people forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim with a yad chazakah (mighty hand), and hast gotten Thee renown, as at yom hazeh, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

[16] O Adonoi, according to all Thy tzidkot, I beseech Thee, let Thine anger and Thy rachamim harabbim be turned away from Thy rachamim harabbim. Adonoi, hear; Adonoi, forgive; Adonoi, hearken and act; delay not, for Thine own sake, O Elohai; for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy Name.

[17] Now therefore, shema, Elohai; for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy Name. And while I was speaking, and davening tefillos, and making vidduy (confession of sin) for me and for Ami Yisroel, and laying my techinnah (petition) before Hashem Elohai for the sake of the Har Kodesh of Elohai;

[18] Yea, while I was davening in tefillah, even haish [see 8:15] Gavriel, whom I had seen in the chazon in the beginning, being caused to come in full flight, reached me about the time of the minchat haish [davening in tefillah, even haish].

[19] And after threescore and two heptads; the rechov shall be poured out upon the peysha (great conflict, affliction); and to anoint the Har Kodesh of Yerushalayim.

[20] And he instructed me, and spoke with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to make thee have seichel in binah.

[21] And he shall confirm brit (covenant) with rabbim (transgression), and to make kapporah for avon, and to seal up the chazon and minchah to cease, and on the minchat haish.

[22] At the beginning of thy tachanunim (supplications) a commandment went forth, and I am come to make the word known; for thou art greatly valued; therefore understand the devar, and consider the vision.

[23] And while I was laying my techinnah (petition) before Hashem Elohai, for Ami Yisroel, and vidduy (confession of sin) for avoneinu (our iniquities), and for ir (City) Yerushalayim, Thy people forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim with a yad chazakah (mighty hand), and hast gotten Thee renown, as at yom hazeh, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

[24] Shiviyim heptads is decreed upon thy people and upon thy Ir Kodesh (Holy City), to restrain the peshya (transgression), and to make an end of chattat (sin), and to make kapporah for avon, and to bring in Tzedek Olamim (Everlasting Righteousness), and to seal up the chazon and navi, and to anoint the Kodesh HaKodashim.

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[5] Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, hinei, there before me was as an ish clothed in linen, around whose waist was a belt of the finest gold of Uphaaz.

[6] His gevivah (body) also was like the chrysolite, and his face like the appearance of lightning, and his eyes like torches of eish, and his zeroot (feet) like in color to polished bronze, and the sound of his words like the kol hamon (voice of a multitude).

[7] And I Daniel alone saw the vision, for the anashim that were with me saw not the vision; but a charadah gedolah (great terror) fell upon them, and they hid themselves.

[8] Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no ko'ach (strength) in me, for my hod (comeliness) was changed and saw this great vision, and there remained no ko'ach (strength) in me, for my hod (comeliness) was changed.

[9] Then I heard the kol (voice) of his words, and when I heard the kol of his words, then I was in a deep sleep on the ground.

[10] And, hinei, a yad (hand) touched me, and raised me, trembling, upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.

[11] And he said unto me, O Daniel, ish chamudot (man greatly valued, beloved), understand the devarim that I speak unto thee, and stand upright, for unto thee now shulachti (I was sent). And when he had spoken the davar hazeh (this word) unto me, I stood trembling.

[12] Then said he unto me, Al tirah (fear not), Daniel, for from the yom harishon (first day) that thou didst set thine lev to understand, oolehitanot (and to afflict, humble thyself) before Eloheicha, thy words were heard, and I am come because of thy words.

[13] But the Sar Malchut Paraz (Prince of the Kingdom of Persia) was standing before me 21 yamim; but, hinei, Michael, one of the Sarim HaRishonim came to help me; and I was detained there with the Melachim Paraz.

[14] Now I am come to give thee binah (understanding) of what shall befall thy People in the acharit hayamim (Messianic latter days); for there is still a chazon (vision) for (those) yamim (days).

[15] And while he was speaking such devarim unto me, I bowed my face toward the ground, and I became unable to speak.

[16] And, hinei, one with the likeness of the bnei adam touched my lips; then I opened my mouth, and spoke, and said unto him that stood before me, Adoni, because of the vision my pangs have overcome me, and I retain no ko'ach.

[17] For how is the eved unable to speak with such as adoni? For as for me, now no koach remains in me, neither is there neshamah (breath) left in me.

[18] Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, veychazekeini (and he strengthened me),

[19] And said, Al tira, ish chamudot (fear not, O man greatly valued, beloved); Shalom to you; chazak (be strong), yea, chazak. And when he had spoken unto me, I felt myself strengthened, and said, Let adoni speak; for thou hast strengthened me.

[20] Then said he, Knovest thou why I have come unto thee? And now I shall return to fight against the Sar Paraz (Prince of Persia); and when I am gone forth, hinei! The Sar Yavan (Prince of Greece) comes.

[21] But I shall make known to thee that which is inscribed in the Writing of Emes; and there is no one mishakaz (putting forth strength) with me in these things, but Michael your Sar.

11 Also I, in the shnat achat of Daryavesh the Mede, I stood to support and to strengthen him.

[2] And now will I show thee the emes. Hinei, yet shloshah melachim will arise in Paraz (Persia); and the fourth shall have gedolah (great terror) and do kirtzono (according to his will).

[4] And when he shall arise, his malchut (kingdom) shall be strong, and one of his sarim (princes), and he shall be strong above him, and will rule; a great rule is his rule.

[5] And HaMelech HaNegev (the King of the South) shall be strong, and one of his sarim (princes), and he shall be strong above him, and will rule; a great rule is his rule.

[6] And at the end of some shananim they shall join themselves together as allies; for the daughter of HaMelech HaNegev shall come unto the Melech HaTzafon (King of the North) to make an agreement; but she shall not retain the...
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koach hazero'a; neither shall he stand, nor his zero'a, but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that fathered her and he that supported her in those times.

[7] But out of a netzer of her roots shall one stand up in his place, which shall come unto an army, and shall enter into the stronghold of HaMelech HaTzafon, and shall deal with them, and shall show strength;

[8] And also their g-ds with their molten images and with their precious vessels of silver and gold he will bring into captivity to Mitzrayim; and he shall refrain some shanim from (attacking) HaMelech HaTzafon.

[9] So he (HaMelech HaTzafon) shall come into his kingdom of HaMelech HaNegev and shall return into his own land.

[10] But his banim shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces; and he shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through; then shall he return, and shall stir himself up, even to his fortress.

[11] And HaMelech HaNegev shall be moved with rage, and shall go forth and fight with him, even with HaMelech HaTzafon; and he shall raise a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.

[12] And the multitude shall be carried away; his lev shall be lifted up; and he shall cause thousands to fall, but will not be strong.

[13] For HaMelech HaTzafon shall again raise a multitude, greater than the former, and at the end of some shanim he will certainly come with a great army and with great substance;

[14] And in those times many shall stand up against HaMelech HaNegev; also the sons of the transgressors of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall stumble.

[15] So HaMelech HaTzafon shall come, and shall cast up an entrenchment, and shall take a fortified city; and the forces of the South shall not stand, even their choicest troops, and there is no power to stand.

[16] But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in Eretz HaTzevi (Beautiful Land), and destruction (shall be) in his hand.

[17] He shall also set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and an agreement is with him; and he shall make it; and he shall give him the daughter of a great king, with riches and with a strong lev, and with a very great army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise devices against the Melech HaNegev with a great army; and HaMelech HaNegev shall be stirred up for battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise devices against him.

[18] After he turns his face unto the isles, and shall take many, a magistrate shall cause his reproach to cease for him except that his reproach shall return to him.

[19] Then he shall turn his face toward the strongholds of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and will not be found.

[20] Then shall he stand up in his place one who causes an exactor to pass through for the glory of the malchut, but within a few yamim he shall be broken, neither in anger, nor in battle.

[21] And in his place shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the glory of the malchut but he shall come in unawares, and obtain the kingdom by intrigues.

[22] And an overwhelming army will be swept away before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the Nagid Brit.

[23] And after the league made with him he shall practice deceit, for he shall go up, and shall become strong with a small people.

[24] He shall enter unawares even into the fattest of the provinces; and he shall do that which his avot have not done, nor his avot of his avot; he shall scatter among them the spoil and booty and possessions, yea, and he shall plan his devices against the strongholds, even for a time.

[25] And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the Melech HaNegev with a great army; and HaMelech HaNegev shall be stirred up for battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise devices against him.

[26] Yea, they that eat of the portion of his meat shall break him, and his army shall overflow, and many shall fall down slain.

[27] And the hearts of both of these melachim shall be for evil, and they shall speak lies at one shulchan, but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

[28] Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his lev shall be against the Brit Kodesh; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

[29] At the time appointed he shall return, and come again to the South; but it shall not be as at the first so at the last.

[30] For the ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be disheartened and shall return, and rage against the Brit Kodesh so shall he do; he shall even return, and will fix his attention upon those that forsake the Brit Kodesh.
And forces from him will stand, and they shall desecrate the Mikdash, the Citadel, and shall do away with HaTamid, and set up the Shikkutz MeShomem.

And such as do wickedly against the Brit shall he pervert in intrigue, but the people who know their G-d shall be strong and will do.

And they that understand among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and through despoilment for many yamim.

Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help, but many shall cleave to them in intrigue.

And some of them of understanding shall fall to try them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end, because it is yet for a time appointed.

And HaMelech shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every G-d, and shall speak monstrous things against the G-d of g-ds, and shall prosper till the time of the end, because it is not from the presence of the G-d.

Neither shall he regard the G-d of his avot, nor the desire of women, nor regard any G-d, for he shall magnify himself above all.

But in his place shall he honor the G-d of fortresses, and a G-d whom his avot knew not shall he honor with zahav, and kesef, and with precious stones, and things desired.

Thus shall he do to the fortresses of the strongholds with the help of a foreign G-d, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall distribute the land for a price.

And at the time of the end shall HaMelech HaNegev butt against him, and HaMelech HaTzafon shall storm against him with chariots, and with parash, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass over.

He shall enter also into the Eretz HaTzevi, and many will stumble, but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moav, and the chief of the bnei Ammon.

He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries, and Eretz Mitzrayim shall not escape.

But he shall rule over the deposits of zahav and of kesef, and over all the desired things of Mizrayim; and the Libyans and the Cushites shall be at his heels.

But reports out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go forth with cheimah gedolah (great fury) to destroy, and to annihilate many.

And he shall plant the tents of his pavilion between the sea and the Har Tzevi (Beautiful Holy Mountain); yet he shall come to his end, and there is none to help him.

And at that time shall Micha'el stand, the Sar HaGadol who standeth over the banim of thy people, and there shall be an et tzarah (time of tribulation), such as has not been from the existence of a nation to that time; and in that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the Sefer.

And rabbim of them that shall be delivered, shall be reproaches (shames) and Dera'on Olam (Everlasting Contempt, Abhorrence, Aversion, i.e., Everlasting Gehinnom; T.N. Onesh Olam is here made more fearsome in light of the prevalent neglect of Scripture in favor of non-Biblical studies).

And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to tzedakah (righteousness) as the kokhavim (stars) leolam v'ed (forever and ever).

But thou, O Daniel, shut up the devarim (words), and seal the sefer, until the Et Ketz (Time of the End); rabbim shall run to and fro, that da'as (knowledge) may be increased.

Then I Daniel looked, and, hinei, two others were standing, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the Ketz of these wonders?

And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto Shomayim, and swore, By the One who liveth haolam (forever), it shall be for a time, times, and a half a time; and when there is an end of breaking in pieces the yad Am Kodesh (power of the Holy People), all these things shall come to an end.

And I heard, but I understood not. Then said I, Adoni, what shall be the end of these things?

And he said, Go thy way, Daniel, for the devarim are closed up and sealed till the Et Ketz (Time of the End).

Many shall be purified, and made white, and refined; but the reshaim (wicked)
shall do wickedly; and none of the resha’im shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

[11] And from the time that Ha’Tamid (the Daily Sacrifice) shall be taken away, and the Shikkutz Shomem (Abomination Causing Desolation) set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety yamim.

[12] Ashrei (blessed) is he who waiteth, and attains to the thousand three hundred and fifty and thirty yamim.

[13] But thou, go till Ha’Ketz; for thou shalt rest, and shall arise to thy allotted inheritance at the Ketz Ha’Yamin (End of Days).

[14] Next we have Ezra’s description of the Return from the Golus and the rebuilding of the Beis Hamikdash. Note who is standing up alive from the death of the Babylonian Exile… Yeshua (Ezra 3:2) who was the grandson of Serayah, that Chief Kohen before the destruction of Jerusalem (2Kgs 25:18) and also descendent of Tzadok or Zadok.

[15] Now in the first year [539 B.C.E.] of Koresh Melech Paras (Persia), that the Devar Hashem by the mouth of Yirmeyah might be fulfilled, Hashem Elohei Hashem Elohei Yisroel, (He is Ha’Elohim) which is in Yerushalayim.

[16] And all they that were about them did strengthen their hands with vessels of kesef, with zahav, and with goods, and with livestock, and with precious things, in addition to all their nedavah (freewill offerings).

[17] Also Ha’Melech Koresh brought forth the vessels of the Beis Hashem, which Nevuchadnetzar had carried off out of Yerushalayim, and had put them in the bais (temple) of his g-ds.

[18] Even those did Koresh Melech Paras (Persia) bring forth by the hand of Mitredat the treasurer, and counted them unto Sheshbatzar,
| 19 | The Bnei Chashum, 223.                        |
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| 40 | The Levi'im; the Bnei Yeshua and Kadmiel, of the Bnei Hodavyah, 74. |
| 41 | The singers; the Bnei Asaph, 128.           |
| 42 | The children of the gatekeepers; the Bnei Shallum, the Bnei Ater, the Bnei Talmon, the Bnei Akuv, the Bnei Chatita, the Bnei Shovai; in all 139. |
| 43 | The Netinim; the Bnei Tzicha, the Bnei Chasupha, the Bnei Tabbaot, 44. |
| 44 | The Bnei Keros, the Bnei Sisra, the Bnei Temach, 54. |
| 45 | The Bnei Levana, the Bnei Chagavah, the children of Akuv, 56. |
| 46 | The Bnei Chagav, the Bnei Shalmai, the Bnei Chanan, 57. |
| 47 | The Bnei Giddel, the Bnei Gachar, the Bnei Reayah, 747. |
| 48 | The Bnei Retzin, the Bnei Nekoda, the Bnei Gazzam, 747. |
| 49 | The Bnei Uzza, the Bnei Paseach, the Bnei Besai, 747. |
| 50 | The Bnei Asnah, the Bnei Meunim, the Bnei Nephusim, 747. |
| 51 | The Bnei Bakkuk, the Bnei Chakupha, the Bnei Chachur, 747. |
| 52 | The Bnei Batzlat, the Bnei Mechida, the Bnei Charsha, 747. |
| 53 | The Bnei Barkos, the Bnei Sisra, the Bnei Temach, 747. |
| 54 | The Bnei Netziah, the Bnei Chatipha, 747. |
| 55 | The Bnei Avdei Shlomo, the Bnei Sotai, the Bnei Hasopheret, the Bnei Peruda, 747. |
| 56 | The Bnei Ya’alah, the Bnei Darkon, the Bnei Giddel, 747. |
| 57 | The Bnei Shephatyah, the Bnei Chattil, the Bnei Pocheret-Hatzvayim, the Bnei Amy, 747. |
| 58 | All the Netinim, and the Bnei Avdei Shlomo, three hundred ninety and two. 747. |
| 59 | And these were they which went up from Telmelach, Telcharsa, Keruv, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show their Bais Avot, and their zera, whether they were of Yisroel; 747. |
| 60 | The Bnei Delaiah, the Bnei Toviyah, the Bnei Nekoda, six hundred and fifty and two. 747. |
| 61 | And of the Bnei HaKohanim; the Bnei Chaviyah, the Bnei Hakotz, the Bnei Barzillai; which took a wife of the banot of Barzillai the Gileadi, and was named after their shem. 747. |
| 62 | These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the kehunah. 747. |
| 63 | And the Tirshata (Governor) said unto them, that they should not eat of kodesh hakodashim, until there stood up a kohen with Urim and with Tummim. 747. |
| 64 | The Kol HaKahal together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore. 747. |
| 65 | This was in addition to their avadim (man servants) and their amahot (female servants) of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven; and there were among them two hundred singing men and singing women. 747. |
| 66 | Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their donkeys, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 747. |
| 67 | And some of the chief of the avot, when they came to the Beis Hashem which is at Yerushalayim, offered nedavot for the Beis HaElohim to rebuild it in its place. 747. |
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| 69 | They gave according to their ability unto the Otzar for the work threescore and one thousand drachmas of zahav, and five thousand minas of kesef, and one hundred ketanot for the kohanim. 747. |
| 70 | So the kohanim, and the Levi'im, and some of the people, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Netinim (servants of the Beis Hamikdash), dwelt in their towns, and kol Yisroel in their towns. 747. |
And when the seventh month was come, and the Bnei Yisroel were in the towns, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Yerushalayim.

Then stood up Yeshua ben Yehotzadak [T.N. This man is the prophetic namesake of the coming Moshiach—see Zechariah 6:11-12], and his brethren the kohanim, and Zerubavel ben Sh’altiel, and his brethren, and built the Mizbe’ach Elohei Yisroel, to offer olot (burnt offerings) thereon, as it is written in the Torah Moshe Ish HaElohim.

And they set the Mizbe’ach upon its bases; despite their fear upon them because of the people of those lands, they offered olot (burnt offerings) thereon unto Hashem, even olot boker and erev.

They kept also the Chag HaSukkot, as it is written, and offered the daily olah by number, according to the mishpat, as the duty of every yom required;

And afterward offered the olah tamid, both of the chodeshim, and of all the Mo’adim of Hashem that were set apart as kodesh, and of all the Mo’adim of Hashem that were set apart as kodesh, and of every one that willingly offered a nedavah (freewill offering) unto Hashem.

From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer olot (burnt offerings) unto Hashem. But the Yesod (Foundation) of the Heikhal Hashem was not yet laid.

They gave kesef also unto the chatzvim (masons, stone-cutters), and to the charashim (craftsmen, carpenters); and food, and mishteh (drink), and shemen (oil), unto them of Tzidon, and to them of Tzor, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea and on to Yafo, according to the rishyon (authorization, grant) that they had of Koresh Melech Paras (Persia).

Now in the second year of their coming unto the Beis HaElohim at Yerushalayim, in the second month, began Zerubavel ben Sh’altiel, and Yeshua ben Yehotzadak, and the she’ar (remnant) of their brethren the kohanim and the Levim, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Yerushalayim; and appointed the Levim, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the melechet Beis Hashem (work of the construction of the Beis Hamikdash).

Then stood Yeshua with his banim and his brethren, Kadmiel and his banim, the Bnei Yehudah, together, to set forward the workmen in the Beis HaElohim; the Bnei Chenadad, with their banim and their brethren the Levim.

And when the Bonim (Builders) laid the foundation of the Heikhal Hashem, they set the kohanim in their robes with trumpets, and the Leviim the Bnei Asaph with cymbals, to praise Hashem according to the instructions of Dovid Melech Yisroel.

And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto Hashem because He is good, for His chesed endureth forever toward Yisroel. And kol haAm shouted with a great shout, when they praised Hashem, because the foundation of the Beis Hashem was laid.

But many of the kohanim and Leviim and chief of the avot, who were zekenim (ancient men), that had seen the Beis HaRishon (Beis Hamikdash of Shilomo), when the foundation of this Beis [Hamikdash] was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice, and many shouted aloud for simchah;

So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of simchah from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Now when the adversaries [i.e., the enemies, the Samaritans] of Yehudah and Binyamin heard that the Banim of the Golus were the Bonim (Builders) of the Heikhal for Hashem Elohei Yisroel,

Then they came to Zerubavel, and to the chief of the avot, and said unto them, Let us build with you, for we seek Eloheichem, as ye do, and we do sacrifice unto Him since the days Esar-Hodon Melech Assur (Assyria), which brought us here [see Melachim Bais 19:37; also 17:33].

But Zerubavel, and Yeshua, and the rest of the chief of the avot of Yisroel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build a Beis [Hamikdash] unto Eloheinu; but we alone will build unto Hashem Eloheinu, as HaMelech Koresh (Cyrus) Melech Paras (Persia) hath commanded us.

Then the Am HaAretz weakened the hands of the Am Yehudah, and troubled them from building.

And hired counselors against them, to frustrate their etza (plan), all the days of Koresh (Cyrus) Melech Paras (Persia), even until the reign of Daryavesh (Darius) Melech Paras (Persia).

And in the reign of Ahashverosh [Xerxes I 486-465 B.C.E., the husband of Queen Esther], in the beginning of his reign, they wrote unto him a sitnah (accusation, related to the word Satan, Accuser)
against the inhabitants of Yehudah and Yerushalayim.

7 Then, in the days of Artaxerxes I (465-424 B.C.E.), it was Bishlam, Mitredat, Tavel, and the rest of their companions, who wrote unto Artaxerxes the Melech Paras (Persia); and the writing of the letter was written in Aramaic script, and set forth in Aramaic.

8 Rechum the high commissioner and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Yerushalayim to Artaxerxes the Melech Paras as follows;

9 Then wrote Rechum the high commissioner, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the judges, the officials, the Tarphim, the Apharsim, the Arkvim, the Babylonians, and those of Shushan, that is, the Elma'im.

10 And the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osnapar deported, and settled in the city of Shomron (Samaria), and elsewhere in Beyond-the-River (Euphrates);

11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, even unto Artaxerxes HaMelech; From thy avadim, the men Beyond-the-River (Euphrates); and now

12 May it be known unto the Melech, that the Yehudim which came up from thee to us are come unto Yerushalayim, building the rebellious and the wicked city, and finishing its walls, and repairing the foundations.

13 Be it known now unto the Melech, that, if this city be built, and the walls set up again, then they will not pay tax, tribute, or duty, and so thou shalt damage the royal revenues.

14 Now because we have covenant maintenance (share the King's salt) from the palace, and it was not proper for us to see the dishonor of the Melech, therefore we have sent and informed the Melech

15 That search may be made in the sefer of the archives of thy avot; so shalt thou find in the sefer of the archives, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto melachim and provinces, a place of sedition from ancient times, for which cause was this city destroyed.

16 We inform the Melech that, if this city be built again, and the walls thereof set up, by this means thou shalt have no possession in the province Beyond-the-River (Euphrates).

17 Then the Melech sent an answer: Unto Rechum the high commissioner, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Shomron (Samaria), and unto the rest Beyond-the-River (Euphrates), Shalom, and now

18 The nish'tevan (official document) which ye sent unto us hath been fully read before me;

19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city for a long time hath made insurrection against melachim, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein.

20 There have been mighty melachim also over Yerushalayim, which have ruled over all territory Beyond-the-River (Euphrates), to whom tax, tribute, and duty were paid.

21 Give ye now ta'am (command) to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not built, until another ta'am shall be given from me.

22 Take heed now that ye fail not to do this; lamah (why) should damage grow to the hurt of the Melech?

23 Now when the copy of letter of Melech Artaxerxes was read before Rechum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Yerushalayim unto the Yehudim, and made them to cease by force and compulsion.

24 Then ceased the work of the Beis HaElohim which is at Yerushalayim. So it ceased unto the second year [i.e., 520 B.C.E.] of the reign of Daryavesh (Darius) Melech Paras (Persia).

5 Then the nevi'im, Chaggai HaNavi, and Zecharyah ben Iddo, prophesied unto the Yehudim that were in Yehudah and Yerushalayim in the shem Elohei Yisroel, Who was [in authority] over them.

2 Then rose up Zerubavel ben Shaltiel, and Yeshua ben Yoktzadak, and began to build the Beis Elohim which is at Yerushalayim; and with them were the nevi'im of Elohim helping them.

3 At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor of the province Beyond-the-River (Euphrates), and Shetar-Boznai and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath authorized you to build this Beis [Hamidash], and to finish this structure?

4 Then said we unto them accordining what were the shmot of the men that are constructing this building.

5 But the Ayn Eloheihem (Eye of their G-d) was upon the leaders of the Yehudim, that they could not cause them to cease, until the matter came to Daryavesh (Darius); and
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<td>And that which they have need of, both young bulls, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the Elohei Shomayim, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the request of the kohanim which are at Yerushalayim, let it be given them day by day.</td>
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without fail;  
| 10 | That they may offer sacrifices of sweet savours unto the Elohei Shomayim, and pray for the chayyei Melech, and of his banim.  
| 11 | Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his bais, and being set up, let him be impaled hanging dead thereon; and let his bais be made a dunghill for this.  
| 12 | And the Elohim that hath caused Shmo to dwell there destroy all Melech or Am that shall lift up their hand to alter and to destroy this Beis Elohim which is at Yerushalayim. I Daryavesh have issued a decree; let it be done with speed.  
| 13 | Then Tatnai, governor of Beyond-the-River [Euphrates], Shetar-Boznai, and their companions, according to that which Daryavesh the Melech had sent, so they did speedily.  
| 14 | And the leaders of the Yehudim built, and they prospered through the prophesying and preaching of Chaggai HaNavi and Zecharyah ben Iddo. And they built, and finished it, according to the commandment of the Elohei Yisroel, and according to the commandment of Koresh (Cyrus), and Daryavesh (Darius), and Artachshasta (Artaxerxes) Melech Paras (Persia).  
| 15 | And this Beis [Hamikdash] was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Daryavesh the Melech [i.e., March 12, 515 B.C.E.].  
| 16 | And the Bnei Yisroel, the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, and the rest of the Banim of the Golus, kept the dedication of this Beis Elohim with joy.  
| 17 | And offered at the dedication of this Beis Elohim one hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for kol Yisroel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Yisroel.  
| 18 | And they installed the kohanim in their divisions, and the Levi'im in their courses, for the Avodas Elohim, which is at Yerushalayim, as it is written in the Sefer Moshe.  
| 19 | And the Banim of the Golus kept the Pesach upon the 14th day of the first month.  
| 20 | For the Kohanim and the Levi'im made themselves tahor, all of them were tehorim, and slaughtered the Pesach for all the Banim of the Golus, and for their brethren the Kohanim, and for themselves.  
| 21 | And the Bnei Yisroel, which were come again out of Golus, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the tum'a of the Goyim of ha'aretz, to seek Hashem Elohei Yisroel, did eat,  
| 22 | And kept the Chag Matzot seven days with simchah; for Hashem had made them joyful, and turned the lev Melech Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the Beis Elohim, Elohei Yisroel.  
| 7 | Now after these things, in the reign of Artachshasta Melech Paras (Persia), Ezra ben Serayah ben Azaryah ben Hilkiah,  
| 2 | Ben Shallum, ben Tzadok, ben Achituv,  
| 3 | Ben Amaryah, ben Azaryah, ben Merayot,  
| 4 | Ben Zerachyah, ben Uzzi, ben Bukki,  
| 5 | Ben Avishua, ben Pinchas, ben Elazar, ben Aharon HaKohen HaRosh;  
| 6 | This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a sofer mahir expert in the Torat Moshe, which Hashem Elohei Yisroel had given, and HaMelech granted him all his request, for the yad Hashem Elohay him was upon him.  
| 7 | And there went up some of the Bnei Yisroel, and of the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Netinim, unto Yerushalayim, in the seventh year of Artachshasta [Artaxerxes] HaMelech [i.e., 455 B.C.E.].  
| 8 | And he came to Yerushalayim in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the Melech.  
| 9 | For upon the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Yerushalayim, for the good yad Elohay was upon him.  
| 10 | For Ezra had prepared his lev to study the Torat Hashem, and to do it, and to teach in Yisroel chok and mishpat.  
| 11 | Now this is the copy of the letter that HaMelech Artachshasta gave unto Ezra HaKohen, HaSofer, even a Sofer of the divrei mitzvot Hashem, and of his chukkot for Yisroel:  
| 12 | Artachshasta, Melech Melachim, unto Ezra ben Serayah ben Azaryah ben Hilkiah, ben Shallum, ben Tzadok, ben Achituv, ben Amaryah, ben Azaryah, ben Merayot, ben Zerachyah, ben Uzzi, ben Bukki, ben Avishua, ben Pinchas, ben Elazar, ben Aharon HaKohen HaRosh;  
| 13 | This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a sofer mahir expert in the Torat Moshe, which Hashem Elohei Yisroel had given, and HaMelech granted him all his request, for the yad Hashem Elohay him was upon him.  
| 14 | And there went up some of the Bnei Yisroel, and of the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Netinim, unto Yerushalayim, in the seventh year of Artachshasta [Artaxerxes] HaMelech [i.e., 455 B.C.E.].  
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| 19 | Artachshasta, Melech Melachim, unto Ezra ben Serayah ben Azaryah ben Hilkiah, ben Shallum, ben Tzadok, ben Achituv, ben Amaryah, ben Azaryah, ben Merayot, ben Zerachyah, ben Uzzi, ben Bukki,
Forasmuch as thou art sent of the Melech, and of his seven counselors, to inquire concerning Yehudah and Yerushalayim, according to the law of thy G-d which is in thine hand;

And to carry the kesef and zahav, which the Melech and his counselors have freely offered unto the Elohei Yisroel, Whose habitation is in Yerushalayim,

And all the kesef and zahav that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the Kohanim, offering willingly for the Beis Eloheihem which is in Yerushalayim;

That thou mayest buy speedily with this kesef bulls, rams, lambs, with their minchot and their nesakhim, and offer them upon the Mizbe'ach of the Beis Eloheichem which is in Yerushalayim.

And whatsoever will seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of the kesef and the zahav, that do according to the will of Eloheichem.

The vessels also that are given thee for the service of the Beis of thy G-d, those deliver thou before the Elohei Yerushalayim.

And whatsoever more shall be needful for the Beis of thy G-d, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the baios of treasuries of the Melech.

And I, even I Artachshasta the Melech, do issue a decree to all the treasurers which are in Beyond-the-River Euphrates, that whatsoever Ezra HaKohen, the Sofer of the law of the Elohei Shomayim, shall require of you, it be done speedily.

Unto one hundred talents of kesef, and to one hundred cors of wheat, and to one hundred baths of wine, and to one hundred baths of oil, and unlimited melach (salt).

Whatsoever is commanded by Elohei Shomayim, let it be diligently done for the Beis of Elohei Shomayim; for why should there be ketzaf (wrath) against the malchut of the Melech and his banim?

Also we make known to you, that touching any of the Kohanim and Levim, singers, gatekeepers, Netinim, or ministers of this Beis Elohim, it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or duty, upon them.

And thou, Ezra, after the chochmah of thy G-d, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are in Beyond-the-River Euphrates, all such as know the laws of thy G-d; and teach ye them that know them not.

And whosoever will not do the law of thy G-d, and the law of the Melech, let punishment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

Baruch Hashem Elohei Avoteinu, Who hath put such a thing as this in the lev HaMelech, to honor the Beis Hashem which is in Yerushalayim;

And hath extended chesed unto me before HaMelech, and his counselors, and before all the mighty officials of the Melech. And I was strengthened because the Yad Hashem Elohai was upon me, and I gathered together out of Yisroel chief men to go up with me.

These are now the Rashei Avoteihem, and this is the register of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artachshasta the Melech:

Of the Bnei Pinchas, Gershom; of the Bnei Itamar, Daniel; of the Bnei Dovid, Chatrush;

Of the Bnei Shechanyah, of the Bnei Parosh, Zecharyah; and with him were reckoned by register of the zachar 150.

Of the Bnei Pachat-Moav, Eleyhoeinai ben Zerachyah, and with him 200 zaciach.

Of the Bnei Shechanyah, ben Yachziel, and with him 300 zaciach.

Of the banim also of Adin, Eved ben Yonatan, and with him 50 zaciach.

And of the Bnei Elam, Yeshayah ben Atalyah, and with him 100 zaciach.

And of the Bnei Shephatyah, Zevadiah ben Michael, and with him 80 zaciach.

Of the Bnei Yoav, Ovadyah ben Yechiel, and with him 218 zaciach.

Of the Bnei Shlomit, ben Yosiphyah, and with him 163 zaciach.

Of the Bnei Bevai, Zecharyah ben Bevai, and with him 23 zaciach.

And of the Bnei Agag, Yochanan ben Hakkatan, and with him 110 zaciach.

And of the younger Bnei Adonikam, whose shmot are these, Eliphelet, Ye’iel, and Shemayah, and with them 60 zaciach.

Of the banim also of Bigvai, Utaai, and Zakkur, and with them 70 zaciach.

And I gathered them together by the river that runneth to Ahava,
and there abode we in tents three days; and I reviewed the people, and the Kohanim, and found there none of the Bnei Levi.  

|16| Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemayah, and for Elatan, and for Yariv, and for Elatan, and for Nathan, and for Zacharyah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Yoyariv, and for Elatan, men of discernment.  
|17| And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place called Casiphya, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and to his brethren the Netinim, at the place Casiphya, that they should bring unto us ministers for the Beis Eloheinu.  
|18| And by the good Yad of Eloheinu upon us they brought us an Ish Seichel, of the Bnei Machli, ben Levi, ben Yisroel; and Sherevyah, with his banim and his brethren, eighteen;  
|19| And Chashavyah, and with him Yeshayah of the Bnei Merari, his brethren and their banim, twenty;  
|20| Also of the Netinim, whom Dovid and the sarim (princes) had appointed for the Avodas HaLevi'im, two hundred and twenty Netinim; all of them were registered by shemot.  
|21| Then I proclaimed a tzom there, at the Ahava River, that we might afflict ourselves before Eloheinu, to seek of Him a derech yesharah ourselves before Eloheinu, to bring unto us ministers for the Beis Eloheinu.  

|22| For I was ashamed to require of the Melech a band of soldiers and parashim to protect us against the enemy on the road; because we had spoken unto the Melech, saying, The Yad Eloheinu is upon all them for tovah that seek Him, but His power and His wrath is against all them that forsake Him.  
|23| So we did a tzom and besought Eloheinu for this, and He was entreated of us.  
|24| Then I separated twelve of the chief of the Kohanim, Sherevyah, Chashavyah, and ten of their brethren with them,  
|25| And weighed out unto them the keseif, and the zahav, and the vessels, even the terumat Beis Eloheinu, which the Melech, and his counselors, and his officials, and kol Yisroel there present, had given as an offering.  
|26| I even weighed out unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of keseif, and vessels of keseif one hundred talents, and of zahav one hundred talents;  
|27| Also twenty bowls of zahav, of a thousand darics; and two vessels of nechoshet, precious as zahav.  
|28| And I said unto them, Ye are kodesh unto Hashem; the vessels are kodesh also; and the keseif and the zahav are a nedavah unto Hashem Elohei Avoteichem.  
|29| Watch ye, and guard them, until ye weigh them before the chief of the Kohanim and the Levi'im, and chief of the avot of Yisroel, at Yerushalayim, in the chambers of the Beis Hashem.  

|30| So took the kohanim and the Levi'im the weight of the keseif, and the zahav, and the vessels, to bring them to Yerushalayim unto the Beis Eloheinu.  
|31| Then we departed from the Ahava River on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Yerushalayim; and the Yad Eloheinu was upon us, and delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and the bandit laying in wait along the Derech (road).  
|32| And we came to Yerushalayim, and abode there three days.  
|33| Now on the fourth day was the keseif and the zahav and the vessels weighed in the Beis Eloheinu by the yad of Meremot ben Uriyah HaKohen; and with him was Elazar ben Pinchas; and with them was Yozavad ben Yeshua, and Noadyah ben Binnui, the Levi'im;  
|34| By mispar (number) and by weight of every one; and all the weight was written at that time.  
|35| Also the children of those that had been carried away, the Bnei HaGolus, offered olot unto Elohei Yisroel, twelve bulls for kol Yisroel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin offering; all this was an olah unto Hashem.  
|36| And they delivered the orders of the Melech unto the Satraps of the Melech, and to the governors of Beyond-the-River [Euphrates] and they gave support to HaAm, and the Beis HaElohim.

Now when these things were completed, the sarim came to me, saying, HaAm Yisroel, and the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, have not separated themselves from the Am HaAretz, doing according to their abominations, even of the Kena'anani, the Chitti, the Perizzi, the Yevusi, the Ammoni, the Moavi, the Egyptians, and the Emori.  

|2| For they have taken of their banot for themselves, and for their banim, so that the zera hakodesh have mingled themselves with the Am HaAretz; yea, the yad of the sarim (princes) and officials hath been chief in this trespass.
And when I heard this thing, I made keriah of my garment and mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down appalled.

Then were assembled around me every one that trembled at the Divrei Elohei Yisroel, because of the transgression of those of the Golus; and I sat appalled until the minchat haerev.

At the minchat haerev I arose up from my abasement, and having made the keriah of my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Hashem Elohai,

And davened, O Elohai, I am ashamed and am disgraced to lift up my face to thee, Elohai, for avonoteinu are increased over our head, and ashmateinu (our guilt) is reached up unto Shomayim.

Since the days of Avoteinu have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for avonoteinu have we, our melachim, and our Kohanim, been delivered into the hand of the melachim of the lands, to the cherev, to captivity, and to spoil, and to humiliation of face, as it is this day.

And now for a little space grace hath been shown from Hashem Eloheinu, to leave us to escape a she’ar (remnant), and to give us a peg in his Makom Kodesh, that Eloheinu may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

And now, O Eloheinu, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Thy mitzvot,

Which Thou hast commanded by Thy avadim the nevi'im, saying, HaAretz, unto which ye go to possess it, is an eretz niddah (unclean land) with the filthiness of the Am HaAretz, with their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their tum’a.

Now therefore give not your banot unto their banim, neither take their banot unto your banim, nor further their shalom or their prosperity ad olam, that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land and leave it for your banim ad olam.

And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that Thou Eloheinu hast punished us less than avoneinu deserve, and hast given us such deliverance as this,

Should we again break Thy mitzvot, and join in affinity with the people of these to’evot (abominations)? Wouldest not Thou be angry with us till Thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no she’erit (remnant) nor escaping?

Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Thou art tzaddik; for we remain yet escaped, as it is this day; hineni, we are before Thee in our guilt, though we cannot stand before Thee because of it.

Now while Ezra was davening and making vidduy, weeping and prostrating himself before the Beis HaElohim, a Kahal rav me’od, anashim, nashim, and yeladim, gathered to him from Yisroel, for the people wept bitterly.

And Shechanyah ben Yechiel, of the Bnei Elam, answered and said to Ezra, We have been unfaithful to Eloheinu, have married foreign am ha’aretz women; yet now there is mikveh for Yisroel in spite of this.

So now let us make a Brit with Eloheinu to put away all nashim and that born of them, according to the counsel of Adonoi and the charedim at the mitzvot of Eloheinu; and let it be done according to the Torah.

Arise! For this matter is your responsibility; but we will be with you; chazak and act.

Then Ezra rose and made the leading Kohanim, the Levi'im, and kol Yisroel take an oath that they would do according to this proposal; so they took the oath.

Then Ezra arose from before the Beis HaElohim and went into the chamber of Yehochanan ben Elyashiv. Although he went there, he did not eat lechem, nor drink water, for he was mourning over the unfaithfulness of those of the Golus.

And they issued a proclamation throughout Yehudah and Yerushalayim to all the Banim of the Golus, that they should assemble at Yerushalayim

And that whoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the sarim and the zekenim, all his possessions should be forfeited and he himself excluded from the Kahal of those of the Golus.

So all the men of Yehudah and Benyamin assembled at Yerushalayim within the three days. It was the ninth month on the twentieth of the month,
and kol HaAm sat in the rechov before the Beis HaElohim, distressed by the occasion and the heavy rain. 
|10| Then Ezra HaKohen stood up and said to them, You have been unfaithful and have married foreign women adding to Ashmat Yisroel. 
|11| Now, therefore, make confession to Hashem Elohei Avoteichem and do His will; separate yourselves from the am ha'aretz and from the foreign women. 
|12| Then Kol HaKahal answered and said with a kol gadol, Ken! As you have said, so it is our duty to do. 
|13| But there are Am rav, it is the rainy season, and we are not able to stand bachotz (outside). Nor can the matter be done in one or two days, for we have transgressed greatly in this matter. 
|14| Let our leaders represent the Kol HaKahal and let all those in our towns who have married foreign women come at appointed times, together with the ziknei ir and shofetim of each town until the charon af Eloheinu on account of this matter is turned away from us. 
|15| Only Yonatan ben Asah'el and Yachzeyah ben Tikvah supported by Meshulam and Shabtai the Levi stood opposed. 
|16| But the Banim of the Golus did so. And Ezra HaKohen selected anashim who were Rashei HaAvot for each of their father's households, all of them by shemot. So they convened on the first day of the tenth month to investigate the matter. 
|17| And they finished investigating all men who had married foreign women by the 1st day of the 1st month. 
|18| And among the Bnei HaKohanim who had married foreign women were found of the Bnei Yeshua ben Yotzadak, and his brothers; Ma'aseiyah, Eliezer, Yariv, and Gedalyah. 
|19| And they pledged to put away their women, and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their asham. 
|20| And of the Bnei Charim; Yehudah, Benayah, Shimron, 
|21| And of the Bnei Yehudah; Benoyya, Benyah, Shimron, Benayah, Yalcha, and Adayah. 
|22| And of the Bnei Bevai; Elyashiv, Yehudah, and Benayah. 
|23| And of the Bnei Pachat-Moav; Adna, Kelah, Benayah, Ma'aseiyah, Mattanyah, Betzalel, Binnui, and Menasheh. 
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|32| Benyamin, Malluch, and Shemaryah; 
|33| Of the Bnei of Chashum; Matnai, Mattattah, Zavad, Eliphelet, Yeremai, Manasheh, and Shimei; 
|34| Of the Bnei Bani; Ma'adai, Amram, U'el, 
|35| Benayah, Bedyah, Keluhi, 
|36| Vanyah, Meremot, Elyashiv, 
|37| Mattanyah, Mattnai, Ya'asai, 
|38| Bani, Binnui, Shimei, 
|39| Shelemayah, Natan, Adayah, 
|40| Machnavdai, Shashai, Sharai, 
|41| Azarel, Shelemayah, Shemaryah, 
|42| Shallum, Amaryah, and Yosef. 
|43| Of the Bnei Nevo there were Yiel, Mattiti'ah, Zavad, Zevina, Yadai, Toel, and Benayah. 
|44| All these had taken foreign women, and some of them wives by whom they had banim. 

NECHEMYAH

1

The Divrei Nechemyah ben Chachalyah. And it came to pass in the month Kislev, in the twentieth year [i.e., 445 B.C.E.], as I was in Shushan the capital [of Persia]. 
|2| That Chanani, one of my achim [see 7:2], came, he and certain men, from Yehudah; and I asked them concerning the remnant of the Yehudim that had survived the Exile [the Golus], and concerning Yerushalayim. 
|3| And they said unto me, The remnant that have survived the Exile [the Golus] there in the province are in ra'ah gedolah and reproach; the Chomat Yerushalayim also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with eish.
[4] And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for several yamim, and did a tzom, and davened before Elohei HaShomayim.

[5] And said, O Hashem Elohei HaShomayim, HaEl HaGadol vHaNora, that is shomer habrit vachesed for them that love Him and are shomer mitzvot over His commandments,

[6] Let Thine ear now be attentive, and Thine eyes open, that Thou mayest hear the tefillah of Thy eved, and which Thou commandedst Moshe Thy eved.

[7] We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not been shomer mitzvot, neither over the chukkim, nor the mishpatim, which Thou commandedst Thy eved, and to the tefillah of Thy eved, and to the tefillah of Thy Avadim, who desire to fear Thy Shem; and give success to Thy eved today, and grant him rachamim in the sight of this man. For I was the Mashkeh L'Melech.

[8] Remember, the word that Thou commandedst Moshe Thy eved.

[9] When Sanvalat the Ammoni, and Toviyah the eved (official), the Ammoni, heard of it, it grieved them with a ra'ah gedolah that there was come an adam to seek the welfare of the Bnei Yisroel.

[10] And I arose in the lailah, and came to Yerushalayim; neither was there 3 yamim. So I came to Yerushalayim, (the queen also sitting by me, neither told I any man what I had been previously sad in his presence.

[11] So I came to Yerushalayim; was there 3 yamim. And an iggeret unto the Yehudim, nor to the Kohanim, neither as yet to the Levim; was there any mount with me, save that I have found favor in thy sight, and if thy eved HaMelech, and if thy eved HaMelech, If it please HaMelech, set for him a zman.

[12] And I arose in the lailah, and went out by lailah unto Yerushalayim: was there 3 yamim. So I came to Yerushalayim; was there any mount with me, save that I have found favor in thy sight, and if thy eved HaMelech, and if thy eved HaMelech, If it please HaMelech, set for him a zman.

[13] And I went out by lailah by way of the valley, and entered before the Dragon's Spring, and to the Dung Gate [3:13], and made inspection of the Chomot Yerushalayim, which had been broken down, and the gates thereof that were consumed with eish.

[14] Then I went on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King's Pool [Pool of Shiloah], but there was no place for the mount that was under me to pass.

[15] Then went I up in the lailah by way of the valley, and viewed the Chomot (Wall), and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned.

[16] And the officials knew not where I went, or what I did; neither as yet to the Yehudim, nor to the Kohanim,
nor to the Nobles, nor to the Rulers, nor to the rest that were to do the melachah (work) had I said anything.

|17| Then said I unto them, Ye see hara'ah (the trouble) that we are in, how Yerushalayim lieth in ruins, and the gates thereof are burned with eish; come, and let us rebuild the Chomat Yerushalayim, that we suffer derision no more.

|18| Then I told them of the Yad Elohai Hatovah which was upon me; as also the Divrei HaMelech that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and rebuild. So they strengthened their hands in tovah (in the good).

|19| But when Sanvalat the Choroni, and Toviyah the eved (official), the Ammoni, and Geshem the Arab, heard it, they laughed at us in mockery, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? Against HaMelech will you be moredim (ones rebelling)?

|20| Then answered I them, and said unto them, Elohei HaShomayim, He will give us success; therefore we His avadim will arise and rebuild; but ye have no chelek (allotted portion), nor zikaron b'Yerushalayim (history to commemorate in Jerusalem).

Then Elyashiv the Kohen HaGadol rose up with his achim the Kohanim, and they rebuilt the Sheep Gate; they set it apart as kodesh, and set up the daletot of it; even unto the Migdal HaMe’ah they set it apart as kodesh, unto the Migdal Chanan’el.

|2| And next unto him the Anshei Yericho built. And next to them built Zakkur ben Imri.

|3| But the Fish Gate did the Bnei Hasnaah build, who also laid the beams thereof, and set up the daletot thereof, the locks, and the bars thereof.

|4| And next unto them Meremot ben Uriyah ben Hakotz made repairs. And next unto them Meshullam ben Berekhayh ben Meshezav’el made repairs. And next unto them Tzadok ben Ba’ana did so.

|5| And next unto them the Tekoim built; but their Nobles put not their necks to the Avodas adoneihem.

|6| Moreover Yoyada ben Paseach and Meshullam ben Besodyah made repairs on the Shaar HaYeshannah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the daletot, and the locks, and the bars thereof.

|7| And next unto them repaired Melayah the Giveoni, and Yadon the Meronot, the men of Giveon, and of Mizpah, upon the seat of the governor of Beyond the River [Euphrates].

|8| Next unto him repaired Uzziel ben Charhayah, one of the goldsmiths. Next unto him also repaired Chananyah son of the perfumers, and they fortified Yerushalayim upto the Broad Wall.

|9| And next unto them repaired Refayah ben Chur, the ruler of half the district of Yerushalayim.

|10| And next unto them repaired Yedayah ben Charumaph, opposite his bais. And next unto him repaired Chattush ben Chashavneyah.

|11| Malkiyah ben Charim, and Chashuv ben Pachat-Moav, repaired the other section, and the Migdal HaTannurim.

|12| And next unto him repaired Shallum ben Halochesh, the ruler of half the district of Yerushalayim, he and his banot.

|13| The Valley Gate repaired Chanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoach; they rebuilt it, and set up the daletot thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and 1,000 cubits of Chomah unto the Dung Gate.

|14| But the Dung Gate did Malkiyah ben Rechav, the ruler of the district of Beit Hakerem; he rebuilt it, and set up the daletot thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof.

|15| But the Fountain Gate did Shallun ben Kol-Chozeh, ruler of Mizpah district repair; he rebuilt it, covered it, set up the daletot thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the chomah of the Pool of Shelach [Shiloah] by the Gun HaMelech, and upeto the stairs that go down from the Ir Dovid.

|16| After him repaired Nechemyah ben Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beitzur, unto the place opposite the Kivrei Dovid, and to the artificial pool, and unto the Bais HaGiborim.

|17| After him repaired the Leviim, Rechum ben Bani. Next unto him repaired Chashavyah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, in his district.

|18| After him repaired their achim, Baviai ben Chenadad, ruler half the Keilah district.

|19| And next to him repaired Ezer ben Yeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another section fronting the ascent to the armory at the Corner.

|20| After him Baruch ben Zakkai zealously repaired the other section, from the Corner unto the petach Bais Elyashiv the Kohen HaGadol.

|21| After him repaired Meremot ben Uriyah ben Hakotz another section, from the entrance of the Bais Elyashiv even to the end of the Bais Elyashiv.

|22| And after him repaired the Kohanim,
who were the men of the surrounding area.
[23] After him repaired Binyamin and Chashuv opposite their bais. After him repaired Azaryah ben Maaseiyah ben Ananyah etzel (beside, Prov 8:30) his bais.
[24] After him repaired Binnui ben Chenadad another section, from the bais Azaryah unto the Corner, even unto the Pinnah.
[25] Palal ben Uzai, opposite the Corner, and the Migdal which projects from upper part of the Bais HaMelech, that was by the khatzer (court) of the Guard. After him Pedayah ben Parosh
[26] And the Netenim (servants of the Bais Hamikdash) dwelt on Ophel, made repairs unto the place opposite the Water Gate on the east, and the migdal that projects out.
[27] After them the Tekoim repaired another section, opposite the great migdal that projects out, even unto the Chomat Ophel.
[28] From above the Horse Gate repaired the Kohanim, every one opposite his bais.
[29] After them repaired Tzadok ben Immer opposite his bais. After him repaired also Shemayah ben Shechanyah, the Shomer of the East Gate.
[30] After him repaired Chananyah ben Shelemyah, and Chanun the sixth son of Tzalaph, another section. After him repaired Meshullam ben Berekyah opposite his living quarters.
[31] After him repaired Malkiyah one of the goldsmiths unto the place of the Netenim, and of the merchants, opposite the Sha’ar HaMifkad, and to the aliyyat hapinnah.
[32] And between the aliyyat hapinnah unto the Sheep Gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

4 [3:33] But it came to pass, that when Sanvalat heard that we were rebuilding the Chomah, he was angered, took great indignation, mocked the Yehudim. [2 [3:34]] And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Shomron, and said, What do these feeble Yehudim? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish in a day? Will they revive the avanim out of the heaps of the burned rubble? [3 [3:35]] Now Toviyah the Ammoni was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox climb up on it, even he shall break down their chomat avanim.
[4 [3:36]] Shema, Eloheinu, for we are despised; turn their insults upon their own head, and give them as plunder in a land of captivity; [5 [3:37]] And cover not their avon, and let not their chattat be blotted out from before thee, for they threw insults in the face of HaBonim.
[6 [3:38]] So we rebuilt HaChomah, and kol HaChomah was joined together unto half the height thereof, for HaAm had a mind to work. [7 [4:1]] But it came to pass, that when Sanvalat, and Toviyah, and the Arabs, and the Ammonim, and the Ashdodim, heard about the Chomat Yerushalayim, that its repairs had gone ahead, and that the gaps began to be closed up, then they were very angry, [8 [4:2]] And they plotted all of them together to come and to fight against Yerushalayim, and to hinder it. [9 [4:3]] Nevertheless we davened unto Eloheinu, and set a watch against them yomam valailah, because of them.
[10 [4:4]] And Yehudah said, The koach of the bearers of burdens is giving out, and there is much rubble, so that we are not able to rebuild the Chomah (Wall). [11 [4:5]] And our adversaries said, They shall have no da’as, neither see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and cause the melachah (work) to cease. [12 [4:6]] And it came to pass, that when the Yehudim which dwelt near them came, they said unto us eser p’amim, Wherever ye turn, they will be upon us.
[13 [4:7]] Therefore set I behind the lower places of the Chomah, and on the exposed places, I even set HaAm by their mishpekhot with their swords, their spears, and their bows.
[14 [4:8]] And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the Nobles, and to the Officials, and to the rest of HaAm, Be not ye afraid of them. Remember Adonoi HaGadol vHaNorah, and fight for your achim, your banim, and your banot, your nashim, and your batim.
[15 [4:9]] And it came to pass, when our enemies were aware that it was known unto us, and HaElohim had brought their etzah (plan) to nought, that we returned all of us to HaChomah, every one unto his melachah (work).
[16 [4:10]] And it came to pass from that day forth, that half of my men did the melachah, and the other half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the body armor; and the officials posted themselves behind Kol Bais Yehudah.
[17 [4:11]] Who were HaBonim BaChomah. And they that bore burdens, carried their loads such that each one with one
of his hands did the melachah, and with the other hand held a weapon.
[18 [4:12]] For the Bonim, every one had his cherev girded by his side, and so built. And he that sounded the shofar was by me. 
[19 [4:13]] And I said unto the Nobles, and to the Officials, and to the rest of haAm, The melachah is great and spread out, and we are separated along the Chomah, one far from another. 
[20 [4:14]] In what place therefore ye hear the kol haShofar, rally ye thither unto us; Eloheinu shall fight for us.

So we labored in the melachah, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn till the kohkhamim appeared.
[22 [4:16]] Likewise at the same time said I unto HaAm, Let every one with his servant lodge within Yerushalayim, that in halailah they may be a mishmar (guard) to us, and at hayom a melachah (workman).

So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my men, nor the anshei hamishmar (the men of the guard) which followed me, none of us put off our clothes; every one carried his weapon, even when he went for water.

And there was a great outcry of HaAm and of their nashim against their achim the Yehudim.
[2] For there were that said, We, our banim, and our banot, are rabbim (many); therefore we must get dagan (grain) for them, that we may eat, and live.
[3] Some also there were that said, We have mortgaged our sadot (fields), kramim (vineyards), and batim (houses), that we might buy dagan, because of the ra’av (famine).
[4] There were also that said, We have borrowed kesef for the tax of HaMelech, and that upon our sadot and kramim. 
[5] Yet now our basar is the same as the basar of acheinu (our brethren, countrymen), our banot as their banot; and, hinei, we bring into the bondage of slavery our banim and our banot, and some of our banot are brought unto bondage already, neither is it in our power to redeem them, for other men have our sadot and kramim. 
[6] And I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these devarim.

Then I consulted my own thoughts, and I rebuked the Nobles [see 3:5], and the officials, and said unto them, Ye exact massa (usury, i.e., seizing what is pledged against debts, whether people, land, or property), every one from his brother. And I called a kehillah gedolah against them.
[8] And I said unto them, We as far as we have ability have redeemed acheinu (bought back our brethren) the Yehudim, which were sold unto the Goyim; and will ye even sell your brethren? Or shall they be sold back unto us? Then they were speechless, and found nothing to answer. 
[9] Also I said, It is not tov this thing ye are doing. Ought ye not to walk in the fear of Eloheinu and end the derision of the Goyim oyeinu (our enemies)?

I likewise, and my brethren, and my men, have allowed them to borrow kesef and dagan; let us stop now this massa (burden of debt). 
[11] Restore, now, to them, even today, their sadot, their kramim, their zayit groves, and their batim (houses), also the usury of the hundredth part of the kesef, and of the dagan, the tirosh (new wine), and the yitzhar (olive oil), that ye exact of them. 
[12] Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I summoned the Kohanim, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise.

Also I shook out the fold of my robe, and said, So may HaElohim shake out every man from his bais, and from that which belongs to him, that keepeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And Kol HaKahal said, Omein, and praised Hashem. And HaAm did according to this promise.

Moreover, from the yom that I was appointed to be their governor in Eretz Yehudah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artachshasta HaMelech, that is, twelve shanim, I and my brethren have not eaten the Lechem HaPechah (Allowance of the Governor).

But the former governors that had been before me placed a heavy burden on HaAm, and had taken of them lechem and yayin, in addition to the forty shekels of kesef; yea, even their assistants domineered HaAm; but so did not I, because of yirat Elohim.

But instead I continued in the melekhet HaChomah (work of this Wall), neither acquired we any sadeh; and all my men were gathered there unto the melachah (work).

Moreover there were at my shulchan a hundred and fifty of the Yehudim and officials, besides those that came unto us from among the Goyim around us.
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[18] Now that which was prepared daily was one shor (ox) and six choice sheep; also poultry were prepared at my expense, and every ten days skins of yayin in quantity of all kinds; yet for all this required not I the Lechem HaPechah, because the avodah was heavy upon this people.

[19] Remember me, Elohai, for tovah, according to all that I have done for this people.

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Now it came to pass when Sanvalat, and Toviyah, and Geshem the Arab, and the rest of oyveinu (our enemies), heard that I had rebuilt HaChomah, and that there was no peretz (gap) left therein (though at that time I had not set up the dalatot in the she’arim),

[2] That Sanvalat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they were choshevim (the ones scheming) to do me ra’ah (harm).

[3] And I said unto them, Let me have two men of the bais Shemayah ben Chananyah (the commander of the citadel), charge over the dalotot, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levi'im were appointed, and the iggrot of Toviyah were many iggerot unto Toviyah, and the nobles of Yehudah sent letters with the intent of intimidating me.

[4] Yet they sent unto me this message arba’ah pe’amim; and I answered them after the same manner.

[5] Then sent Sanvalat his aid unto me in like manner the fifth time with an unsealed iggeret in his hand;

[6] Wherein was written, It is reported among the Goyim, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Yehudim are choshevim (the ones scheming) revolt, for which cause thou buildest the Chomah, that thou mayest be their Melech, according to these reports.

[7] And thou hast also appointed nevivim to make this proclamation about thee at Yerushalayim, saying, There is a Melech in Yehudah! Now this report will get back to HaMelech. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together.

[8] Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such devarim (things) done as thou sayest, but thou inventest them out of thine own lev.

[9] For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, Their hands shall get too weakened for the melachah, that it be not completed. Now therefore, strengthen my hands!

[10] Afterward I came unto the bais Shamayyah ben Delayah ben Mehetave’el, who was confined; and he said, Let us meet together in the Bais HaElohim, within the Haikhal, and let us close the dalatot of the Haikhal, for they will come to slay thee; yea, tonight they come to slay thee.

[11] And I said, Should such a man as I flee? And who is there, that, being as I am, would go into the Haikhal to save his life? I will not go in.

[12] And, hinei, I perceived that Elohim had not sent him; but that he pronounced this nevivah (prophecy) against me, for Toviyah and Sanvalat had hired him.

[13] Therefore was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have given me a shem rah (bad name), that they might discredit me.

[14] Remember, Elohai, Toviyah and Sanvalat according to these their ma’asim, and also the nevivah (prophetess) Noadyah, and the rest of the nevivim, that would have intimidated me.

[15] So the Chomah was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days.

[16] And it came to pass, that when all oyveinu (our enemies) heard thereof, and all the Goyim around us saw these things, they were much cast down in their own eyes, for they perceived that this melachah was accomplished by Elohineiu.

[17] Moreover in those days the nobles of Yehudah sent many iggerot unto Toviyah, and the iggrot of Toviyah were making reply unto them.

[18] For there were many ba’alei shevuah in Yehudah unto him, because he was the choson (son-in-law) of Shechnayyah ben Arach, and his son Yehochanan had taken the bat Meshullam ben Berechyah.

[19] Also they reported his [Toviyah’s supposed] merits before me, and uttered my words to him. And Toviyah sent letters with the intent of intimidating me.

[T.N. We see that the work of G-d had to be accomplished, not in a vacuum of peace and tranquility, but against the backdrop of manipulation and intimidation. Nehemiah gives G-d the credit and the glory for his escaping every snare.]

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Now it came to pass, when the chomah was rebuilt, and I had set up the dalatot, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levi'im were appointed,

[2] That I gave my brother Chanani, along with Chananyah (the commander of the citadel), charge over Yerushalayim, for he was an ish emes, and feared HaElohim more than many.

[3] And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Yerushalayim be opened until the shemesh
be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the dalatot, and bar them, and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, every one in his watch, and every one to be near his bais.

|4| Now the Ir was large and gedolah, but HaAm were few therein, and the batim (houses) were not rebuilt.

|5| And Elohai put into mine lev to gather together the nobles, and the officials, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found a Sefer HaYachash (record of the genealogy) of them which came up at the first, and found written therein:

|6| These are the people of the province, that went up out of the Golus captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Nevuchadnetzar Melech Bavel had carried away, and came again to Yerushalayim and to Yehudah, everyone unto his town;

|7| Who came with Zerubavel, Yeshua, Nechemyah, Azaryah, Ra’amyah, Nachmani, Mordechai, Bilshan, Misperet, Bigvai, Nechum, and Ba’anah. The number of the men of the people of Yisroel was this:

|8| The Bnei Parosh, 2,172.
|9| The Bnei Shephatyah, 372.
|10| The Bnei Arach, 652.
|11| The Bnei Pachat-Moav, of the Bnei Yeshua and Yoav, 2,818.

|12| The Bnei Elam, 1,254.
|13| The Bnei Zattu, 845.
|14| The Bnei Zaccai, 760.
|15| The Bnei Binnui, 468.
|16| The Bnei Bevai, 628.
|17| The Bnei Azgad, 2,322.
|18| The Bnei Adonikam, 667.
|19| The Bnei Bigvai, 2,067.

|20| The Bnei Adin, 655.
|21| The Bnei Ater of Yechizkiyah, 98.
|22| The Bnei Chashum, 328.
|23| The Bnei Betzai, 324.
|24| The Bnei Chariph, 112.
|25| The Bnei Giveon, 95.
|26| The men of Beit-Lechem and Netophah, 188.
|27| The men of Anatot, 128.
|28| The men of Beitz-Azmavet, 42.

|29| The men of Kiyrat-Yeirim, Kephirah, and Be’erot, 743.
|30| The men of Ramah and Geva, 621.
|31| The men of Michmas, 122.
|32| The men of Beit-El and Ai, 123.

|33| The men of the other Nevo, 52.
|34| The people of the other Elam, 1,254.
|35| The Bnei Charim, 320.
|36| The Bnei Tericho, 345.
|37| The Bnei Lod, Chadid, and Ono, 721.
|38| The Bnei Senaah, 3,930.
|39| The kohanim; the Bnei Yedayah, of the Bais Yeshua, 973.
|40| The Bnei Immer, 1,052.
|41| The Bnei Pashchur, 1,247.
|42| The Bnei Charim, 1,017.

|43| The Leviim; the Bnei Asaph, 148.

|45| The gatekeepers; the Bnei Shallum, the Bnei Ater, the Bnei Talmon, the Bnei Akuv, the Bnei Chatita, the Bnei Shovai, 138.

|46| The Netanim [servants of the Beis Hamikdash]; the Bnei Tzicha, the Bnei Chasupha, the Bnei Tabbaot, the Bnei Keros, the Bnei Sia, the Bnei Padon, the Bnei Levanan, the Bnei Chagava, the Bnei Salmah, the Bnei Chanun, the Bnei Giddel, the Bnei Gachar, the Bnei Reayah, the Bnei Retzin, the Bnei Nekoda, the Bnei Gazam, the Bnei Uzza, the Bnei Paseach, the Bnei Besai, the Bnei Meunim, the Bnei Nephishesim, the Bnei Bakkuk, the Bnei Chakupha, the Bnei Charchur, the Bnei Batzlit, the Bnei Mechida, the Bnei Charsha, the Bnei Barkos, the Bnei Sisra, the Bnei Tamach, the Bnei Netziach, the Bnei Chatipha.
|57| The Bnei Avdei Sh’lomo; the Bnei Sotai, the Bnei Sopheret, the Bnei Perida.

{T.N. This book teaches that the work of G-d is so difficult, that no one person can do it alone. People working together is a picture of what is involved in being in a Messianic kehillah or any ministry for G-d. We are inspired as we see how the wall came together in only 52 days (see Neh 6:15) when Nehemiah arrived in 445. However, everything was not accomplished quite so fast. The Mizbe’ach and the Beis Hamikdash were restored and the work took place from 538-515 B.C.E. and was finally completed after Darius I (522-486 B.C.E.) gave his official permission, though the foundation of the Beis Hamikdash was laid as early as 536 B.C.E. Then came the reforming work of Ezra in 458 B.C.E. during the reign of Artaxerxes I (465-424).}
The Bnei Yaala, the Bnei Darkon, the Bnei Giddel, the Bnei Chattil, the Bnei Pocheret-Hatzvayim, the Bnei Amon.

All the Netinim, and the Bnei Avdei Sh'lomo, were three hundred ninety and two.

And these were they which went up also from Tel-Melach, Tel-Charsha, Keruv, Addon, and Immer, but they could not show their bais avot, nor their zera, whether they were of Yisroel.

The Bnei Delayah, the Bnei Toviyah, the Bnei Nekoda.

And of the kohanim; the Bnei Chavayah, the Bnei Hakotz, the Bnei Barzillai, which took one of the banot of Barzillai the Gileadi to wife, and was named after their shem.

These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found; therefore were they, as polluted, put from the Kehunah (Priesthood).

And the Tirshata said unto them that they should not eat of the kodesh hakodashim until there stood up a kohen with Urim and Tummim.

The kol hakahal together was 42,360, not counting their manservants and their maidservants, of whom there were 7,337; and they had 245 meshorarim (singing men) and meshorarot (singing women).

Their susim, seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five;

Their camels, four hundred thirty and five; six thousand seven hundred and twenty donkeys.

And some of the chief of the avot gave unto the work. The Tirshata (governor) gave to the treasury a thousand drachmas of zahav, fifty basins, five hundred and thirty kasesos (garments) for the Kohanim.

And some of the chief of the avot gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand drachmas of zahav, and two thousand and two hundred manim of kesef.

And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand drachmas of zahav, and two thousand manim of kesef, and threescore and seven kasesos for the Kohanim.

So the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Netinim, and kol Yisroel, dwelt in their towns;

8 And kol HaAm gathered themselves together as one man into the rechov that was before the Water Gate; and they spoke unto Ezra HaSofer to bring the Sefer Torat Moshe, which Hashem had commanded to Yisroel.

And Ezra HaKohen brought the Torah before the Kahal both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month [Tishri], came, the Bnei Yisroel were in their towns.

And Ezra HaSofer stood upon a platform of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattityah, and Shema, and Anayah, and Uriyah, and Chilikiyah, and Ma'aseiyah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedayah, and Mishael, and Malkiyah, and Chashum, and Chashbadana, Zecharyah, and Meshullam.

And Ezra opened the Sefer before the eyes of kol HaAm (for he was above kol HaAm); and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

And Ezra blessed Hashem, HaElohim HaGadol. And kol HaAm answered, Omein, Omein, with lifting up their hands; and they bowed, and worshiped Hashem with their faces to the ground.

Also Yeshua, and Bani, and Sherevyah, Yamin, Akuv, Shabtai, Hodiyah, Ma'aseiyah, Kelita, Azaryah, Yozavad, Chanan, Pelayah, and the Levi'im caused the people to understand the Torah; and the people stood in their place.

So they read from the Sefer Torat HaElohim distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading.

And Nechemyah the Tirshata, and Ezra HaKohen HaSofer, and the Levi'im that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is kadosh unto Adoneinu; neither be ye grieving; for the chedvah (joy) of Hashem is your strength.
[11] So the Levi'im calmed kol HaAm, saying, Be still, for the day is kadosh; neither be ye grieved.
[12] And kol HaAm went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make simchah gedolah, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.
[13] And on the second day were gathered together the chief of the avot of kol HaAm, the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, unto Ezra HaSofer, to understand the words of the Torah.
[14] And they found written in the Torah which Hashem had commanded by Moshe, that the Bnei Yisroel should dwell in sukkot in the Chag of the seventh month,
[15] And that they should publish and proclaim in all their towns, and in Yerushalayim, saying, Go forth unto the hill country, and bring back olive branches, and wild olive branches, and myrtle, and palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make sukkot, as it is written.
[16] So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves sukkot, every one upon the roof of his bais, and in their courtyards, and in the khatzerot Bais HaElohim, and in their courtyards, and in the roof of the Water Gate, and in the roof of the Ephrayim Gate.
[17] And kol HaKahal of them that were come again out of the captivity made sukkot, and sat under the sukkot; for since the days of Yehuha ben Nun unto that day had not the Bnei Yisroel done so. And there was simchah gedolah.
[18] Also day by day, from the first day unto the last, he read from the Sefer Torat HaElohim. And they kept the Chag seven days; and then came Shmini Atzeret, according unto the mishpat.

Now in the 24* day of this month the Bnei Yisroel were assembled with a tzom, with sack-cloth, and adamah upon them.
[2] And the Zera Yisroel separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their chattot, and the avonot of their avot.
[3] And they stood up in their place, and read in the Sefer Torat Hashem Eloheihem one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshiped Hashem Eloheihem.
[4] Then stood up upon the platform, of the Levi'im, Yeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shevanyah, Bunni, Sherevyah, Bani, and Kenani, and cried with a kol gadol unto Hashem Eloheihem.
[6] Thou, even Thou, art tzaddik, and neeman before Thee, and gavest shmo Avraham; and showedst oto and mofetim upon Pharaoh, and on all his avadim, and on kol HaAm of his land; for Thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst Thou get Thee a Shem, as it is this day.
[7] And Thou didst divide the yam before them, so that they went through the midst of the yam on the yabashah; and their persecutors Thou threwest into the depths, as an even (stone) into the mighty waters.
[8] Moreover Thou leddest them in the day by an Ammud Anan; and in the night by an Ammud Eish, to give them ohr in the way wherein they should go.
[9] Thou camest down also upon Mt Sinai, and spoke with them from Shomayim, and gavest them mishpatim yesharim, and torot emes, chukkim and mitzvot tovim; and madest known unto them Thy Shabbos Kadosh, and commandest them mitzvot, chukkim, and torah, by the yad of Moshe Thy eved;
[11] So the Levi'im calmed kol HaAm, saying, Be still, for the day is kadosh; neither be ye grieved.
[12] And kol HaAm went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make simchah gedolah, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.
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[5] Then the Levi'im, Yeshua, and Kadmiel, Shevanyah, Bunni, Sherevyah, Hodyiah, Shevanyah, and Petuchyah, said, Stand up and bless Hashem Eloheichem for ever and ever; and blessed be Shem Kevodecha, which is exalted above all brocha and tehillah.
[6] Thou, even Thou, art tzaddik, and neeman before Thee, and gavest shmo Avraham; and showedst oto and mofetim upon Pharaoh, and on all his avadim, and on kol HaAm of his land; for Thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst Thou get Thee a Shem, as it is this day.
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[10] And gavest them lechem from Shomayim for their hunger, and broughtest forth mayim for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess HaAretz which Thou hadst promised to give it to his zera, and hast performed Thy words; for Thou art tzaddik; and didst see the affliction of Avoteinu in Mitzrayim, and heardest their cry by the Yam Suf; and showedst oto and mofetim upon Pharaoh, and on all his avadim, and on kol HaAm of his land; for Thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst Thou get Thee a Shem, as it is this day.
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[15] But they and Avoteinu dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and paid heed not to Thy mitzvot, and refused to obey, neither were
mindful of Thy wonders that Thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a rosh to return to their bondage; but Thou art Eloah Selichot, channun and rachum, slow to anger, and of great chesed, and forsookest them not.

[18] Yea, when they had made them an egel massekhah, and said, This is Eloheicha that brought thee up out of Mitzrayim, or when they committed ne’atzot gedolot (great blasphemies);

[19] Yet Thou in Thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the midbar; the Ammud heAnan departed not from them by day, to lead them in HaDerech; neither the Ammud HaEish by night, to show them light, and HaDerech wherein they should walk.

[20] Thou gavest also Thy Ruach HaTovah to instruct them, and withheldst not Thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them mayim for their thirst.

[21] Yea, arba'im shanah didst Thou sustain them in the midbar, so that they lacked nothing; their clothes did not wear out, and their feet swelled not.

[22] Moreover Thou gavest them kingdoms and nations, allotting them as a boundary; so they possessed Eretz Sichon, and Eretz Melech Cheshbon, and Eretz Og Melech HaBashan.

[23] Their children also multipliedst Thou as the kokhavim of Shomayim, and broughtest them into Ha'Aretz, concerning which Thou hadst promised to their avot, that they should go in to possess it.

[24] So the children went in and possessed Ha'Aretz, and Thou subduest before them the inhabitants of the land, the Kena'anim, and gavest them into their hands, with their melachim, and the people of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

[25] And they took fortified cities, and an adamah shemenah, and possessed batim full of all goods, wells dug, kramim, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance; so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

[26] Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against Thee, and cast Thy torah behind their backs, and slaughtered Thy nevi'im which testified against them to turn them to Thee, and they wrought ne’atzot gedolot.

[27] Therefore Thou deliveredst them into the yad of their enemies, who oppressed them; and in the time of their tzoros, when they cried unto Thee, Thou hearest them from Shomayim; and according to Thy manifold mercies Thou gavest them moshim (deliverers), who saved them out of the yad of their enemies.

[28] But after they had rest, they did rah again before Thee; therefore Thou abandoned them unto the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them; yet when they returned, cried unto Thee, Thou hearest them from Shomayim; and according to Thy manifold mercies Thou gavest them moshim (deliverers), who saved them out of the yad of their enemies.

[29] And testifiedst against them, that Thou mightest bring them again unto Thy torah; yet they dealt proudly, and paid heed not unto Thy mitzvot, but sinned against Thy mishpatim, which if a man do, he shall live in them; and they stubbornly turned their backs, and hardened their neck, and would not hear.

[30] Yet many shanim didst Thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by Thy Ruach [Hakodesh] by Thy nevi'im; yet would they not give ear; therefore gavest Thou them into the yad of the peoples of the lands.

[31] Nevertheless for Thy great mercies sake Thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for Thou art El Channun v'Rachum.

[32] Now therefore, Eloheinu, the great, the mighty, and the terrible G-d, Who keepest brit and chesed, let not all the hardships seem little before Thee, that hath come upon us, on melacheinu, on sareinu, and on Kohaneinu, and on nevi'einu, and on Avoteinu, and on all Thy people, since the time of the melachim of Assyria unto this day.

[33] Howbeit Thou art tzaddik in all that is brought upon us; for Thou hast done emes, but we have done wrong.

[34] Neither have melacheinu, sareinu, Kohaneinu, nor Avoteinu, kept Thy torah, nor paid heed unto Thy mitzvot and Thy testimonies, wherewith Thou didst testify against them.

[35] For they have not served Thee in their malchut, and in Thy great goodness that Thou gavest them, and in the large and fertile land which Thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works.

[36] Hinei, we are avadim this day, and for the land that Thou gavest unto Avoteinu to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, hinei, we are avadim in it;
[37] And it yieldeth much increase unto the melachim whom Thou hast set over us because of chattoteinu; also they have dominion over geviyyoteinu, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in tzarah gedolah.

[38 (10:1)] And because of all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our sarim, Levi'im, and Kohanim, seal unto it.

(10:2) Now those that sealed were, Nechemyah the tirshata ben Chachalyah, and Tzedekyah,

[3 (4)] Serayah, Azaryah, Yirmeyah,

[4 (5)] Chattush, Shevanyah, Maluch,

[5 (6)] Charim, Meremot, Ovadyah,

[6 (7)] Daniel, Ginton, Baruch,

[7 (8)] Meshullam, Aviyah, Miyamin,

[8 (9)] Ma'azyah, Bilgai, Shemayah; these were the kohanim.

[9 (10)] And the Levi'im; both Yeshua ben Azanyah, Binnui of the Bnei Chenadad, Kadmiel;

[10 (11)] | And their brethren, Shevanyah, Hodiyyah, Kelita, Pelayah, Chanan, 11 (12) | Micha, Rechov, Chashavyah,

[12 (13)] | Zakkur, Sherevyah, Shemayah,

[13 (14)] | Hodiyyah, Bani, and Beninu. 14 (15) | The chief of the people: Parosh, Pachat-Moav, Elam, Zattu, Bani,

[15 (16)] | Bunni, Azgad, Bevai, 16 (17) | Adoniyah, Bigvai, Adin,

[17 (18)] | Ater, Chizkiyah, Azzur,

[18 (19)] | Hodiyyah, Chashum, Betzai,

10 (20) | Chariph, Anatot, Neivai,

[19 (20)] | 20 (21) | Magpiash, Meshullam, Chezir,

[21 (22)] | Meshezavel, Tzadok, Yaddua,

[22 (23)] | Pelatayah, Chanan, Anayah,

[23 (24)] | Hoshea, Chananyah, Chashuv,

[24 (25)] | Halochesh, Pilcha, Shovek,

[25 (26)] | Rechum, Chashanah, Ma’aseiyah,

[26 (27)] | And Achiyah, Chanan, Anan,

[27 (28)] | Maluch, Charim, Ba’anah.

[28 (29)] | And the rest of the people, the Kohanim, the Levi'im, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Netinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the Torat HaElohim, their wives, their banim, and their banot, every one having knowledge, and having understanding;

[29 (30)] | They were the machazikim (the ones joining) with their brethren, their nobles, and bound themselves with a curse, and into an oath, to walk in Torat HaElohim, which was given by Moshe Eved HaElohim, and to be shomer to do all the mitzvot of Hashem Adoneinu, and His mishpatim and His chukkot;

[30 (31)] | And that we would not give our banot unto the peoples of the land, not take their banot for our banim;

[31 (32)] | And if the people of the land bring merchandise or any grain on Shabbos or on Yom Kodesh to sell, that we would not buy it of them on Shabbos, or on Yom Kodesh; and that we would every Shanah HaShevi'it [Ex 23:11] forgo working the land and will cancel all debts.

[32 (33)] | Also we will assume on us mitzvot, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the Avodat Beis Eloheinu [Mt 17:24];

[33 (34)] | For the Lechem HaMa'arekhet, and for the Minchat HaTamid, and for the Olat HaTamid, of the Shabbatot, of the Chodashim, for the Mo'adim, and for the Kodshim, and for the Chatatot to make kapporah for Yisroel, and for all the work of the Beis Eloheinu.

[34 (35)] | And we cast the goralot among the Kohanim, the Levi'im, and the people, for the korban of the wood, to bring it into the Beis Eloheinu, after the batim of Avoteinu, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the Mizbe'ach of Hashem Eloheinu, as it is written in the Torah [Le 6:12-13];

[35 (36)] | And to bring the bikkurei admateinu, and the bikkurei kol pri kol etz, year by year, unto Beis Hashem; [36 (37)] | Also the bechorot baneinu, and of our cattle, as it is written in the Torah, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the Beis Eloheinu, unto the Kohanim that minister in the Beis Eloheinu;

[37 (38)] | And that we should bring the reshit arisoteinu, and our offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, of tirosh and of oil, unto the Kohanim, to the storerooms of the Beis Eloheinu; and the ma’aser of our land unto the Levi'im, that the same Levi'im might collect me’a’serim in all the cities of avodateinu.

[38 (39)] | And the Kohun Ben Aharon shall be with the Levi'im, when the Levi'im receive tithes; and the Levi'im shall bring up the ma’aser hama’aser unto the Beis Eloheinu, to the storerooms, into the Beis HaOtzar.

[39 (40)] | For the Bnei Yisroel and the Bnei Levi shall bring
the terumah of the grain, of the tirosh, and the oil, unto the storerooms, where are Keli HaMikdash, and the Kohanim that minister, and the gatekeepers, and the singers; and we will not forsake the Beis Eloheinu.

And the rulers of the people dwelt at Yerushalayim; the rest of the people also cast goralot, to bring one of ten to dwell in Yerushalayim Ir HaKodesh, and nine parts to dwell in other cities.

And the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves to dwell at Yerushalayim.

Now these are the chiefs of the province that dwelt in Yerushalayim, but in the towns of Yehudah dwelt every one in his possession in their towns--Yisroel, the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, and the Netinim, and the Bnei Avdei Sh'lomo.

And at Yerushalayim dwelt certain of the Bnei Yehudah; Atayah ben Uziyah, ben Zecharyah, ben Amaryah, ben Shephatyah, ben Mahalal'el, of the children of Peretz;

And Ma'aseiyah ben Baruch, ben Colchozeh, ben Chazayah, ben Adayah, ben Yoyariv, ben Zecharyah, ben Shemayah, ben Shelah.

All the Bnei Peretz that dwelt at Yerushalayim were four hundred threescore and eight anshei chayil.

And these are the Bnei Binyamin: Sallu ben Meshullam, ben Yoed, ben Pedayah, ben Kolayah, ben Ma'aseiyah, ben Itrial, ben Yeshayah.

And after him Gabai, Sallai, 928.

And Yoel ben Zichri was their pakid (overseer), and Yehudah ben Hasnuah was second over the Ir.

Of the Kohanim; Yedayah ben Yoyariv, Yachin.

Serayah ben Chilkiyah ben Meshullam ben Tzadok ben Merayot ben Achituv the Nagid Bais HaElohim.

And their brethren that did the work of the Beis HaMikdash were eight hundred twenty and two; and Adayah ben Yerocham, ben Pelayah, ben Amazi, ben Zechariah, ben Pashchur, ben Malkiyah.

And his brethren, chief of the avot, two hundred forty and eight; and their overseer was Zavdiel ben HaGedolim.

Also of the Levi'im; Shemayah ben Chashuv ben Azrikam ben Chashavyah ben Bunni;

And Shaftai and Yozavad, of the chief of the Levi'im, had the oversight of the outside work of the Beis HaElohim.

And Matanyah ben Micha ben Zavdi ben Asaph was the Rosh who began Bakbukyah the second among his brethren, and Avda ben Shammua ben Galal ben Yedutun.

All the Levi'im in the Ir HaKodesh were two hundred fourscore and four.

Moreover over the gatekeepers, Akuv, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates, were one hundred seventy and two.

And the rest of Yisroel, of the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, were in all the cities of Yehudah, every one in his nachalah.

But the Netinim dwelt in Ophel, and Tzicha and Gishpah were over the Netinim.

The overseer also of the Levi'im at Yerushalayim was Uzzi ben Bani, ben Chashavyah ben Matanyah ben Micha. Of the Bnei Asaph, the singers; over the work of the Beis HaElohim.

For it was the king's commandment concerning them, that a regulation be for the singers, over their daily actsities.

And Petachyah ben Mesheizav'el, of the Bnei Zerach ben Yehudah, was the king's deputy in all matters concerning the people.

And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Yehudah dwelt at Kryat-Arba, and in the villages thereof, and at Divon, and in the villages thereof, and at Yekabze'el, and in the villages thereof,

And at Yeshua, and at Moladah, and at Beit-Pelet,

And at Chatzar Shual, and at Beer Sheva, and in the villages thereof,

And at Tziklag, and at Mechonah, and in the villages thereof,

And at En-Rimmon, and at Tzorah, and at Yarmut,

Zanoach, Adulam, and in their villages, at Lachish, and the fields thereof, at Azekah, and in the villages thereof. And they dwelt from BeerSheva unto the valley of Gehinnom.

The children also of Binyamin from Geva dwelt at Michmas, and Ayah, and Beit El, in their villages.

And at Anatot, Nov, Ananyah,

Chatzor, Ramah, Gittayim,

Chadid, Tzvo'im, Nevalat,

Lud, and Ono, the Geiy-HaCharashim.
Now these are the Kohanim and the Levi'im that went up with Zerubavel ben Shaltiel, and Yeshua; Serayah, Yirmeyah, Ezra, Amaryah, Maluch, Chattush, Shechanyah, Rechum, Meremot, Iddo, Gintoi, Achiyah, Miyamin, Ma'adiyah, Bilgah, Shemayah, and Yoyariv, Yedayah, Sallu, Amok, Chilkiyah, Yedayah. These were the chief of the Kohanim and of their brethren in the days of Yeshua.

Moreover the Levi'im; Yeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherevyah, Yehudah, and Matanyah, which was over the huyedot, he and his brethren. Also Bakbukyah and Unni, their brethren, were opposite them in the mishmarot (services).

And Yoyakim fathered Yoyakim, Yoyakim also fathered Elyashiv, and Elyashiv fathered Yoyada, and Yoyada fathered Yonatan, and Yonatan fathered Yaddua.

And in the days of Yoyakim these were Kohanim rashei haAvot; of Serayah, Merayah; of Yirmeyah, Chananyah; Of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amaryah, Yehochanan; Of Melchua, Yonatan; of Shevanyah, Yosef; Of Charim, Adna; of Merayot, Chelkai; Of Iddo, Zecharyah; of Ginton, Meshullam; Of Achiyah, Zichri; of Minyamin, of Moadyah, Piltai; Of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemayah, Yehonatan; Of Yoyariv, Matnai; of Yedayah, Uzzi; Of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Ever; Of Chilkiyah, Chashavyah; of Yedayah, Netanel.

The Levi'im in the days of Elyashiv, Yoyada, and Yochanan, and Yaddua, were recorded rashei haAvot; also the kohanim, to the reign of Daryavesh the Persian.

The Bnei Levi, the rashei haAvot, were written in the Sefer Divrei Hayamim, even until the days of Yochanan ben Elyashiv.

And the chiefs of the Levi'im: Chashavyah, Sherevyah, and Yeshua ben Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the mitzvat Dovid Ish HaElohim, choir opposite choir.

Matanyah, and Bakbukyah, Ovadyah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akuv, were gatekeepers keeping the storerooms of the gates.

These were in the days of Yoyakim ben Yeshua ben Yotzadak, and in the days of Nechemyah the governor, and of Ezra HaKohen HaSofer.

And at the dedication of the Chomat Yerushalayim they sought the Levi'im from all their places, to bring them to Yerushalayim, to keep the dedication with simchah, both with todot, and with singing, with cymbals, nevalim, and with kinorot.

And Bnei HaMishorerim gathered themselves together, both out of the region around Yerushalayim, and from the villages of Netophati; also from the Bais Gilgal, and out of the fields of Geva and Azmavet; for the singers had built villages around Yerushalayim.

Kohanim and Levi'im made themselves tahor, and made the people tahor, the gates, and the chomah.

Then I brought up the sarim of Yehudah upon the chomah, and appointed two great choirs to give thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the Dung Gate; And after them went Hoshayah, and half of the sarim of Yehudah.

And Azaryah, Ezra, and Meshullam, Yehudah, Binyamin, Shemayah, and Yirmeyah, And certain of the banim of kohanim with trumpets; namely Zecharyah ben Yonatan ben Shemayah ben Matanyah ben Michaylah ben Zaccur ben Asaph; And his brethren, Shemayah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Ma'ai, Netanel, and Yehudah, Chanani, with the musical instruments of Dovid the Ish HaElholm, and Ezra the Sofer before them.

And at the Fountain Gate they went up by the steps of Ir Dovid, at the going up of the wall, above the Bais Dovid, even the Water Gate eastward.

The other company of them that gave thanks went opposite them, I after them, and half the people upon the wall, from beyond the Migdal of the Ovens even unto the Broad Wall;

And from above the Ephrayim Gate, and above the Old Gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the Migdal of Channe'el, and the Migdal of the Hundred, even unto the Sheep Gate; and they stood still in the Prison Gate.

So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the Beis HaElholm, and I, and the half of the officials with me;
On that day they read in the Sefer Moshe in the ears of HaAm; and therein was found written, that the Ammoni and the Moavi should not come into the KeHal HaElohim forever,

because they met not the Bnei Yisroel with lechem and with mayim, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them; howbeit Eloheinu turned the kelalah into a brocha.

Now it came to pass, when they had heard the Torah, that they separated from Yisroel all the foreign descent.

And before this, Elyashiv the Kohen, having the oversight of the storeroom of the Beis Eloheinu, was allied unto Toviyah;

And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the minchah, the levonah, and the vessels, and the me'asur of the grain, the tirosh, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levi'im, and the singers, and the gatekeepers; and the terumat hakohanim.

But in all this time was not I at Yerushalayim; for in the days of Dovid, and of Sh'lomo bno.

And at that time were some appointed over the storerooms for the Oztarot, for terumot, for the reshit, and for ma'asrot (tithes), to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions required by the Torah for the Kohanim and Levi'im: for Yehudah rejoiced for the Kohanim and Levi'im: for it was written, that they separated from the exilim, every one to his sadeh.

And kol Yisroel in the days of Zerubavel, and in the days of Nehemiyah, gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, every day its portion; and they set aside as kodesh the portion for the Levi'im; and the Levi'im set aside as kodesh the portion for the Bnei Aharon.

Then I came to Yerushalayim, and understood of the evil that Elyashiv did for Toviyah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the Beis HaElohim.

And it grieved me much; therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Toviyah out of the chamber.

Then I commanded, and they made tahor the chambers, and there brought I again the vessels of the Beis HaElohim, with the minchah and the levonah.

And I perceived that the portions of the Levi'im had not been given them, for the Levi'im and the singers, that did the work, had gone back every one to his sadeh.

Then contended I with the officials, and said, Why is the Beis HaElohim forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place.

Then brought all Yehudah the ma'asar of the grain and the tirosh and the oil unto the Oztarot.

And I made over the Oztarot Shelemyah the Kohen, and Tzadok the Sofer, and of the Levi'im, Pedayah; and next to them was Chanan ben Zakkur, ben Matanyah; for they were considered ne'emanim, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren.

Remember me, O Elohai, concerning this, and wipe not out my faithful deeds that I have done for the Beis Elohai, and for the offices thereof.

In those days saw I in Yehudah some treading winepresses on Shabbos, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys; as also yeyin, grapes, and figs, and all manner of massa (burdens), which they brought into Yerushalayim on Shabbos; and I warned them against selling food on Shabbos.

There dwelt men of Tzor also therein, which brought dag (fish), and all manner of merchandise, and sold on Shabbos unto the Bnei Yehudah, and in Yerushalayim.

Then I contended with the nobles of Yehudah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, being Mechallel Shabbos (desecrator of Shabbos)?
Did not your avot thus, and did not Eloheinu bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Yisroel by committing Chillul Shabbos (desecration of Shabbos).

And it came to pass, that when the gates of Yerushalayim began to be dark before Shabbos, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after Shabbos, and some of my own men set I at the gates, that there should no massa (burden) be brought in on Shabbos.

Once or twice the merchants and sellers of all kinds of merchandise lodged outside Yerushalayim.

Then I warned them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? If ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on Shabbos.

And I commanded the Levi'im that they should make themselves tahor, and that they should come and be shomer over the gates, to set apart as kodesh Shabbos. Remember me, O Elohai, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

In those days also saw I Yehudim that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moav, and their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the language of the Yehudim, but according to the language of one people or another.

And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by Elohim, saying, Ye shall not give your banot unto their banim, nor take their banot unto your banim, or for yourselves.

Did not Shlomo Melech Yisroel sin by these things? Yet among many Goyim was there no melech like him, who was beloved of Elohay, and Elohim made him melech over kol Yisroel. Nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to sin.

Shall we then pay heed unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against Eloheinu in marrying strange wives?

And one of the Bnei Yoyada ben Elyashiv, the Kohen HaGadol, was son-in-law to Sanvalat the Choroni; therefore I drove him away from me.

Remember them, O Elohai, because they have defiled the kehunah, and the brit (covenant) of the kehunah, and of the Levi'im.

Thus I cleansed them from all that is foreign, and had them attend again to the duties of the Kohanim and the Levi'im, every one in his appointed work;

And for the korban of wood, at times appointed, and for the bikkurim. Remember me, O Elohai, for good.
|25| Ever, Peleg, Reu, |26| Serug, Nachor, Terach, |27| Avram, the same is Avraham. |
|28| The Bnei Avraham: Yitzchak, and Yishmael. |
|29| These are their toldot; The bechor of Yishmael, Nevayot; then Kedar, Adbe’el, Mivsam, |
|30| Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Chadad, Tema, |
|31| Yetur, Naphish, Kedemah. These are the Bnei Yishmael. |
|32| Now the Bnei Keturah, Avraham’s pilegesh; she bore Zimran, Yokshan, Medan, Midyan, Yishbak, and Shuach. And the Bnei Yokshan; Sheva, and Dedan. |
|33| And the Bnei Midyan: Ephah, Epher, Chanoch, Avida, and Eldaah. All these are the Bnei Keturah. |
|34| And Avraham fathered Yitzchak. The Bnei Yitzchak: Esav and Yisroel. |
|35| The Bnei Esav: Eliphaz, Reuel, Yeush, Ya’alam, Korach. |
|36| The Bnei Eliphaz: Teman, Omar, Tzephi, Gatam, Kenaz, Timna, Mivsam, Amalek. |
|37| The Bnei Reuel: Nachat, Zerach, Shammah, Mizzah. |
|38| And the Bnei Seir: Lotan, Shoval, Tziveon, Anah, Dishon, Etzer, and Dishan. |
|39| And the Bnei Lotan: Chori, Homam; Timna was Lotan’s achot. |
|40| The Bnei Shoval: Alyan, Manachat, Eval, Shephi, Onam. The Bnei Tziveon: Ayah and Anah. |
|41| The Bnei Anah: Dishon. And the Bnei Dishon: Chamran, Eshban, Yitran, and Keran. |
|42| The Bnei Etzer: Bilhan, Za’anan, Ya’akan. The Bnei Dishan: Utz, and Aran. |
|43| Now these are the melachim that reigned in Eretz Edom before any melech reigned over the Bnei Yisroel: Bela Ben Beor; and the sham of his city was Dinhavah. |
|44| And when Bela was dead, Yovav Ben Zerach of Botzhah reigned in his place. |
|45| And when Yovav was dead, Chusham of Eretz Temani reigned in his place. |
|46| And when Chusham was dead, Hadad Ben Bedad, which defeated Midyan in the sadeh Mouv, reigned in his place; and the sham of his city was Avit. |
|47| And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his place. |
|48| And when Samlah was dead, Sha’ul of Rechovot-by-the-river reigned in his place. |
|49| And when Sha’ul was dead, Baal-Chanan Ben Achbor reigned in his place. |
|50| And when Baal-Chanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his place; and the sham of his city was Pau; and the sham of his isha was Mehetavel Bat Matred Bat Mei-Zahav. |
|51| Hadad died also. And the Allufim of Edom were; Timnah, Alvah, Yetet, Oholivamah, Elah, Pinon, Kenaz, Teman, Mivtzar, Magdiel, Iram. These are the Allufim of Edom. |
|52| These are the Bnei Yisroel: Reuven, Shim'on, Levi, and Yehudah, Yissachar, and Zevulun, |
|53| Dan, Yosef, and Binyamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. |
|54| The Bnei Yehudah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, which three were born unto him of Bat-Shua the Kananit. And Er, the bechor of Yehudah, was rah in the eyes of Hashem; and He put him to death. |
|55| And Tamar his kallah (daughter-in-law) bore him Peretz and Zerach. All the Bnei Yehudah were five. |
|56| The Bnei Peretz: Hethron, and Chamul. |
|57| And the Bnei Zerach; Zimri, and Eitan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara, five of them in all. |
|58| And the Bnei Carmi: Achar, the troubler of Yisroel, who transgressed the cherem. |
|59| And the Bnei Eitan; Azaryah. |
|60| The Bnei Chetzron also, that were born unto him: Yerachme’el, and Ram, and Keluval. |
|61| And Ram fathered Amminadav; and Amminadav fathered Nachshon Nasi Bnei Yehudah; |
|62| And Nachshon fathered Salma; Salma fathered Boaz, And Boaz fathered Oved, and Oved fathered Yishai, And Yishai fathered his bechor Eliav, and Avinadav the second, and Shimma the third, |
|63| And Avigal bore Amasa, and avit Amasa was Yeter the Yishme’eli. |
|64| And Kalev Ben Chetzron fathered by Azuvah his isha, and by Yeriot; her banim are these; Yesher, and Shovav, and Ardon. |
|65| And when Azuvah was dead, Kalev took [as isha] unto him Ephrat, which bore him Chur. |
|66| And Chur fathered Uri, and Uri fathered Betzaleel. |
|67| And afterward Chetzron went in to the Bat Machir avi Gil’ad, whom he married when his
...and she bore him Seguv.

And Seguv fathered Yair, who had three and twenty towns in Eretz Gil'ad.

And he took Geshur, and Aram, with Chavvot Yair, from them, with Kenat, and the towns thereof, even threescore towns. All these belonged to the Bnei Machir avi Gil'ad.

And after that Chetzron was dead in Kalev Ephratah, then Aviyah Chetzron's isha bore him Ashchur avi Tekoa.

And the Bnei Yerachme'el the bechor of Chetzron were Ram the bechor, and Bunah, and Oren, and Otzem, and Achiyah.

Yerachme'el had also another isha, whose shem was Atarah; she was the em of Onam.

And the Bnei Ram the bechor of Yerachme'el were Ma'atz, and Yamin, and Eker.

And the Bnei Onam were Shammai, and Yada. And the Bnei Shammai; Nadav and Avishur.

And the shem of the isha of Avishur was Avichayil, and she bore him Achban, and Molid.

And the Bnei Nadav: Seled, and Apayim, but Seled died without banim.

And the Bnei Apayim; Yishi. And the Bnei Yishi; Sheshan. And the Bnei Sheshan; Achlai.

And the Bnei Yada the brother of Shammai; Yeter, and Yonatan, and Yeter died without banim.

And the Bnei Yonatan: Pelet, and Zaza. These were the Bnei Yerachme'el.

Now Sheshan had no banim, but only banot. And Sheshan had an eved, a Mitzri (an Egyptian), shmo Yarcha.

And Sheshan gave his bat to Yarcha his eved as isha; and she bore him Attai.

And Attai fathered Natan, and Natan fathered Zavad,

And Zavad fathered Ephal, and Ephal fathered Oved,

And Oved fathered Yehu, and Yehu fathered Azaryah,

And Azaryah fathered Cheletz, and Cheletz fathered Eleasah,

And Eleasah fathered Sismai, and Sismai fathered Shallum,

And Shallum fathered Yekamyah, and Yekamyah fathered Elishama.

Now the Bnei Kalev the brother of Yerachme'el were Mesha his bechor, who was avi Ziph; and the Bnei Mareshah avi Cheviron.

And the Bnei Cheviron; Korach, and Tapuach, and Rekem, and Shema.

And Shema fathered Racham avi Yorkeam; and Rekem fathered Shammai.

And the Ben of Shammai was Maon, and Maon was avi Beit-tzur.

And Ephah, Kalev's pilegesh, bore Charan, Motza, Gazez; and Charan fathered Ziph.

And these were born unto him in Chevron; the bechor Amnon, of Achinoam of Yizre'el; the second Daniel, of Avigil of Carmel;

The third, Avshalom Ben Ma'achah Bat Talmai Melech Geshur; the fourth, Adoniyah Ben Chaggir;

The fifth, Shephatyah of Avital; the sixth, Yitream by Eglah his isha.

These six were born unto him in Chevron; and there he reigned sheva shanim and shishah chodashim; and in Yerushalayim he reigned shloshim and shalosh shanah.

And these were born unto him in Yerushalayim: Shimea, and Shovav, and Natan, and Shlomo, four, by Bat-Shu'a Bat Ammiel;

Yivchar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet,

And Yaphia,

And Eliphelet, nine.

These were all the Bnei Dovid, besides the Bnei Pilagshim (concubines), and Tamar their achot.

Ben Sh'lomo was Rechav'am, Aviyah bno, Asa bno, Yehoshaphat bno.

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Yoram bno, Achazyahu bno, Yoash bno,
Amatzyahu bno, Azaryah bno, Yotam bno, Achaz bno, Chizkiyahu bno, Menasheh bno, Amon bno, Yoshiyahu bno. And the Bnei Yoshiyahu were, the bechor Yochanan, the second Y'hoyakim, the third Tzidkiyahu, the fourth Shallum. And the Bnei Y'hoyakim; Yechanyah bno, Tzidkiyah bno. And the Bnei Yechanyah: Assir, She'alti'el bno, Malkiram also, and Pedayah, Shenatzar, Yekamuyah, Hoshama, and Nedavyah. And the Ben Pedayah were: Zerubavel and Shimei. And Bnei Zerubavel: Meshullam, and Chananyah, and Shelomit their achot; And Chashuvah, Ohel, Berechyah, Chasadyah, Yushav-chesed, 5. And the Ben Chananyah: Pelatyah, and Yeshayah, the Bnei Refayah, the Bnei Arnan, the Bnei Shechanyah. And the Bnei Shechanyah: Shema'yah; and the Bnei Shema'yah: Chattush, Igeal, Bariach, Nearyah, Shaphat, 6. The Ben Nearyah: El-yoenai, Chizkiyah, Azrikam, 3. And the Bnei Kalev Ben Yephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Na'am; and the Bnei Elah, even Kenaz. And the Bnei Yehallelel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tirya, and
[29] And at Bilhah, and at Etzem, and at Tolad,
[30] And at Bettuel, and at Chormah, and at Tziklag,
[31] And at Be'it Mar'cov, and Chatzat' Susim, and at Be'it Bir'i, and at Sha'arai'im.
These were their towns until the reign of Do'vid.
[32] And their villages were Et'am, and Ayin, Rim'mon, and Tochen, and As'h'an, five towns;
[33] And all their villages were all around these towns as far as Ba'al. These were their settlements, and their genealogical records.
[34] And Meshov'at, and Yam'lekh, and Yos'hash Ben Amatryah,
[35] And Yo'el, and Yehu Ben Yos'hivyah Ben Ser'ayah Ben As'iel,
[36] And Ely'o'enai, and Ya'akov'ah, and Yeshochayyah, and Asa'yah, and Adiel, and Yes'miel, and Benayah,
[37] And Ziza Ben Shaph'at, Ben Allon Ben Yedayah Ben Amatryah,
[38] These listed by their shmot were nasi'im in their mishpekhot; and the bais of avoteihem increased greatly.
[39] And they went to the outlying area of Gedor, even unto the east side of the gey (valley), to seek mireh (pasture) for their tzon.
[40] And they found mireh fertile and tov, and ha'aretz was spacious, and quiet, and peaceful; for they of Cham had dwelt there of old.
[41] And these listed by shemot came in the days of Chizkiyah Melech Yehudah, and attacked their ohalim, and the habitations that were found there, and destroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their place, because there was mireh there for their tzon.
[42] And some of them, even of the Bnei Shim'on, five hundred anashim, went to Har Seir, having for their yad se'el Torah, and Nearyah, and Refayyah, and Uzziel, the Bnei Yish'i.
[43] And they struck the she'erit (remnant) of Amalek, which were escaped, and dwelt there unto this day.

Now the Bnei Reuven
the bechor Yisroel, for he was the bechor; but forasmuch as he defiled the bed of aviv, his bechorah (firstborn birthright) was given unto the Bnei Yosef Ben Yos'reoł, though [the latter was] not listed in the family registers as the bechorah.
[2] For Yehudah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the nagid; but the bechorah (portion of the firstborn) was Yosefs.
[3] The Bnei Reuven bechor Yisroel were Chanoch, and Pali'l, and Chet'zron, and Carmi.
[4] The Bnei Yo'el: Shema'yah bno, Gog bno, Shim'eit bno,
[5] Michah bno, Reayah bno, Ba'ai bno,
[6] Be'erah bno, whom Tilgat Pilneser Melech Ashur carried away into the Golus; he was nasi of the Reuveni.
[7] And his relatives by their mishpekhot, when the genealogy of their toldot was reckoned, were the rosh, Ye'i'el, and Zechariah,
[8] And Bela Ben Azaz Ben Shema Ben Yo'el who dwelt in Hannath Ha'aretz, even unto the river Euphrates, because they of Cham were not listed in the family records.
[9] And eastward he dwelt, and from the Golus to the Eretz of Menasheh, of bnei Yish'i, to the river Euphrates, because they of Cham dwelt there of old.
[10] And in the days of Sha'ul they made milchamah with the Hagari'im, who fell by their yad; and they dwelt in their ohalim (tents) throughout all the area east of Gil'ad.
[11] And the Bnei Gad dwelt next to them, in the Eretz Bashan as far as Salchah;
[12] Yo'el the rosh, and Shapham the mishneh (second), and Ya'nai, and Shaphat in Bashan.
[13] And their yad was upon the bais avoteihem which were Michaeł, and Meshullam, and Sheva, and Yorai, and Yak'an, and Zia, and Ever, shivah (seven) in all.
[14] These are the Bnei Avichayil Ben Churi Ben Yaro'ach Ben Gil'ad Ben Michael Ben Yeshishai Ben Yachdo Ben Buz.
[15] Achi Ben Avdi'el Ben Guni was rosh of the bais avoteihem.
[16] And they dwelt in Gil'ad in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the migrahim (open lands) of Sharon, within their borders.
[17] All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Yotam Melech Yehudah, and in the days of Yarow'am Melech Yisroel.
[18] The Bnei Reuven, and the Gadi, and half the shevet (tribe) of Menasheh, of bnei chayil, anashim able to bear mogen and cherev, and to shoot with keshet, and trained for milchamah, were four and forty elef seven hundred and threescore, that were ready for military service.
[19] And they waged milchamah against the Hagari'im, with Yetur, and Nahash, and Nodav.
[20] And they were helped against them, and the Hagari'im were delivered into their yad, and all that were with them, for they cried to Elohim in the milchamah, and He was entreated of them [T.N. These genealogies establish the massively eye-witnessed veracity of the death and resurrection of Israel in and from the Golus.]
because they put their trust in Him.

| 21 | And they took away their mikneh: of their gemalim fifty elephant, and of tzon two hundred and fifty elephant, and of nefesh adam a hundred elephant. 
| 22 | For there fell down many slain, because the milchamah was Elohim's. And they took up residence in their place until the Golus. 
| 23 | And Bnei chatzi (half) shevet Menasheh dwelt in the land. They increased from Bashan unto Ba'al Chermon and Senir, and unto Har Chermon. 
| 24 | And these were the heads of the bais avotam, even Epher, Yishi, Eliel, Azriel, Yirmeyah, and Hodavyah, and famous men, and heads of the bais avotam. 
| 25 | And they transgressed against Elohei Avoteihem, and went a-whoring after the elohim of the peoples of the land, whom Elohim made shmad before them. 
| 26 | And Elohei Yisroel stirred up the ruach of Pul Melech Ashur, and the ruach of Tilgat Pilneser Melech Ashur, and he carried them away into Golus, even the Reuveni, and the Gadi, and the half tribe of Menasheh, and brought them unto Chalah, and Chavor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

The Bnei Levi: Gershom, Kehat, and Merari.

| 28 | And the Bnei Kehat: Amminadav bno, Korach bno, Assir bno, 
| 29 | And Elkanah bno, and Yerocham bno, Elkanah bno. 
| 30 | And Elkanah, the Bnei Elkanah: Tzophai bno, and Nachat bno, Eliav bno, Yerocham bno, Elkanah bno. 
| 31 | And Elkanah, the Bnei Shmuel: the bechor [Yoel], and the second, Aviyah. 

The Bnei Merari: Machli, Livni bno, Shimei bno, Uzzah bno, 

| 33 | And these are they that stood ministering with their banim. Of the Bnei Kehati; Heman the meshorer (singer) Ben Yoel Ben Shemuel, 
| 34 | Ben Elkanah Ben Yerocham Ben Elie Ben Toach, 
| 35 | Ben Tsaph Ben Elkanah Ben Machat Ben Amasi, 
| 36 | Ben Elkanah Ben Yoel Ben Azaryah Ben Tsephanyah, 

The Bnei Elkanah: Amasai, and Achimot.

| 6:17 | And they were the mesharetim (ministers) before the Mishkan Ohel Mo'ed with singing, until Shlomo had built the Beis Hashem in Yerushalayim, and then they performed their avodas [kodesh service] according to their mishpatim (regulations).

| 6:20 | And these are they that stood [ministering] with their banim. Of the Bnei Kehati; Heman the meshorer (singer) Ben Yoel Ben Shemuel, 
| 6:21 | Ben Elkanah Ben Yerocham Ben Elie Ben Toach, 
| 6:22 | Ben Tzaph Ben Elkanah Ben Machat Ben Amasi, 
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| 6:26 | Ben Elkanah Ben Yerocham Ben Elie Ben Toach, 
| 6:27 | Ben Tzaph Ben Elkanah Ben Machat Ben Amasi, 
| 6:28 | Ben Elkanah Ben Yoel Ben Azaryah Ben Tsephanyah, 

| 6:30 | And Elazar fathered Pinchas, Pinchas fathered Avishua, 
| 6:31 | And Avishua fathered Bukki, and Bukki fathered Uzzi, 
| 6:32 | And Uzzi fathered Zerachyah, and Zerachyah fathered Merayot, 
| 6:33 | And Merayot fathered Amaryah, and Amaryah fathered Achituv, 
| 6:34 | And Achituv fathered Tzadok, and Tzadok fathered Achima'atz, 
| 6:35 | And Achima'atz fathered Azaryah, and Azaryah fathered Yochanan, 
| 6:36 | And Yochanan fathered Azaryah (he it is that executed the kohen's office in the Beis [Hamikdash] that Shlomo built in Yerushalayim), 
| 6:37 | And Azaryah fathered Amaryah, and Amaryah fathered Achituv, 
| 6:38 | And Achituv fathered Tzadok, and Tzadok fathered Shallum, 
| 6:39 | And Shallum fathered Chilkiyah, and Chilkiyah fathered Azaryah, 
| 6:40 | And Azaryah fathered Serayah, and Serayah fathered Yehotzadak, 
| 6:41 | And Yehotzadak went into the Golus, when Hashem carried away Yehudah and Yerushalayim by the yad of Nevuchadnetzar. 
| 6:42 | And the Bnei Levi: Gershom, Kehat, and Merari.

| 6:44 | The Bnei Levi: Gershom, Kehat, and Merari. 
| 6:45 | And the Bnei Amram: Aharon, and Moshe, and Miryam. The bnei Aharon; Nadav, and Avihu, Elazar, and Itamar. 
| 6:46 | And Elazar fathered Pinchas, Pinchas fathered Avishua, 
| 6:47 | And Avishua fathered Bukki, and Bukki fathered Uzzi,
Ben Korach,  
[39:6:24] And achiv Asaph, who stood at his right hand, even Asaph Ben Berechyah Ben Shimea,  
[40:6:25] Ben Michael Ben Baisayeh Ben Malkiyah,  
[41:6:26] Ben Eti Ben Zerach Ben Adayah,  
[42:6:27] Ben Eti Ben Zimmah Ben Shimea,  
[44:6:29] And their achim the Bnei Merari stood on the left hand; Eitan Ben Kishi Ben Avdi Ben Maluch,  
[45:6:30] Ben Chashavyah Ben Amatzah Ben Chilkiah,  
[47:6:32] But Aharon and his banim presented the offerings upon the Mizbeach Haolah and on the Mizbeach HaKetoret, and were appointed for all the work of the Kodesh HaKodashim, and to make kapporah for Yisroel, according to all that Moshe eded HaElohim had commanded.  
[50:6:35] And these are the Bnei Aharon; Elazar bno, Pinchas bno, Avisha bno,  
[51:6:36] Bukki bno, Uzi bno, Zerachyah bno,  
[52:6:37] Merayoth bno, Amaryah bno, Achituv bno,  
[54:6:39] But Aharon and his banim presented the offerings upon the Mizbeach Haolah and on the Mizbeach HaKetoret, and were appointed for all the work of the Kodesh HaKodashim, and to make kapporah for Yisroel, according to all that Moshe eded HaElohim had commanded.  
[55:6:40] And they gave them Chevron in Eretz Yehudah, and the mishpakhim thereof all around it.  
[57:6:42] And to the Bnei Aharon they gave the cities of refuge, namely, Chevron, and Livnah with her mishgrashim, and Yatir, and Eshtemoa, with her mishgrashim,  
[58:6:43] Chilez with her mishgrashim, Devir with hers,  
[59:6:44] And Ashan with her mishgrashim, and Beit Shemeshe with her mishgrashim;  
[60:6:45] And out of the tribe of Binyamin; Geva with her mishgrashim, and Alemet with her mishgrashim, and Anator with her mishgrashim. All their towns throughout their mishpakhim were 13 towns.  
[61:6:46] And unto the Bnei Kehat, which were left of the mishpakh of that tribe, were towns given out of the half tribe of Menasheh, by mishpakh, ten towns.  
[62:6:47] And to the Bnei Gershon throughout their mishpakhim out of the cities of refuge, Shechem in Har Ephrayim with her mishgrashim;  
[63:6:48] And unto the Bnei Merari, which were left of the mishpakh of their tribe, were towns given out of the half tribe of Menasheh,  
[64:6:49] And the Bnei Yisroel gave to the Leviim these towns with their mishgrashim.  
[65:6:50] And they gave by mishgrashim to the Bnei Kehat, out of the half tribe of Binyamin, these towns, which are called by their mishgrashim.  
[66:6:51] For some of the mishpakhim of the Bnei Kehat had towns of their territories out of the tribe of Ephrayim.  
[67:6:52] They gave unto them, of the cities of refuge, Shechem in Har Ephrayim with her mishgrashim;  
[68:6:53] And to the Bnei Aharon they gave the cities of refuge, namely, Chevron, and Livnah with her mishgrashim, and Yatir, and Eshtemoa, with her mishgrashim, and Yatir, and Eshtemoa, with her mishgrashim.
side of Yarden, were given them out of the tribe of Reuven, Betzer in the midbar with her migrashim, and Yachtzah with her migrashim,

|79[6:64]| Kedemot also with her migrashim, and Mepha'at with her migrashim;
|80[6:65]| And out of the tribe of Gad: Ramot in Gildad with her migrashim, and Machanayim with her migrashim,
|81[6:66]| And Cheshbon with her migrashim, and Ya'zer with her migrashim.

Now the Bnei Yissakhar were Tola, Pu'ah, Yashuv, Shimrom, 4.

And the Bnei Tola: Uzzi, Refayah, Yeriel, Yachmai, Yivsam, and Shmuel, heads of their bais avot, namely, of Tola; they were gibborei chayil (warriors of valor) in their toldot (generations), whose number was in the days of Dovid 22,600.

And the Bnei Uzzi: Yizrachyah; and the Bnei Yizrachyah: Micha'el, and Ovadyah, and Yoel, Yishiyah, 5, all of them rashim (leaders).

And with them, by their toldot, after their bais avot, were bands of soldiers for milchamah, 36,000, for they had many nashim and banim.

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The Bnei Binyamin: Bela, and Becher, and Yedia'el, 3.

And the Bnei Bela: Etzbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Yerimot, and Iri, 5; heads of their bais avot, gibborei chayalim (warriors of valor); and were reckoned by their genealogies 22,034.

And the Bnei Becher: Zemira, and Yoash, and Eliezer, and Elyo'eni, and Omri, and Yerimot, and Aviyah, and Anatot, and Alemet. All these are the Bnei Becher.

And the number of them, listed by their toldot, heads of their bais avot, gibborei chayil, was twenty elef and two hundred.

The Bnei Yedia'el: Bilhan; and the Bnei Bilhan: Yeush, and Binyamin, and Ehud, and Kena'annah, and Zetan, and Tarshish, and Achishachar.

All these the Bnei Yedia'el, by the heads of families, gibborei chayalim, were seventeen elef and two hundred soldiers, fit to go forth for milchamah.

Shuppim also, and Chuppim, the Bnei Ir, and Chushim, the Bnei Acher.

The Bnei Naphtali: Yachtziel, and Guni, and Yetzer, and Shallum, the Bnei Bilhah.

The Bnei Menasheh:

Ashriel, whom his Aramean pilegesh bore; she bore Machir avi Gil'ad;

And Machir took an isha from the Chuppim and Shuppim, whose achot's shem was Ma'achah; and the shem of the second was Tzelophechad, and Tzelophechad had banot.

And Ma'achah eshet Machir bore ben, and she called shmo Peresh; and the shem of his brother was Sheresh; and his banim were Ulam and Rakem.

And the Bnei Ulam: Bedan. These were the Bnei Gil'ad Ben Machir Ben Menasheh.

And his achat Hammolekhet bore Ishhod, and Aviezer, and Machlah.

And the Bnei Shemidah were Achyan, and Shechem, and Likchi, and Ani'am.

And the Bnei Ephrayim: Shutalach, and Bered bno, and Tachat bno, and Eladah bno, and Tachat bno,

And Zavad bno, and Shutalach bno, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the anashim of Gat that were born in that land slaughtered, because they came down to take away their mikneh (livestock).

And Ephrayim avihem mourned many days, and his achim came to comfort him.

And when he went in to his isha, she conceived, and bore ben, and he called shmo Beriah, because it went in ra'ah (evil, disaster, misfortune) with his bais.

And his bat was Sheerah, who built Lower Beit-Choron, and the Upper, and Uzzen She'erah.

And Refach was bno, also Resheph, and Telach bno, and Tachan bno,

Lu'adan bno, Ammihud bno, Elishama bno,

Non (Nun) bno, Yehoshuah bno.

And their possessions and settlements were Beit-El and the villages thereof, and to the east Na'aran, and to the west Gezer, with the villages thereof; Shechem also and the villages thereof, unto Ayyah and the villages thereof;

And by the borders of the Bnei Menasheh, Beit-She'an and her villages, Taanach and her villages, Megiddo and her villages, Dor and her villages. In these dwelt the Bnei Yosef Ben Yisroel.

The Bnei Asher: Yimnah, and Yishvah, and Yishvi, and Beriah, and Serach their achat.

And the Bnei Beriah: Chever, and Malkiel, who is avi Birzavit.
[32] And Chever fathered Yaphlet, Shomer, Chotam, and Shu’a their achot.
[33] And the Bnei Yaphlet: Pasach, Bimhal, Ashvat.
These are the Bnei Yaphlet.
[34] And the Bnei Shemer: Achi, Rohgah, Chubbah, and Aram.
[35] And the Ben Helem his brother: Tzophach, Yimna, Shelesh, and Amal.
[37] Betzer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Yitran, and Be’era.
[38] And the Bnei Ulla: Arach, Channiel, Ritzyah.
All these were the Bnei Asher, heads of their bais avot, choice gibborim chayalim, outstanding of the nasi’im. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were battle-ready was twenty and six anashim.

Now Binyamin fathered Bela his bechor, Ashbel the second, and Achrach the third,
[2] Nochah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth.
[3] And the Bnei Bela were Addar, Gera, Avihu, Avishua, Na’aman, and Achaoch.
And these are the Bnei Asher, heads of their bais avot, choice gibborim chayalim, outstanding of the nasi’im. And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were battle-ready was twenty and six anashim.

So kol Yisroel were reckoned by genealogies; and, hinei, they were recorded and written down in the sefer of the melachim of Yisroel and Yehudah, who were carried away into the Golus to Bavel for their unfaithfulness.

Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their towns were Yisroel, the kohanim, Levi’im, and the Netinim [i.e., Temple servants].
[3] And in Yerushalayim dwelt of the Bnei Yehudah, and of the Bnei Binyamin, and of the Bnei Ephrayim, and Menasheh:


[7] And of the Bnei Binyamin: Sallu Ben Meshullam Ben Hodavyah Ben Hasenuah, and Yivneyah Ben Yerocham, and Elah Ben Uzzi Ben Michri and Meshullam Ben Shephatyah Ben Reuel Ben Yivniyah; and their brethren, according to their toldot, 956.

[8] All these anashim were rashei avot in the bais avoteihem.

[9] And of the kohanim; Yedayah, and Yehoyariv, and Yachin, and Azaryah Ben Chilkiyah Ben Meshullam Ben Tzadok Ben Merayot Ben Achituv, the nagid of the Bais HaElohim; and Adayah Ben Yerocham Ben Pashchur Ben Malkiyah, and Ma'asai Ben Adiel Ben Yachzerah, Ben Meshullam Ben Meshilmit Ben Immer;

[10] And their brethren, according to their toldot, 956. All these anashim were rashei avot in the bais avoteihem.


[12] And Adayah Ben Yerocham Ben Pashchur Ben Malkiyah, and Ma’asai Ben Adiel Ben Yacherah, Ben Meshullam Ben Meshilmit Ben Immer;

[13] And their brethren, heads of their bais avot, 1,760; gibborei chayil for the work of the avodas Bais HaElohim.


[16] And Ovadyah Ben Shemayah Ben Galal Ben Yedutun, and Berechjah Ben Asa Ben Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophati.

[17] And the sho’arim were Shallum, Akkuv, Talmon, Achiman, and their brethren; Shallum was HaRosh,

[18] Who up to now had been stationed at Sha’ar HaMelech eastward; they were sho’arim in the machanot Bnei Levi.

[19] And Shallum Ben Kore Ben Eyasaph Ben Korach and his brethren of the bais aviv, the Korechim, were over the work of the avodah, the shomrei haSapim laOhel (keepers of the thresholds of the Tent [of Meeting]); and avoteihem, being over the Machaneh Hashem, were shomrei of the entrance.

[20] And Pinchas Ben Elazar was nagid over them in time past, and Hashem was with him.

[21] And Zecharyah Ben Meshelemyah was sho'ar (doorkeeper, gatekeeper) of the Petach of the Ohel Mo'ed.

[22] All these which were haberurim (the ones being chosen) to be sho’arim (gatekeepers) in the sapim (thresholds) were 212. These were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom Dovid and Shmuel the Ro’eh (seer) did assign in their emunah (set office, entrusted responsibility).

[23] So they and their banim had the oversight of the she’arim (gates) of the Beis Hashem, namely, the Beis HaOHEL, by mishmarot (shifts, watches).

[24] In four quarters were the sho’arim, toward the east, west, north, and south.

[25] And their brethren, which were in their villages, were to come after shivat hayamim from time to time with them.

[26] For these Levi'im, the four gibborei hasho’arim, were in their emunah (set office, entrusted responsibility), and were over the rooms and otzarot (treasuries) of the Bais HaElohim.

[27] And they spent the night around the Bais HaElohim, because the mishmeret was upon them; they were responsible for the mafte’ach (key) thereof laboker laboker.

[28] And certain of them had the charge of the kelim (vessels) of the avodah (service, ministry), that they should bring them in and out by inventory count.

[29] Some of them also were appointed to oversee the kelim (vessels), and all the klei haKodesh, and the solet (flour), and the yayin, and the shemen, and the incense, and the spices.

[30] And some of the Bnei HaKohanim mixed the blending of the spices [of the shemen mishchat kodesh, holy anointing oil].

[31] And Mattityah, one of the Levi'im, who was the bechor of Shallum the Korechi, had the emunah (set office, entrusted responsibility) over the things that were made in hachavitim (panbaking [offerings]).

[32] And other of their brethren, of the Bnei HaKehati, were over the Lechem HaMaarechet (Bread of Array, Showbread), to prepare it Shabbos Shabbos.

[33] And these are the meshorerim (singers), family heads of the Levi'im, who remained in the Peturim Chambers; for they were employed in that work yomam valailah.

[34] These family heads of the Levi'im were heads throughout their toldot; these dwelt at Yerushalayim.
And in Gibeon dwelt the av of Gibeon, Eiel, the shem of whose isha was Ma'achah,
then Tzur, and Kish, and Ba'al, and Ner, and Nadav.
And Gedor, and Achyo, and Zechariah, and Miklot.
And Miklot fathered Shimeam. And they also dwelt near their brethren at Yerushalayim with their brethren.
And Ner fathered Kish; and Kish fathered Sha'ul; and Sha'ul fathered Yonatan, and Malki Shua, and Avinadav, and Eshba'al.
And the bnei Yonatan were Meriv-Baal; and Meriv-Baal fathered Michah.
And the bnei Michah were Piton, and Melech, and Tachre'a.
Achaz fathered Yarah; and Yarah fathered Alemet, and Azmavet, and Zimri; and Zimri fathered Motza;
And Motza fathered Binea; and Refayah bno, Eleasah bno, Atzel bno.
And Atzel had six banim, whose shmot are these; Azrikam, Bocheru, and Yishmael, and Shearyah, and Ovadyah, and Chanan; these were the bnei Atzel.

Now the Pelishtim (Philistines) fought against Yisroel; and the men of Yisroel fled from before the Pelishtim, and fell down chalalim (slain ones) on Mt Gilboa.
And the Pelishtim followed hard after Sha'ul, and after his banim; and the Pelishtim slaughtered Yonatan, and Avinadav, and Malki Shua, the bnei Sha'ul.
And the milchamah became intense against Sha'ul, and the archers overtook him, and he was wounded by the archers.

Then said Sha'ul to his noseh keli (armor bearer), Draw thy cherev, and thrust me through therewith; lest these arelim (uncircumcised ones) come and abuse me. But his noseh keli would not; for he was very afraid. So Sha'ul took a cherev, and fell upon it.
When his noseh keli saw that Sha'ul was dead, he fell likewise on the cherev, and died.
So Sha'ul died, and his shloshet banim, and all his bais died together.
And when kol Ish Yisroel that were in the emek (valley) saw that they fled, and that Sha'ul and his banim were dead, then they abandoned their towns, and fled; and the Pelishtim came and took occupation of them.
And it came to pass on the next day, when the Pelishtim came to strip the chalalim, that they found Sha'ul, and the gufat banim, and brought them to Mt Gilboa.
And when they had stripped him, they took his rosh (head), and his keli (armor), and sent into eretz Pelishtim all around, to carry the news unto their atzabim, and to the people.
And they put his keli in the bais eloheihem, and fastened his head in the bais Dagon.
Therefore came all the Ziknei Yisroel to HaMelech to Chevron; and Dovid cut a Brit with them in Chevron before Hashem; and vayimeshechu (they anointed) Dovid Melech over Yisroel, according to the Devar Hashem by Shmuel.
And Dovid and Kol Yisroel went to Yerushalayim, which is Yevus; where the Yevusi were, the inhabitants of ha'aretz.
And the inhabitants of Yevus said to Dovid, Thou shalt not come in here. Nevertheless Dovid took the Metzudat Tziyon, which is Ir Dovid.
And Dovid dwelt in the Metzad; therefore they called it Ir Dovid.

Devar Hashem, over which he was not shomer, and also for consulting an ov (one with a familiar spirit) to seek guidance;
And inquired not of Hashem; therefore He slaughtered him, and turned over the kingdom unto Dovid Ben Yishai.

Then kol Yisroel gathered themselves to Dovid unto Chevron, saying, Hinei, we are thy etzem (bone) and thy basar.
And moreover in time past, even when Sha'ul was melech, thou wast he that hamotzi (led out) and brought in Yisroel; and Hashem Eloheicha said unto thee, Thou shalt shepherd My people Yisroel, and thou shalt be Nagid over My people Yisroel.

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And Dovid said, Whosoever attacketh the Yevusi barishonah shall be Rosh and Sar. So Yoav Ben Tzruyah went up first, and became Rosh.
And Dovid dwelt in the Metzad; therefore they called it Ir Dovid.
And he built the Ir around it, even from the
Millo to the surrounding area, and Yoav repaired the rest of the Ir.

|9| So Dovid continued greater and greater, for Hashem Tzva’os was with him.

|10| These also are the Roshei HaGibborim whom Dovid had, who strengthened themselves with him in his Malchut, and with all Yisroel, to make him Melech, according to the Devar Hashem concerning Yisroel.

|11| And this is the mispar (number) of the Gibborim whom Dovid had:

Yashov'am, a ben Chachmoni, Rosh HaShaloshim: he lifted up his khanit against shlosh me’ot slain by him at one time.

|12| And after him was Elazar Ben Dodo, the Achochi, who was one of the Shloshah HaGibborim.

|13| He was with Dovid at Pas Dammim, and there the Pelishtim (Philistines) were gathered together to battle, where was chelekat hasadeh (a parcel of ground) full of se’orim (barley); and HaAm (the people, troops, army) fled from before the Pelishtim (Philistines).

|14| And they set themselves in the midst of that chelekah (parcel), and delivered it, and slaughtered the Pelishtim (Philistines); vayosha Hashem that was by the sha’ar, and brought it to Dovid; but Dovid would not drink of it, but poured it out [like a nesekh offering] to Hashem.

|15| And said, Chalilah li meElohai (Elohai forbid it me), that I should do this thing. Shall I drink the dahm of these anashim at their nafshot? For at jeopardy of their nafshot they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these Shloshet HaGibborim.

|16| And Avishai the brother of Yoav, he was Rosh HaSheloshah; for lifting up his khanit against Shlosh Me’ot, he slaughtered them, and had a shem among the Shloshah.

|17| Benayah Ben Yehoyada, a valiant man of Kavtze’el, who had done many exploits; he slaughtered two lion-like men of Moav; also he went down and slaughtered an ari in a bor (pit) on a yom sheleg (snowy day).

|18| And he slaughtered the ish HaMitzri, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the yad HaMitzri was a khanit like a rod of an oreg (weaver); and he went down to him with a shevet (club), and plucked the khanit out of the yad HaMitzri, and slaughtered him with his own khanit. These things did Benayah Ben Yehoyada, and had the shem among the Shloshah HaGibborim.

|19| Behold, he was honored among the Shloshim, but attained not to the Shloshah; and Dovid set him over his mishma’at.

|20| Also the valiant men of the armies were, Asah-El the brother of Yoav, Elchanan Ben Dodo of Beit-Lechem, Shammot the Harori, Cheletz the Peloni, Ira Ben Ikesh the Tekoi, Aviezer the Antoti, Sibchai the Chushi, Ilai the Achochi, Maharai the Netophati, Cheled Ben Ba’anah the Netophati, Ithai Ben Rivai of Givah, that pertained to the Bnei Binyamin, Benayah the Piratoni, Churai of the brooks of Ga’ash, Aviel the Arvati, Azmavet the Barchuri, Elyachba the Sha’alvoni, The Bnei Hashem the Gizoni, Yonatan Ben Shageh the Harari, Achiam Ben Sachar the Harari, Eliphal Ben Ur, Chepher the Mecherati, Achiyah the Peloni, Chetzro the Carmeli, Na’arai Ben Ezbai, Yoel the brother of Nathan, Michvar Ben Hagri, Tzelek the Ammoni, Naharai the Beroti, the armorbearer of Yoav ben Tzruyah, Ira the Yitri, Carev the Yitri, Uriyah the Chitti, Zavad Ben Achi, Adina Ben Shiza the Reuveni, a rosh of the Reubeni, and shloshim with him, Chanun Ben Ma’achah, and Yosaphat the Mitni, Uzza the Ashterati, Shama and T.N. Dovid knew he did not come to be served but to serve cf 1Chr 11:19; Mk 10:45]
Ye’iel the Bnei Chotam the Aroeri, 
[45] Yedia’el Ben Shimri, and Yocha his brother, the Titzi, 
[46] Eliel the Mahavi, Yerivai, Yoshavyah, the Bnei Elna’am, Yitmah the Moavi, 
[47] Eliel, Oved, and Ya’asiel the Metzovayah.

Now these are they that came to Dovid to Tziklag, while he was still a fugitive because of Sha’ul Ben Kish; and they were among the gibborim, helpers in milchamah.

[2] They were armed with keshet (bow), and could use both the right hand and the left in hurling stones and shooting khitzim (arrows) from a keshet; they were kinsmen of Sha’ul, of Binyamin.

[3] The head was Achiezer, then Yoash, the Bnei Shema’ah the Giveati; Yeziel, Pelet, the Bnei Azmavet; Berachah, and Yehu the Antoti. 
[4] And Yishmayah the Giveoni, a gibbor among the Shloshim (Thirty), and over the Shloshim; and Yirmeyah, Yachaziel, Yochanan, and Yozavad the Gederati.

[5] Eluzai, Yerimot, Bealyah, Shemaryahu, and Shephatyahu the Charuphi, 
[6] Elkanah, Yishiyahu, Azare’el, Yoezer, and Yashov`am, the Korchi, 
[7] Yoelah, and Zevadyah, the Bnei Yerocham of Gedor. 
[8] And of the Gadi there separated themselves unto Dovid into the stronghold in the midbar gibborim hachayil (men of valor), and anshei tzavah (army men) for milchamah, that could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of arey, and were as swift as the gazelles upon the harim; 
[9] Ezer the head, Ovadyah the second, Eliav the third, 
[10] Mishmannah the fourth, Yirmeyah the fifth, 
[11] Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 
[12] Yochanan the eighth, Elzavad the ninth, 
[13] Yirmeyah the tenth, Machbanai the eleventh.

These were of the Bnei Gad, commanders of the tzava (army). One of the least was equal to a hundred, and the greatest to an alef.

[15] These are they that went over Yarden in the first month, when it was overflowing all its banks; they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

[16] And there came of the Bnei Binyamin and Yehudah to the stronghold unto Dovid.

[17] And Dovid went out before them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come in shalom unto me to help me, mine lev shall be united unto you, but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no chamas in mine hands, Elohei Avoteinu look thereon, and pass [His] judgment.

[18] Then the Ruach [HaKodesh] came upon Amasai, who was head of the Thirty, and he said, Thine are we, Dovid, and on thy side, thou Ben Yishai. Shalom, shalom be unto thee, and shalom be to thine helpers; for Eloheicha helpeth thee. Then Dovid received them, and made them heads of the gedud (raiding band, troop).

[19] And there defected some of Menasheh to Dovid, when he went with the Pelishtim (Philistines) against Sha’ul for milchamah, but they helped them [Pelishtim] not; for the rulers of the Pelishtim after etzah (counsel) sent him [Dovid] away, saying, He [Dovid] will defect to his adon Sha’ul to the jeopardy of our heads.

[20] As he went to Tziklag, there defected to him those of Menasheh, Adnach, and Yozavad, and Yediael, and Michael, and Yozavad, and Elihu, and Tziltai, heads of the alafim that were of Menasheh.

[21] And they helped Dovid against the gedud, for they were all gibborei chayil, and were sarim in the tzava (army).

[22] For at that time day by day there came men to Dovid to help him, until it was a machaneh gadol, like the Machaneh Elohim.

[23] And these are the numbers of the leaders that were ready-armed for the army, which came to Chevron, to turn over the Malchut Sha’ul to him, according to the word of Hashem.

[24] The Bnei Yehudah that bore shield and romach (spear) were six alafim and eight hundred, ready-armed for tzva.

[25] Of the Bnei Shim’on, gibborim for tzava, shivat alafim and one hundred.

[26] Of the Bnei Levi four alafim and six hundred.

[27] And Yehoyada was the nagid of those of Aharon, and with him were three alafim and sheva hundred; 
[28] And Tzadok, a na’ar gibbor chayil, and of bais aviv twenty and two sarim. 
[29] And of the Bnei Binyamin, the kindred of Sha’ul, three alafim; for up until then the greatest part of them had kept shomrim mishmeret Bais Sha’ul (guarded loyalty.
to the House of Sha’ul).
[30][31] And of the Bnei Ephrayim twenty elef and eight hundred, gibborei chayil, famous throughout the bais of their avot.
[31][32] And of the half tribe of Menasheh eighteen elef, which were designated by shmot, to come and make Dovid Melech.
[32][33] And of the Bnei Yissakhar, which were men that had binah (understanding) of the times, to know what Yisroel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were under their commandment.
[33][34] Of Zevulun, such as went forth to tzava (military service), expert in milchamah, with all instruments of milchamah, fifty elef, which could keep rank; they were not of double heart.
[34][35] And of Naphtali elef sarim, and with them with shield and khanit (spear) thirty and shivah elef.
[35][36] And of the Dani expert in milchamah twenty and eight elef and six hundred.
[36][37] And of Asher, such as went forth to tzava (military service), expert in milchamah, forty elef.
[37][38] And on the other side of Yarden, of the Reuveni, and the Gadi, and of the half shevet (tribe) of Menasheh, with all manner of instruments of tzava for the milchamah, a hundred and twenty elef.
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3 And Dovid took more nashim at Yerushalayim; and Dovid fathered more banim and banot.

4 Now these are the shmot of his banim which were born in Yerushalayim: Shammua, and Shovav, Natan, and Sh’lomo,

5 And Yivchar, and Elishua, and Elpalet,

6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Yaphia,

7 And Elishama, and Be’elyada, and Eliphalet.

8 And when the Pelishtim (Philistines) heard that Dovid nimshach (was anointed) Melech over kol Yisroel, all the Pelishtim went up to search for Dovid. Dovid heard of it, and went out against them.

9 And the Pelishtim (Philistines) came and spread out in the Emek Rephaim.

10 Therefore Dovid inquired of Elohim, saying, Shall I go up against the Pelishtim? And wilt Thou deliver them into mine yad? And Hashem said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Ba’al-Peratzim; and Dovid defeated them there. Then Dovid said, Elohim hath broken out upon mine oyevim by mine yad like the peretz mayim (breaking forth of waters); therefore they called the shem of that makom Ba’al-Peratzim.

15 And Dovid made him batim (buildings) in Ir Dovid, and prepared a makom for Aron HaElohim, and pitched for it an ohel.

16 And Dovid assembled kol Yisroel together at Yerushalayim, to bring up Aron Hashem unto his place which he had prepared for it.

17 For because ye did it not at the first, Hashem Eloheinu broke out upon us, for that we inquired of Him not according to the mishpat (due order, ordinance).

18 So the Kohanim and the Levi'im set themselves apart as kodesh to bring up Aron HaElohim.

19 And Dovid assembled kol Yisroel together at Yerushalayim, to bring up Aron Hashem unto his place which he had prepared for it.

20 And Dovid spoke to the Sarei HaLevi'im to appoint their brethren to be the meshorerim (singers) with instruments of music, nevalim (lyres) and kinnorot (harps) and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with simchah.

21 And therefore Dovid inquired again of Elohim, and Elohim said unto him, Go not up after them; circle around upon them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry trees.

22 And it shall be, when thou shalt hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to milchamah; for HaElohim is gone forth before thee to strike the machaneh Pelishtim.

23 And Dovid therefore did as Elohim commanded him, and they struck down the machaneh Pelishtim from Giveon even to Gezer.

24 And the shem (fame) of Dovid went out into all lands; and Hashem brought the pachad (terror) of him upon kol HaGoyim.
So the meshorerim (singers), Heman, Asaph, and Eitan, sounded the cymbals of nechoshet;

And Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramot, and Yecheiel, and Unni, and Eliav, and Ma’aseiyahu, with nevalim (lyres) al-alamot (after the manner of virgins, i.e., in the treble—see Ps 46:1);

And Mattityahu, and Eliphlehu, and Mikneyahu, and Oved Edom, and Ye’iel, and Azazyahu, with kinnorot (harps) al-HaSheminit to direct.

And Kenanyahu, sar HaLevi'im, was for singing; he directed the song, because of his understanding.

And Berechyah and Elkanah were shoarim (doorkeepers) for the Aron.

And Shevanyahu, and Yehoshaphat, and Netanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benayahu, and Eliezer, the Kohanim, did blow the trumpets before the Aron HaElohim; and Oved Edom and Yechiyah were shoarim (doorkeepers) for the Aron.

So they brought the Aron HaElohim, and set it inside the Ohel that Dovid had pitched for it; and they offered olot (burnt sacrifices) and shelamim before HaElohim.

And when Dovid had made an end of offering the olot and the shelamim, he blessed HaAm b’Shem Hashem.

And he appointed certain of the Levi'im as mesharetim (ministers) before the Aron HaElohim; and Oved Edom and Yecheil were shoarim (doorkeepers) for the Aron.

So Dovid, and the Ziknei Yisroel, and the sarim over alafim, went to bring up Aron Brit Hashem out of the Bais Oved Edom with simchah.

And when they went from goy (nation) to goy, and from one mamlachah to an Am acher (another people), He permitted no ish to oppress them; he reproved melachim for their sakes, saying, Touch not Mine anointed ones, and do My nevi'im no harm.

And it came to pass, when HaElohim helped the Levi'im that bore the Aron Brit Hashem, that they offered in sacrifice shivah bulls and shivah rams.

And Dovid was clothed with a me’il butz (fine linen robe), and all the Levi'im that bore the Aron, and the meshorerim (singers); and Kenanyah the master of the song with the meshorerim; Dovid also had upon him a linen ephod [see Psalm 110:4].

Thus kol Yisroel brought up the Aron Brit Hashem with shouting, and with sound of the shofar, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding nevalim (lyres) and kinnorot (harps).

And it came to pass, as the Aron Brit Hashem came to Ir Dovid, that Michal Bat Sha’ul, looking out at the chalon, saw Dovid HaMelech dancing and whirling. And she despised him in her lev.

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Then on that day Dovid first committed the giving of thanks unto Hashem into the yad Asaph and his achim.

Give thanks unto Hashem, call upon Shmo, make known His deeds among the nations.

Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, tell ye of all His nifle’ot (wondrous deeds).

Glory ye in Shem Kadesho; let the lev of them rejoice that seek Hashem.

Seek Hashem and His oz, seek His face tamid.

Remember His nifle’ot that He hath done, His mofetim, and the mishpatim of His mouth;

O ye zera Yisroel His eved, ye Bnei Ya’akov, His chosen ones.

He is Hashem Eloheinu; His mishpatim are in kol ha’aretz.

Be ye mindful ofolam of His Brit; the davar which He commanded to an elef dor;

Even of the Brit which He cut with Avraham, and of His shevu’a (oath) unto Yitzchak;

And hath confirmed the same to Yaakov for a chok (decree), and to Yisroel for a Brit Olam,

Saying, Unto thee will I give Eretz Kena’an, the chevel (portion), the lot of your nachalah

When ye were but few, even a few, and gerim in it.

And when they went from goy (nation) to goy, and from one mamlachah to an Am acher (another people),

He permitted no ish to oppress them; he reproved melachim for their sakes,

Saying, Touch not Mine anointed ones, and do My nevi'im no harm.

Sing unto Hashem, kol ha’aretz; show forth from day to day His Yeshuah (salvation).

Declare His kavod among the Goyim; His nifle’ot among kol

Thus kol Yisroel brought up the Aron Brit Hashem with shouting, and with sound of the shofar, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding nevalim (lyres) and kinnorot (harps).
For gadol is Hashem, and greatly to be praised; He also is to be feared above kol elohim.

For kol elohei haAmim are elilim, but Hashem made Shomayim.

Hod and Hadar are in His presence; oz and chedvah (joy) are in His makom (place, home, dwelling).

Ascribe unto Hashem, ye mishpechot Amim, ascribe unto Hashem Kavod and oz.

Ascribe unto Hashem the kavod due unto Shmo; bring a minchah, and come before Him; worship Hashem in the hadar (splendor) of kodesh (holiness).

Fear before Him, kol ha'aretz; the tevel (world) also shall be firmly established, that it be not moved.

Let HaShomayim have simcha, and let ha'aretz rejoice; and let them say among the Goyim, Hashem reigneth.

Let the yam roar, and the fulness thereof; let the sadeh rejoice, and all that is therein.

Then shall the trees of the ya'ar (forest, woods) sing out before Hashem, because He cometh to judge ha'aretz.

O give thanks unto Hashem, for He is tov; for His chesed endureth l'olam.

Hosheini, Elohei Yisheinu (G-d of our salvation), and gather us together, and deliver us from the Goyim, that we may give thanks to Shem Kadshecha, and glory in Thy tehillah (praise).

Baruch Hashem Elohei Yisroel min HaOlam vad HaOlam. And kol HaAm said, Omein, and praised Hashem.

So he left there before the Aron tamid (continually), accordingly yom by its yom;

And Oved-Edom with their achim, threescore and eight; Oved-Edom Ben Yeditun and Chosah as Shoarim (gatekeepers);

And Tzadok HaKohen, and his achim the Kohanim, before the Mishkan Hashem in the bamah (high place) that was at Giveon,

To offer olot (burnt offerings) unto Hashem upon the Mizbe'ach HaOlah tamid (continually) boker and erev, and to do according to all that is written in the Torat Hashem, which He commanded Yisroel;

And with them Heman and Yedutun, and the rest that were the Chosen ones, who gave thanksgiving to Hashem, ki l'olam chasdo.

And with them Heman and Yedutun with khatzotzerot (trumpets) and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with klei Shir HaElohim (musical instruments of G-d). And the Bnei Yedutun were at the Sha'ar (gate).

Now it came to pass, as Dovid sat in his bais, that Dovid said to Natan HaNavi, Hinei, I dwell in a bais ha'arazim (a palace of cedars) but the Aron tamid [dwelleth] under tent curtains.

Then Natan said to Dovid, Do all that is in thine levav; for HaElohim is with thee.

And it came to pass the same lailah, that the Devar Elohim came to Natan, saying, Go and tell Dovid, Thus saith Hashem, Thou shalt not build Me HaBayit to dwell in,

For I have not dwelt in a Bayit since the day that I brought up Yisroel until this day, but have gone from ohel to ohel, and from one mishkan to another.

Wheresoever I have walked with kol Yisroel, spoke I a word to any of the Shofetim of Yisroel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, Why have ye not built me a Bais Arazim?

Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto Avdi Dovid, Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os, I took thee from the naveh, even from following the tzon, that thou shouldest be Nagid over My people Yisroel;

And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine oyevim from before thee, and have made thee a shem like the shem of the gedolim that are in ha'aretz.

Also I will ordain a makom for My people Yisroel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more; neither shall the bnei avel oppress them any more, as they did at the beginning,

And since the time that I commanded Shofetim to be over My people Yisroel.

Moreover I will subdue all thine oyevim. Furthermore I tell thee that Hashem will build thee a Bais (House, Dynasty).

Now it shall come to pass, when thy yamim are expired that thou must go to be with Avoteicha, that I will raise up thy zera after thee, which shall be of thy banim;

And I shall build for Me a Bais, and I will establish his kisse ad olam.
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Now after this it came to pass, that Dovid struck the Pelishtim, and subdued them, and took Gat and her villages out of the yad of the Pelishtim.

2 And he struck Moav, and Moav became Dovid’s avadim, and brought minchah.

3 And Dovid struck Hadadezer Melech Tzovah unto Chamat, as he [Hadadezer] went to establish his dominion over the river Euphrates.

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5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer Melech Tzovah, Dovid slaughtered of the Syrians 22,000 ish.

6 Then Dovid put garrisons in Aram Damascus; and the Syrians became Dovid’s avadim (subjects), bearing minchah (tribute). Thus Hashem saved Dovid wherever he went.

7 And Dovid took the shields of zahav that were on avadim of Hadadezer, and brought them to Yerushalayim.

8 Likewise from Tivchat, and from Kun, towns of Hadadezer, Dovid took very much nechoshet, wherewith Shlomo made the Yam HaNechoshet, and the Ammudim, and the kelei hanechoshet.

9 Now when To’u Melech Chamat heard how Dovid had struck down the whole army of Hadadezer Melech Tzovah, he sent Hadoram bno to HaMelech Dovid, to give him a shalom greeting, and to congratulate him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and struck him down (for Hadadezer was an ish milchamah often against To’u); and he sent all manner kelim zahav, kesef and nechoshet.

10 Them also Dovid HaMelech dedicated as kodesh unto Hashem, with the kesef and the zahav that he brought from all these Goyim; from Edom, and from Moav, and from the Bnei Ammon, and from the Pelishtim, and from Amalek.

11 Also Dovid made HaMelech dedicated as kodesh unto Hashem, with the kesef and the zahav that he brought from all these Goyim; from Edom, and from Moav, and from the Bnei Ammon, and from the Pelishtim, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Avishai Ben Tzeruyah slaughtered of Edom in the Gey HaMelach eighteen elef.

13 And he put garrisons in Edom, and kol Edom became Dovid’s
avadim. Thus Hashem saved Dovid wherever he went.  
[14] So Dovid reigned over kol Yisroel, and executed mishpat and tzedakah among all his people.  
[15] And Yoav Ben Tzruyayah was over the tzava (army), and Yehoshaphat Ben Achilud was mazkir (recorder, secretary).  
[16] And Tzadok Ben Achituv, and Avimelech Ben Eyatar (Abiathar), were the Kohanim, and Shavsha was sofer (scribe).  
[17] And Benayahu Ben Yehoyuda was over the Kereti and the Peleti; and the Bnei Dovid were the rishonim (first ones) at the side of HaMelech.

Now it came to pass after this, that Nachash Melech Bnei Ammon died, and bno reigned in his place.  
[2] And Dovid said, I will show chesed unto Chanun Ben Nachash, because aviv (his father) showed chesed to me. And Dovid sent malachim to console him.  
[3] But the sarim of the Bnei Ammon said to Chanun, Thinkest thou that Dovid doth honor avicha, that he hath sent menachim (comforters) unto thee? Are not his avadim come unto thee for to reconnoiter, and to overthrow, and to spy out ha'aretz?  
[4] Therefore Chanun arrested Dovid's avadim, and shaved them, and cut off their buttocks, and sent them away.  
[5] Then there went certain ones, and told Dovid about the anashim. And he sent to meet them, for the anashim were greatly humiliated. And HaMelech said, Tarry at Yericho until your zakan be grown, and then return.  
[6] And when the Bnei Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to Dovid, Chanunn and the Bnei Ammon sent elf kikar (talents) kesef to hire them chariots and parashim out of Aram Naharayim, and out of Aram Ma'achah, and out of Tzovah.  
[7] So they hired thirty and two elf chariots, and Melech Ma'achah and his troop, who came and encamped before Meidva. And the Bnei Ammon gathered themselves together from their towns, and moved out for milchamah.  
[8] And when Dovid heard of it, he sent Yoav, and kol tzava hayiglhorim.  
[9] And the Bnei Ammon came out, and drew up for milchamah before the gate of the Ir, and the melachim that were come were by themselves in the sadeh.  
[10] Now when Yoav saw that the milchamah was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the best of Yisroel, and deployed them to engage Aram (the Syrians).  
[11] And the rest of the people he delivered unto the yad of Avishai his brother, and they deployed to engage the Bnei Ammon.  
[12] And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt save me, but if the Bnei Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will save thee.  
[13] Chazak (Be strong)! And let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the towns of Eloheinu, and let Hashem do that which is hatov in His eyes.  
[14] So Yoav and the troop that were with him drew near before the Syrians unto the milchamah; and they fled before him.  
[15] And when the Bnei Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Avishai his brother, and entered into the ir [Rabbah]. Then Yoav returned to Yerushalayim.  
[16] And when the Syrians saw that they were routed before Yisroel, they sent malachim, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the River, and Shophach sar tzava Hadadezer went before them.  
[17] And it was told Dovid; and he gathered kol Yisroel, and crossed over Yarden, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when Dovid had so deployed, they fought with him.  
[18] But the Syrians fled before Yisroel; and Dovid slaughtered of the Syrians shivah alafim in chariots, and forty elf foot soldiers, and killed Shopach sar hatzava.  
[19] And when avadim of Hadadezer saw that they were routed before Yisroel, they made shalom with Dovid, and became his avadim; neither would the Syrians help the Bnei Ammon any more.  
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And it came to pass, at the time of eshuvat hashanah, at the time that melchim go out to battle, Yoav led forth the chayl hatzava, and laid waste the eretz Bnei Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But Dovid tarried at Yerushalayim. And Yoav struck Rabbah, and destroyed it.
And Dovid took the ateret of their melech from off his rosh, and found it to weigh a talent of zahav, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon rosh Dovid; and he brought also exceeding much plunder out of the Ir. Even so dealt Dovid with all the towns of the Bnei Ammon. And Dovid and kol HaAm returned to Yerushalayim.

And it came to pass after this, that there arose milchamah at Gezer with the Pelishtim (Philistines); at which time Sibbechai the Chushati slaughtered Sippai, that was of the yeledim of the Refa'im, and they were subdued.

And there was milchamah again with the Pelishtim (Philistines); and Elchanan ben Yair slaughtered Lachmi, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam.

And yet again there was milchamah at Gat, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each yad, and six on each foot and he also was of Rapha descent.

But Levi and Binyamin numbered he not among them, for the davar HaMelech was abominable to Yoav. Therefore, Yoav departed, and went throughout kol Yisroel, and came to Yerushalayim.

And Yoav gave up the sum of the number of HaAm unto Dovid. And kol Yisroel were 1,100,000 ish that drew cherev; and Yehudah was 470,000 ish that drew cherev.

But Levi and Binyamin counted he not among them, for the davar HaMelech was abominable to Yoav.

And Dovid and Yoav and all the people that were in it, and consigned them to saws, and to picks of barzel (iron), and to axes. Even so dealt Dovid with all the towns of the Tonei HaAm.

And Satan stood up against Yisroel, and provoked Dovid to number Yisroel. And Dovid said unto Yoav and to the sarei HaAm, Go, number Yisroel from Beer Sheva even to Dan; and bring the mispar (number) of them to me, that I may know it.

But Yoav answered, Hashem make His people a hundred times so many more as they be, but, adoni HaMelech, are not they all the avadam of adoni? Why then doth adoni require this thing? Why will he be a cause of ashmah to Yisroel?

Nevertheless the davar HaMelech prevailed against Yoav. Therefore, Yoav departed, and went throughout kol Yisroel, and came to Yerushalayim.

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And Dovid said unto HaElohim, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing, but now, take away the avon of Thy eved, for I have done very foolishly.

And Hashem spoke unto Dovid, Go and offer thee shalosh (three); choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

So Gad came to Dovid, and said unto him, Thus saith Hashem, I offer thee shalosh (three); choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee.

And Dovid stood up against Yisroel, and provoked Dovid to number Yisroel.

And Dovid said to Yoav and to the sarei HaAm, Go, number Yisroel from Beer Sheva even to Dan; and bring throughout all the borders of Yisroel. Now therefore advise thyself what davar I shall bring to Him that sent me.

And Dovid said unto Gad, I am in a great distress; let me fall now into the Yad Hashem; for rabbim me'od (very great) are His rachamim but let me not fall into the Yad adam.

So Hashem sent dever upon Yisroel, and there fell of Yisroel shiv'im elef ish.

And HaElohim sent a Malach unto Yerushalayim to destroy her, and as he was destroying, Hashem beheld, and He relented Him of the ra'ah, and said to the Malach that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine Yad. And the Malach Hashem stood by the goren (threshing floor) of Ornan the Yevusi.

And Dovid lifted up his eyes, and saw the Malach Hashem stand between HaAretz and HaShomayim, having a drawn cherev in his yad stretched out over Yerushalayim. Then Dovid and the Zekenim, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

And Dovid said unto HaElohim, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? Even I it is that have sinned and done harah (wrongdoing) to the people; let me fall now into the Yad adoni. Gad, I am in a great distress; let me fall now into the Yad Hashem. Now therefore advise thyself what davar I shall bring to Him that sent me.

And Dovid went up at the davar of Gad, which he spoke B'Shem Hashem.
[20] And Ornan turned back, and saw the Malach, and his four banim with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing chittim (wheat).
[21] And as Dovid came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw Dovid, and went out from the goren (threshing floor), and prostated himself to Dovid with his face to the ground.
[22] Then Dovid said to Ornan, Give me the makom of this goren (threshing floor), that I may build a Mizbe'ach thereunto unto Hashem; thou shalt give it me for the kesef male (full price), that the magefah (plague) may be withdrawn from HaAm.
[23] And Ornan said unto Dovid, Take it to thee, and let adoni HaMelech do that which is tov in his eyes; see, I give thee the bakar also for olot (burnt offerings), and the threshing tools for wood, and the chittim (wheat) for the minchah (grain offering, meal offering); I give it all.
[24] And HaMelech Dovid said to Ornan, Lo (no), but I will verily buy it for the kesef male (full price), for I will not take that which is thine for Hashem, nor offer olah (burnt offerings) without cost.
[25] So Dovid gave to Ornan for the makom (place, site) six hundred shekels of zahav by weight.
[26] And Dovid built there a Mizbe'ach unto Hashem, and offered olot (burnt offerings) and shelamim (peace offerings), and called upon Hashem, and He answered him from Shomayim by eish upon the Mizbe'ach HaOlah.
[27] And Hashem commanded the Malach, and He put back his cherev again into the nedan (sheath) thereof.
[28] At that time when Dovid saw that Hashem had answered him on the goren (threshing floor) of Ornan the Yevusi, then he sacrificed there.
[29] For the Mishkan Hashem, which Moshe made in the midbar, and the Mizbe'ach HaOlah, were at that time in the bamah (high place) at Giveon.
[30] But Dovid could not go before it to inquire of Elohim, for he was afraid because of the cherev Malach Hashem.

22 Then Dovid said, This is the Beis Hashem HaElohim, and this is the Mizbe'ach Lolah (Altar of the Burnt Offering) for Yisroel.
[2] And Dovid commanded to gather together the gerim (aliens) that were in Eretz Yisroel; and he set masons to carve hewn stones to build the Beis HaElohim.
[3] And Dovid prepared barzel (iron) in abundance for the masmerim (nails) for the daletot (doors) of the she'arim, and for the joints; and nechoshet unweighable in abundance;
[4] Also cedar timber in abundance, for the Tzidonim and the Tzorim brought much cedar lumber to Dovid.
[5] And Dovid said, Shlomo beni (my son) is na'ar and tender, and the Bayit that is to be built for Hashem must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of tiferet before all nations. I will therefore now make preparation for it. So Dovid prepared abundantly before his mot (death).
[6] Then he called for Shlomo bno, and charged him to build Bayit (House) for Hashem Elohei Yisroel.
[7] And Dovid said to Shlomo, Beni (my son), as for me, it was in my mind to build Bayit (House) for the Shem of Hashem Elohai,
Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and carvers of even (stone) and etz (wood), and all manner of artisans chacham in every task.

Of the zahav, the kesef, and the nechoshet, and the barzel, there is no number. Arise therefore, and begin and work, and Hashem be with thee.

Dovid also commanded all the sarim of Yisroel to help Shlomo bno, saying, Is not Hashem Eloheichem with you? And hath He not given you rest on every side? For He hath given the inhabitants of ha'aretz into mine yad, and ha'aretz is subdued before Hashem, and before His people.

Now set your levav and your nefesh to seek Hashem Eloheichem; arise therefore, and build ye the Mikdash Hashem HaElohim, to bring Aron Brit Hashem, and the K'lei Kodesh HaElohim (Holy Vessels of G-d), into the Bayit that is to be built to the Shem of Hashem.

So when Dovid was old and full of days, he made Shlomo bno Melech Yisroel. And he gathered together all the sarim of Yisroel, with the Kohanim and the Levi'im. Now the Levi'im were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward; and their number by their gulgelot (totals, head count), gevarim (men), was thirty and eight elef.

Of which, twenty and four elef were to look after the work of the Beis Hashem; and six alafim were shoterim (officials) and shofetim (judges);

Moreover four alafim were sho'arim (gatekeepers); and four alafim praised Hashem with the kelim (instruments) which I made, said Dovid, to praise therewith.

And Dovid divided them into divisions among the Bnei Levi, namely, Gershon, Kehat, and Merari.

Of the Gershoni were La'dan, and Shimei.

The Bnei La'dan; the rosh was Yecheil, and Zetam, and Yoel, three.

The Bnei Shimei; Shlomit, and Chaziel, and Haran, three. These were the rashei avot of La'dan.

And the Bnei Shimei were Yachiel, and Zina, and Yeush, and Beriah. These four were the Bnei Shimei.

And Yachiel was rosh, and Zizah the second; but Yeush and Beriah had not many banim; therefore they were in pekudah echad (one reckoning), according to their bais av.

The Bnei Kehat; Amram, Yitzhar, Chevron, and Uzziel, four.

The Bnei Amram; Aharon and Moshe; Aharon was separated, to set him apart as Kodesh Kodashim, he and his banim ad olam, to burn offerings before Hashem, to minister unto Him, and to bless b'Shmo ad olam.

Now concerning Moshe the Ish HaElohim, his banim were reckoned of the Shevet Levi.

The Bnei Moshe were Gershom, and Eliezer.

Of the Bnei Gershom, Shevuel was the rosh.

And the Bnei Eliezer were Rechavyah the rosh. And Eliezer had no banim acharim; but the Bnei Rechavyah were very many.

Of the Bnei Yitzhar: Shlomit the rosh.

Of the Bnei Chevron: Yeriyahu the first, Amaryah the second, Yachziel the third, and Yek'am'I am the fourth.

Of the Bnei Uzziel: Michah the first and Yishiyahu the second.

The Bnei Merari; Machli, and Mushi. The Bnei Machli; Elazar, and Kish.

And Elazar died, and had no banim, only banot, and their brethren the Bnei Kish took them as wives.

The Bnei Mush; Machli, and Eder, and Yeremot, three.

These were the Bnei Levi after the bais avoteihem; even the rashei avot, as they were counted by number of shmot by their head count, that did the work for the avodas Beis Hashem, from the age of twenty shanah and upward.

For Dovid said, Hashem Elohei Yisroel hath given rest unto His people, that they may dwell in Yerushalayim ad olam;

And also unto the Levi'im; they shall no more carry the Mishkan, nor any kelim (vessels) of it for the avodah thereof.

According to the last instructions of Dovid the Bnei Levi were numbered from those twenty shanah and above;

Because their ma'amad (position) was to wait on the Bnei Aharon for the avodas Beis Hashem, in the khaterot, and in the rooms, and in the tahorat (cleansing) of kol kodesh, and the work of the avodas Beis HaElohim;

Both for the Lechem HaMa'arechet (showbread), and for the solet (flour) for minchah, and for the cakes of matzot, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is scalded, and for all manner of measure and size;

And to stand baboker baboker to thank and praise Hashem, and
likewise at erev (evening);
[31] And to offer all olot (burnt offerings) unto Hashem on Shabbatot, at Rosh Chodesh, and at mo’adim, according to their number ordained for them, tamid before Hashem;
[32] And that they should be shomer to keep the mishmeret (watch, guard responsibility) of the Ohel Mo’ed and the mishmeret of the Kodesh, and the mishmeret of the BneiAHaron their brethren, in the avodas Beis Hashem.

Now these are the divisions of the Bnei Aharon; the Bnei Aharon; Nadav, and Avihu, Elazar, and Itamar.

[2] But Nadav and Avihu died before avihem (their father), and had no banim; therefore Elazar and Itamar became Kohanim.

[3] And Dovid with both Tzadok of the Bnei Elazar, and Achimelech of the Bnei Itamar, divided them according to their pekudim (offices, assignments) in their avodah.

[4] And there were more Rashei HaAvot of the Kohanim and Levim, Bais Avechad being chosen for Elazar, and one chosen for Itamar.

[7] Now the first goral (lot) came forth to Yehoyariv, the second to Yedayah,
[8] The third to Chirim, the fourth to Scorim,
[9] The fifth to Malkiyah, the sixth to Miyanim,
[10] The seventh to Hakotz, the eighth to Aviyah,
[11] The ninth to Yeshua, the tenth to Shekhanyahu,
[12] The eleventh to Elyashiv, the twelfth to Yakim,
[13] The thirteenth to Chuppah, the fourteenth to Yeshevav,
[14] The fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer,
[15] The seventeenth to Chezir, the eighteenth to Happitztzetz,
[16] The nineteenth to Petakhyah, the twentieth to Yechezkel,
[17] The one and twentieth to Yachin, the two and twentieth to Gamul,
[18] The three and twentieth to Delayahu, the four and twentieth to Ma’azyahu.

[19] These were the pekudim (offices, assignments) of them in their avodah to come into the Beis Hashem, according to their mishpatim (regulations), under Aharon Avihem just as Hashem Elohei Yisroel had commanded him.

[20] And the rest of the Bnei Levi were these: Of the Bnei Amram: Shuvael; of the Bnei Shuvael: Yechdeyahu.

[21] Concerning Rechayah, of the Bnei Rechayah, the first was Yishshiyah;
[22] Of the Yitzhari: Shelomot; of the Bnei Shelomot: Yachat.

Moreover Dovid and the sarim of the tzava separated for avodah of the Bnei Asaph, and of Heman, and of Yedutun, who should prophesy with kinnorot, with nevelim, and with cymbals; and the number of the workmen according to their avodah (service) was;

[2] Of the Bnei Asaph; Zakkur, and Yosef, and Netanyah, and Asarelah, the Bnei Asaph under the hand of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of HaMelech.

[3] Of Yedutun, the Bnei Yedutun: Gedalyah, and Tzeri, and Yeshayahu, Chashavyahu, and Mattityahu, six, under the hands of their av Yedutun, who prophesied with a kinnor, to give thanks and to praise
Hashem.

| Of Heman, the Bnei Heman: Bukiyahu, Matanyahu, Uzziel, Shevuvel, and Yerimot, Chananyah, Chanani, Eliyahu, Giddalti, and Romanti, Ezer, Yoshbekashah, Maloti, Hotir, and Machazi'ot; |
| All these were the banim Heman the chozer (seer) of HaMelech in the devarim of Elohim, to lift up the keren. And HaElohim gave to Heman fourteen banim and three banot. |
| All these were under the hands of their av for shir in the Beis Hashem, with cymbals, nevalim, and kinnorot, for avodas Beis HaElohim, under the support of HaMelech to Asaph, Yedutun, and Heman. |
| So the number of them, with their brethren that were trained in the shir Hashem (music, songs of Hashem), even all that were skilled, was two hundred fourscore and eight. |
| And they cast goralot, shift against shift, katon as well as gadol, the meiven as well as the talmid (student). |
| Concerning the divisions of the sho’arim; Of the Korchim was Meshelemyahu Ben Kore, of the Bnei Asaph. |
| And the banim of Meshelemyahu were Zecharyahu the bechor, Yediael the second, Zevadyahu the third, Yatniel the fourth, Eilam the fifth, Yehochanan the sixth, Eliyehu’nai the seventh. |
| Moreover the banim of Oved Edom were Shemayah the bechor, Yehozavad the second, Yoach the third, and Sachar the fourth, and Netanel the fifth. |
| Ammiel the sixth, Yissakkar the seventh, Peultai the eighth; for Elohim blessed him. |
| Also unto Shemayah bno were banim born, that ruled throughout the bais avihem, for they were gibborei chayil. |
| The Bnei Shemayah: Otni, and Repha’el, and Oved, Elzavad, whose brethren were bnei chayil, Elihu, and Semachyahu. |
| All these of the Bnei Oved Edom; they and their banim and their brethren, ish chayil for ko'ach for the avodah, were threescore and two of Oved Edom. |
| Meshelemyahu had banim and brethren, bnei chayil, eighteen. |
| Chosah, of the Bnei Merari, had banim; Shimri the rosh, (for though he was not the bechor, yet avihu appointed him rosh); Chilkiyahu the second, Tevaliyahu the third, Zecharyahu the fourth; all the banim and brethren of Chosah were thirteen. |
| Among these were the divisions of the sho’arim, even among the rashei hagibborim, having mishmeret (duties), just as their brethren, to minister
service in the Beis Hashem.

[13] And they cast goralot, the katon as well as the gadol, to their bais avot, for every sha'ar.

[14] And the goral for the east fell to Shelemyahu. Then for Zecharyahu bno, a yo'etz (counselor) with seichel (wisdom), they cast goralot; and his goral fell out northward.

[15] To Oved Edom southward; and to his banim the Asuppim Bais.

[16] To Shuppim and Chosah the goral came forth westward, with the Sha'ar Shallechet, by the upper road, mishmar (guard) corresponded to mishmar.

[17] Eastward were six Levi'im, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Asuppim shnayim shnayim (two and two).

[18] At Parbar westward, four at the road, and two at Parbar.

[19] These are the divisions of the sho'arim among the Bnei Korchi, and among the Bnei Merari.

[20] And of the Levi'im, Achiyah was over the otzarot of the Beis HaElohim, and over the otzarot of the kodashim.

[21] As concerning the Bnei La'dan; the Bnei HaGershuni through La'dan, rashei ha'avot, even of La'dan the Gershoni, were Yechieli.

[22] The Bnei Yechieli: Zetam, and Yoel his brother, which were over the otzarot of the Beis Hashem.

[23] Of the Amrami, and the Yitzhari, the Chevroni, and the Uzzieli;

[24] And Shevu'el Ben Gershon Ben Moshe, was nagid of the otzarot.


[26] Which Shlomit and his brethren were over all the otzarot of the kodashim, which Dovid HaMelech, and the rashei ha'avot, the sarim over alafim and me'ot, and the sarim of the tzava (army), had dedicated as kodesh.

[27] Out of the plunder won in battles did they dedicate as kadosh to maintain the Beis Hashem.

[28] And all that Shmuel the roch (seer), and Sha'ul Ben Kish, and Avner Ben Ner, and Yoav Ben Tzeruyah, had dedicated as kodesh; and whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the yad of Shlomit, and of his brethren.

[29] Of the Yitzhari, Kenanyahu and his banim were for the outside labor of Yisroel, for shoterim (officials) and shofetim (judges).

[30] And of the Chevroni, Chashavyahu and his brethren, bnei chayil, an elef and shivah me'ot (hundred), were in charge of Yisroel on this side of the Yarden westward in all the work of Hashem, and in the avodas HaMelech.

[31] Among the Chevroni was Yeriyahu the rosh, even among the Chevroni, according to the toldot of his avot. In the fortieth year of the reign of Dovid they were sought, and there were found among them gibborei chayil at Yazer of Gil'ad.

[32] And his brethren, bnei chayil, were two thousand and shivah hundred rashei ha'avot, whom Dovid HaMelech put over the Reuveni, the Gadi, and the half tribe of Menasheh, for every matter pertaining to Elohim, and the affairs of HaMelech.

Now the Bnei Yisroel after their number, namely, the rashei ha’avot and sarim of alafim and me’ot (hundreds), and their shoterim that served HaMelech in any matter of the divisions, which came in and went out chodesh b’chodesh (month by month) throughout all the months of the shanah, each division consisting of twenty and four elef.

[2] Over the first division for the chodesh harishon was Yashov'am Ben Zavdie; and in his division were twenty and four elef.

[3] Of the Bnei Peretz was the rosh of all the sarim of the tzava’os (armies) for the first month.

[4] And over the division of the second month was Dodai the Achochi, and of his division was Miklot also the nagid; in his division likewise were twenty and four elef.

[5] The third sar (commander) of the tzava (army) for the third month was Benayahu Ben Yehoyada, the Kohen Rosh; and in his division were twenty and four elef.

[6] This is that Benayahu, who was gibbor among the Shloshim (Thirty), and over the Shloshim; and in his division was Ammizabad bno.

[7] The fourth for the fourth month was Asah-el the brother of Yoav, and Zevadyah bno after him; and in his division were twenty and four elef.

[8] The fifth sar for the fifth month was Shamhut the Yizrach; and in his division were twenty and four elef.

[9] The sixth for the sixth month was Ira Ben Ikkesh the Tekoi; and in his division were twenty and four elef.
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|10| The seventh for the seventh month was Cheletz the Peloni, of the Bnei Ephrayim; and in his division were 24,000. |
|11| The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbchai the Chushati, of the Zarchi; and in his division were 24,000. |
|12| The ninth for the ninth month was Aviezer the Anetoti, of Binyamin; and in his division were 24,000. |
|13| The tenth for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophati, of the Zarchi; and in his division were 24,000. |
|14| The eleventh for the eleventh month was Benayah the Piratoni, of the Bnei Ephrayim; and in his division were 24,000. |
|15| The twelfth for the twelfth month was Cheldai the Netophati, of Otniel; and in his division were 24,000. |

Furthermore over the Shivtei Yisroel; the nagid of the Reuveni was Eliezer Ben Zichri; of the Simeoni, Shephatyahu Ben Ma'achah; Of the Levi'im, Chashavyah Ben Kemu'el; of Aharon, Tzadok; Of Yehudah, Elihu, one of the brethren of Dovid; of Yissakhar, Omri Ben Micha'el; Of Zevulun, Yishmayahu Ben Ovadyah; of Naphtali, Yerimot Ben Azri'el; Of the Bnei Ephrayim, Hoshea Ben Azazyahu; of the half tribe of Menasheh, Yoel Ben Pedayahu; Of the half tribe of Menasheh in Gil'ad, Yiddo Ben Zecharyahu; of Binyamin, Ya'asiel Ben Avner; Of Dan, Azare'el Ben Yerochem. These were the sarim of the Shivtei Yisroel.

But Dovid took not the number of them from twenty shanim and under; because Hashem had said he would increase Yisroel like to the kokhavim of HaShomayim.

Yoav Ben Tzeruyah began to number, but he finished not, because there fell ketzef (wrath) on account of this against Yisroel; neither was the number put in the Divrei HaYamim of Melech Dovid.

And over the ozarot HaMelech was Azmavet Ben Adiel; and over the storehouses in the sadot, in the towns, and in the villages, and in the migdalot was Yehonatan Ben Uziyahu; And over them that did the work of the sadeh to till the adamah was Ezri Ben Keluv; And over the kramim was Shimei the Ramati; over the increase of the kramim for the wine vats was Zavdi the Shiphmi; And over the zeitim and the sycomore trees that were in the Shefelah was Ba'al Chanan the Gederi; over the shemen storehouses, Yoash; And over the bakar (herd) that fed in Sharon was Shirtai the Sharoni; over the bakar that were in the valleys was Shaphat Ben Adlai; Over the gemalim (camels) also was Ovil the Yishmaeli; and over the donkeys was Yechdeyahu the Meronoti; And over the tzon (flock) was Yaziz the Hageri. All these were the sarim of the property which pertained to Melech Melech Dovid. 

Also Yonatan Dovid's dod (uncle) was a yoetz (counsellor), an ish meivin, and a sofer; and Yechiel Ben Chachmoni was with the Bnei HaMelech; And Achitophel was the yoetz Melech; and Chushai the Arki was the re'a HaMelech; And after Achitophel was Yehoyada Ben Benayahu, and Evyatar (Abiathar); and the sar tzava (commander of the army) of HaMelech was Yoav.

And Dovid assembled kol Sarei Yisroel, the Sarei HaShevatim, and the Sarei HaMachlekot that ministered to HaMelech by course, and the Sarei HaAlafim, and Sarei HaMe'ot, and the Sarei kol rechush (stewards over all the property) and mikneh (livestock) of HaMelech, and of his banim, with the sarisim (palace officials), and with the Gibborim, and with all the Gibbor chayil, unto Yerushalayim.

Then Dovid HaMelech stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people. As for me, I had in mine levav to build a Bais Menuchah for the Aron Brit Hashem, and for the hadom (footstool) of Eloheinu, and had made ready to build; But HaElOhim said unto me, Thou shalt not build a Bais for My Shem, because thou hast an ish milchamot of shefach damim. Howbeit Hashem Elohei Yisroel Yisroel chose me before all the Bais Avi to be Melech over Yisroel; for He hath chosen Yehudah to be Nagid; and of the Bais Yehudah, the Bais Avi; and among the Bnei Avi He was pleased to make me Melech over kol Yisroel.

And of all my banim, (for Hashem hath given me rabbim banim,) He hath chosen Shlomo beni (my son) to sit upon the kisse Malchut Hashem over Yisroel. And He said unto me, Shlomo bini (my son) shall build My Bais and My khatzerot (courts, courtyards), for I have chosen him to be Beni (My Son), and I will be his Av.
[7] Moreover I will establish his Malchut ad Olam, if he be steadfast to do My mitzvot and My mishpatim, as on this yom.
[8] Now therefore in the sight of kol Yisroel the kehal Hashem, and in the ears of Eloheinu, be shomer and seek for all the Mitzvot Hashem Eloheichem lema'an (in order that) ye may possess this eretz hatovah; and leave it for a nachalah for your banim after you ad olam.
[9] And thou, Shlomo beni (my son), know thou the Elohe Avicha, and serve Him with a lev shalem and with a nefesh chafetzah (willing mind), for Hashem searcheth kol levavot, and understandeth all the yetzer machashavot. If thou seek Him, He will be found by thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever.
[10] Take heed now, for Hashem hath chosen thee to build a Bais l'Mikdash. Hashem hath chosen thee to be a chachmah for kol Avodah; for Hashem searcheth and seeketh kol levavot, and understandeth kol levavot, and knoweth all the yetzer machashavot. If thou seek Him, He will be found by thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will be utterly found thee; until thou hast finished all the work for the Avodas Bais Hashem.
[11] Then Dovid gave to Shlomo bno (my son), know thou the Elohe Avicha, and serve Him with a lev shalem and with a nefesh chafetzah (willing mind), for Hashem searcheth kol levavot, and understandeth all the yetzer machashavot. If thou seek Him, He will be found by thee; but if thou forsake Him, He will cast thee off forever.
[12] And the tavnit of all that he had by the Ruach [Hakodesh], of the khatzerot (courtyards) of the Bais Hashem, and of all the surrounding chambers, of the Otzerot of the Bais HaElohim, and of the Otzerot of the kadashim (consecrated things); all the kelei Avodas Bais Hashem.
[13] Also for the courses of the Kohanim and the Levi'im, and for all the work of the Avodas Bais Hashem, and for all the kelei Avodah of every kind of avodah (service); for all kelei hakesef by weight, for all kelei avodah va'avodah (vessels for every kind of service).
[14] Even the weight for the menorot hazahav, and for their nerot (lamps) of zahav was according to the weight for every menorah, and for the nerot (lamps) thereof; and for the menorat hazahav by weight, both for the menorah, and also for the nerot (lamps) thereof, according to the use of every menorah.
[15] And by weight he gave zahav for the Shulchanot HaMa'arechet (the tables of the spreading out [showbread]) for each shulchan; and likewise kesef for the shulchanot hakesef (silver tables);
[16] Also pure zahav for the mizlagot (forks), and the mizrakot (blood bowls), and shelves; kesot zahav tahor and kipor hazahav (golden basin) for every kipor (basin); and likewise kesef for the kipor hazahav (silver basin);
[17] And for the Mizbe'ach HaKetoret refined zahav by weight; and zahav for the tavnit of the Merkavah, the Keruvim Zavah, that spread out their wings, and covered the Aron Brit Hashem.
[18] All this, said Dovid, is in writing by the Yad Hashem on me, giving me seichel to understand all the works of this tavnit (plan, pattern).
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[20] And Dovid said to Shlomo bno, Chazak! Ve'emetz! (Be strong and take courage!) And do it; fear not, nor be discouraged; for Hashem Elohim, even Elohai, will be with thee; He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the Avodas Bais Hashem.
melachah (work) to be made by the hands of charashim (artisans). And who then is willing to consecrate his yad today unto Hashem?

[6] Then the sarei ha'avot and the sarei shivtei Yisroel and the sarei ha'alafim and of me'ot, with the sarei melechet hamelech (officials over the work of the King), made freewill offerings.

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[8] And gave for the Avodas Beis HaElohim five thousand talents and ten thousand darkons of zahav, and ten thousand talents of kesef, and eighteen thousand talents of nechoshet, and one hundred thousand talents of barzel.

[9] Then the people rejoiced, for theirs were freewill offerings, because with lev shalem they offered willingly to Hashem; and Dovid HaMelech also rejoiced with simchah gedolah.

[10] Wherefore Dovid blessed Hashem before the eyes of kol HaKahal; and Dovid said, Baruch atah Adonoi Elohei Yisroel Avinu meOlam v'ad olam.

[11] Thine, Hashem is HaGedulah, and HaGevurah, and HaTiferet and HaNetzach and HaHod; for all that is in the Shomayim and in Ha'aretz is Thine; Thine is the Mamalachah, O Hashem, and Thou art exalted as Rosh above all.

[12] Both osher and kavod come of Thee, and Thou art Moshel over all; and in Thine yad is ko'ach and gevurah; and in Thine yad it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.

[13] Now therefore, Eloheinu, we thank Thee, and praise Thy Shem Tiferet.
DIVREY HAYAMIN BAIS

1 And Shlomo Ben Dovid was strengthened in his kingdom, and Hashem Elohay him was with him, and magnified him exceedingly.  
2 Then Shlomo spoke unto kol Yisroel, to the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and to the shofetim, and to every Nasi in kol Yisroel, the Rashei HaAvot.  
3 So Shlomo, and Kol HaKahal with him, went to the high place that was at Givon, for there was the Ohel Moed HaElohim, which Moshe eved Hashem had made in the midbar.  
4 But the Aron HaElohim Dovid had brought up from Kiryat-Yearim to the place which Dovid had prepared for it; for he had pitched an Ohel for it at Yerushalayim.  
5 Moreover the Mizbe'ach Hanechoshet, that Betzalel ben Uri ben Chur had made, he put in front of the Mishkan Hashem; and Shlomo and HaKahal inquired of Him.  
6 And Shlomo went up there to the Mizbe'ach Hanechoshet before Hashem, which was at the Ohel Moed, and offered a thousand olot upon it.  
7 In that lailah did Elohim appear unto Shlomo, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee.  
8 And Shlomo said unto Elohim, Thou hast showed chesed gadol unto Dovid Avi, and hast made me to reign in his place.  
9 Now, Hashem Elohim, let Thy Davar unto Dovid Avi be established, for Thou hast made me melech over Am Rav like the apher ha’aretz in multitude.  
10 Give me now chochmah and intelligence, that I may go out and come in before HaAm Hazeh, for who can judge this Thy people, that is so great?  
11 And Elohim said to Shlomo, Because this was in thine levav, and thou hast not asked other, riches, or kavod, nor the nefesh of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked yamim rabbim (many days, long life), but hast asked chochmah and intelligence for thyself, that thou mayest judge My people, over whom I have made thee melech,  
12 Chochmah and intelligence is granted unto thee; and I will give thee other, and riches, and kavod, such as none of the melachim have had that be before or after thee.  
13 Then Shlomo came from his journey to the high place that was at Givon, from before the Ohel Moed, to Yerushalayim, and reigned over Yisroel.  
14 And Shlomo gathered chariots and parashim (horsemen); and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand parashim, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with HaMelech at Yerushalayim.  
15 And HaMelech made kesef and zahav at Yerushalayim as plenteous as avanim, and cedar trees he made as abundant as the sycomore fig trees that are in the Shefelah.  
16 And Shlomo had susim imported from Mitzrayim and from Keve; the royal buyers purchased them from Keve.  
17 And they imported from Mitzrayim, and then exported a merkavah (chariot) for six hundred shekels of kesef, and a sus (horse) for a hundred and fifty; and so they exported susim to all the melachim of the Chittim, and to the melachim of Aram (Syria).  

2 [1:18] And Shlomo determined to build a Bais for the Shem of Hashem, and a Bais (palace) for his kingdom.  
2 (2:1) And Shlomo conscripted threescore and ten thousand ish to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand ish to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand ish as stonecutters in the hill country, and three thousand and six hundred to be their foremen to oversee them.  
3 (2:2) And Shlomo sent to Churam Melech Tzor, saying, As thou didst deal with Dovid Avi, and didst send him cedars to build him a Bais (palace) to dwell therein, even so deal with me.  
4 (2:3) Hinei, I build a Bais for the Shem of Hashem Elohai, to set it apart as kodesh and to dedicate it to Him, and to burn before Him ketoret sammim (fragrant incense), and for the maarekhet tamid (regular offering of the rows of bread), and for the olot boker and erev, on the Shabbatot, and on every Rosh-Chodesh, and on the Mo‘adei Hashem Eloheinu. This is for l’olam (forever) to Yisroel.  
5 (2:4) And HaBeis which I build is gadol, for gadol is Eloheinu above kol HaElohim (all the g-ds).  
6 (2:5) But who has the ko’ach to build Him a Bais, seeing the Shomayim and Shomayim of Shomayim cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a Bais, except to burn sacrifices before Him?  
7 (2:6) Send me now therefore an ish chacham in zahav, and in kesef, and in nechoshet, and in barzel, and in purple, and in crimson, and in blue wool, and that has skill in the art of engraving to work with my chachamim in Yehudah and in Yerushalayim whom Dovid Avi did provide.
[8 (2:7)] Send me also cedar, pine, and algum logs, from the Lebanon, for I know that thy avadim have skill to cut timber in the Lebanon; and, hinei, my avadim shall be with thy avadim,
[9 (2:8)] Even to provide me lumber in abundance, for the Bais which I am about to build shall be gadol v’hafeleh (great and magnificent).
[10 (2:9)] And, hinei, I will give to thy avadim, the woodsmen that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten chittim, and twenty thousand measures of se’orim, and twenty thousand baths of yavin, and twenty thousand baths of shemen (olive oil).
[11 (2:10)] Then Churam Melech Tzor answered by letter, which he sent to Shlomo, Because Hashem hath loved His people, He hath made thee Melech over them.
[12 (2:11)] Churam said moreover, Baruch Hashem Elohei Yisroel, that made Shomayim v’et HaAretz. Who hath given to Dovid HaMelech a ben chacham (wise son), endued with seichel (wisdom) to build the Bais Hashem for His kingdom.
[13 (2:12)] And now I have sent an ish chacham, endued with binah, namely my master craftsman Churam-Avi,
[14 (2:13)] ben isha of the Banot Dan, and his av was an ish Tzor, trained to work in zahav, and in kesef, in nechoshet, in barzel, in avanim (stone), and in etzim (wood), in purple, in blue wool, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to engrave every kind of engraving, and to execute every design which shall be put to him, with thy chachamim, and with the chachmei adoni Dovid Avicha.
[15 (2:14)] Now therefore the chittim, and the se’orim, the shemen, and the yavin, which adoni hath spoken of, let him send unto his avadim,
[16 (2:15)] And we will cut etzim out of the Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need; and we will float it to thee in rafts by yam to Yaf, and thou shalt carry it up to Yerushalayim.
[17 (2:16)] And Shlomo took a census of all the gerim that were in Eretz Yisroel, after the census wherewith Dovid Aviv had numbered them; and they were found a hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.
[18 (2:17)] And he set three score and ten thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand of them to be stonecutters in the hill country, and three thousand and six hundred menatzkhim (foremen overseers) to keep HaAm working.
[19 (2:18)] Then Shlomo began to build the Bais Hashem at Yerushalayim in Mt Moriyah, where Hashem appeared unto Dovid Avihu, in the makom (place) which Dovid had prepared in the goren (threshing floor) of Ornan the Yevusi.
[20 (2:19)] And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his [Shlomo’s 970-930 B.C.E.] reign.
[21 (2:20)] Now these are the foundations which Shlomo laid for the building of the Bais HaElohim. The length by breadth of the Bais Kodesh HaKodesh, the length whereof was according to the width of the bais, twenty cubits long, and the width thereof twenty cubits, and he overlaid it with zahav tov of six hundred talents.
[22 (2:21)] And the weight of the masmerot (nails) was fifty shekels of zahav. And he overlaid the upper rooms with zahav.
[23 (2:22)] And in the Bais Kodesh HaKadosh he made two keruvim of ma’aseh tza’atzuim (sculpture work), and overlaid them with zahav.
[24 (2:23)] And the wings of the keruvim were twenty cubits long; one wing of the one keruv was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the Bais; and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other keruv.
[25 (2:24)] And one wing of the other keruv was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the Bais; and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other keruv.
[13] The wings of these keruvim spread themselves forth twenty cubits; and they stood on their feet, and their faces turned inward.  
[14] And he made the Parochet of blue wool, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought keruvim thereon.  
[15] Also he made before the Bais two [freestanding] Ammudim (pillars) of thirty and five cubits high [53 feet], and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits.  
[16] And he made sharsherot in the Devir, and put them on the rosh of the Ammudim; and made a hundred pomegranates, and put them on the sharsherot.  
[17] And he erected the Ammudim before the Heikhal, one on the right, and the other on the left; and called the shem of that on the right Yachin, and the shem of that on the left Boaz.  
[18] Moreover he made a Mizbe'ach nechoshet, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the width thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof.  
[19] Also he made a Yam Mutzak (Molten "Sea") of ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round, and five cubits the height thereof, and a line of thirty cubits did completely encircle it.  
[20] And under it was the demut (likeness) of bulls, all around, ten per cubit, surrounding the Yam. Two rows of bulls were cast, when it was cast.  
[21] It stood upon shneym asar bakar (twelve bulls), three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east; and the Yam was set above upon them, and all their hindquarters were toward the inside.  
[22] And the thickness of it was a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a kos, like the flower of a lily; and it received and held the capacity of shloshet alafim baths.  
[23] He made also ten kiyyorim (lavers, basins for washing), and put five on the right and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as they offered for the olah (burnt offering) they washed in them; but the Yam was for the Kohanim to wash in.  
[24] He made also ten Menorot HaZahav as prescribed, and set them in the Heikhal, five on the right, and five on the left.  
[25] He made also ten Shulchanot, and placed them in the Heikhal, five on the right, and five on the left.  
[26] He made also ten Menorot, and placed them in the Heikhal, five on the right, and five on the left. And he made a hundred mizrekei zahav (golden basins).  
[27] Furthermore he made the Khater HaKohanim, and the Azarah HaGedolah (the Great Temple Courtyard area), and delatot laAzarah, and overlaid the daletot of them with nechoshet alafim baths.  
[28] And he set the Yam on the right, eastward, opposite the south.  
[29] And Churam made the sirot, and the shovels, and the mizlagot, and all their instruments, did Churam Aviv make for Melech Shlomo for the Bais Hashem of nechoshet maruk.  
[30] In the plain of Yarden did HaMelech cast them, in the avi ha’adamah between Sukkot and Tzeredatah.  
[31] Thus Shlomo made all these vessels in great abundance, for the weight of the nechoshet could not be found out.  
[32] And Shlomo made all the vessels that were for the Beis HaElohim, the Mizbe'ach HaZahav also, and the Shulchanot whereon the Lechem HaPanim was set;  
[33] Moreover the Menorot with their nerot (lamps), that they should burn as prescribed before the Devir, of zahav sagur;  
[34] And the flowers [see Ex.25:31], and the nerot (lamps), and the tongs, he made of zahav, and that perfect zahav;  
[35] And the snuffers, and the basins, and the ladles, and the firepans, of zahav sagur; and the Petach (Doorway) the Beis, the Daltot HaPenimiyyot (Inner Doors) thereof for the Kodesh HaKadosh, and the Daltot HaBeis laHeikhal, were of zahav.
Thus all the melachah (work) that Shlomo made for the Beis Hashem was completed; and Shlomo brought in all the things that Dovid Avi had dedicated as kodesh; and the kesef, and the zahav, and all the articles, he put among the oterot of the Bais HaElohim.

Then Shlomo gathered unto Yerushalayim the Ziknei Yisroel, and kol Rashei HaMattot (all the Heads of the Tribes), the Nesei HaAvot (Family Chiefs) of the Bnei Yisroel, to bring up the Aron Brit Hashem out of Ir Dovid, which is Tziyon.

Kol Ish Yisroel assembled themselves unto the Melech in the Chag (Feast, i.e., Sukkot) which was in the seventh month [Tishri].

And all the Ziknei Yisroel came; and the Levi'im took up the Aron.

And they brought up the Aron, and the Ohel Mo'ed and kol Klei HaKodesh (all the Holy Articles) that were in the Ohel, these did the Kohanim and the Levi'im bring up.

Also HaMelech Shlomo, and Kol Adat Yisroel that were assembled unto him before the Aron, sacrificed tzon and bakar, which could not be told nor numbered for multitude.

And the Kohanim brought in the Aron Brit Hashem unto its makom (place), to the Devir HaBeis, into the Kodesh HaKadoshim, even under the wings of the Keruvim; for the Keruvim spread forth their wings over the place of the Aron, and the Keruvim covered over the Aron and the carrying poles thereof.

Then said Shlomo, Hashem hath said that He would dwell in a dark cloud.
13| For Shlomo had made a kiyyor nechoshet (bronze platform) five cubits long, and five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the Azarah [see 4:9], and upon it he stood, and knelt down upon his knees before kol Kehal Yisroel, and spread forth his hands toward Shomayim.

14| And said, Hashem Elohei Yisroel, ein kmocha Elohim (there is no G-d like Thee) in Shomayim, nor in Ha'aretz; shomer HaBnei, who showest chessed unto Thy avadim, that walk before Thee all with their hearts.

15| Thou which has been shomer over Thy eved Dovid Avi over that which Thou hast promised him; and spoke with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with Thine hand, as it is this day.

16| Now therefore, Hashem Elohei Yisroel, be shomer over Dovid Avi to keep that which Thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee an ish in My sight to sit upon the Kisse Yisroel; if only Banecha are shomer over their way to walk in My torah, as it is this day.

17| Now then, Hashem Elohei Yisroel, let Thy Davar come true, which Thou hast spoken unto Thy eved Dovid.

18| But will Elohim really dwell with HaAdam on ha'aretz? Hinei, Shomayim and the Shmei HaShomayim cannot contain Thee; how much less this Beis which I built!

19| Yet give attention to the tefillah of Thy eved, and to his techinah (supplication), O Hashem Elohai, to pay heed unto the tefillah which Thy eved prayeth before Thee;

20| That Thine eyes may be open toward this Beis yomam valailalah, toward the makom (place) whereof Thou hast said that Thou wouldest put Shimcha there; to pay heed unto the tefillah which Thy eved prayeth toward this makom.

21| Pay heed therefore unto the tachanunei Avdecha (supplications of Thy servant), and of Thy people Yisroel, which they shall daven toward this place; hear Thou from Thy dwelling place, even from Shomayim; and when Thou hearest, salachta (forgive).

22| If an ish sin against his neighbor, and he is made to swear under oath and he swears an oath before Thine Mibech'ach in this Beis,

23| Then hear Thou from Shomayim, and act, and judge Thy avadim, by requiting the guilty, by recompensing his way upon his own rosh; and by justifying the tzaddik, by giving him according to his tzedakah.

24| And if thy people Yisroel be defeated before the oyev (enemy), because they have sinned against Thee; and shall return and confess Shmecha, and pray and make techinah before Thee in this Beis,

25| Then hear Thou from Shomayim, and forgive the sin of Thy people Yisroel, and bring them back to HaAdamah which Thou gave to them and to Avoteichem.

26| When Shomayim is shut up, and there is no matur (rain), because they have sinned against Thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess Shmecha, and turn from their sin, when Thou dost afflict them;

27| Then hear Thou from Shomayim, and forgive the sin of Thy avadim, and of Thy people Yisroel, when Thou hast taught them the Derech Ha'Tovah, wherein they should walk; and send matur upon Thy land, which Thou hast given unto Thy people for a nachalah.

28| If there be ra'av (hunger, famine) in the land, if there be dever, if there be blight, or mildew, locust, or grass-hopper; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever nega or machalah there be,

29| Then what tefillah or what techinah soever shall be made of kol ha'adam, or of all Thy people Yisroel, when every one shall know his own nega and his own pain, and shall spread forth his hands in this Beis,

30| Then hear Thou from Shomayim Thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose lev Thou knowest; (for Thou only knowest the hearts of the Bnei HaAdam),

31| That they may fear Thee, to walk in Thy ways, so long as they live in HaAdamah which Thou gavest unto Avoteinu.

32| Also concerning the nokhri, who is not of Thy people Yisroel, but is come from a far country for the sake of Shimcha Hagadol, Thy yad hachazakeh, and Thy zero'a stretched out; if they come and pray toward this Beis,

33| Then hear Thou from Shomayim, even from Thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the nokhri calleth for to Thee, that kol Amei Ha'aretz may know Shimcha.

34| If Thy people go out to mishlakah against their enemies by the derech that Thou shalt send them, and they pray unto Thee toward this city which Thou hast
chosen, and the Beis which I have built for Shmecha,
[35] Then hear Thou from Shomayim their tefillah and their techinnah, and uphold their mishpat.
[36] If they sin against Thee, (for there is no adam which sinneth not), and Thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captive unto an Eretz rechokah or kerovah,
[37] Yet if they change in their heart in the land where they are carried captive, and repent and supplicate unto Thee in the land of their captivity, saying, Chatanu (we have sinned), he'evnu (we have done wrong), and rashanu (we acted wickedly);
[38] If they return to Thee with all their lev and with all their nefesh in the land of their captivity, where they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which Thou gavest unto Avotam, and toward HaIr which Thou hast chosen, and the Beis which I have built for Shmecha, 

Shlomo had made was not able to receive the Olot, and the Mincha, and HaChalavim (the fats).
[8] Also at the same time Shlomo kept the Chag (see v. 9) shivat yamim, and kol Yisroel with him, a Kahal Gadol Meod, from the Levo (Approach) Chamat unto the Wadi Mitzrayim.
[9] And on the Yom HaShemini they held an Atzeret (solemn assembly); for they kept the chanukat HaMizbeach (dedication of the altar, i.e., the Beis Hamikdash) shivat yamim, and the chag [Sukkot] shivat yamim.
[10] And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent HaAm away into their ohalim joyful and tovei lev for the goodness that Hashem had showed unto Dovid, and to Shlomo, and to Yisroel His Am.
[11] Thus Shlomo finished the Beis Hashem, and the Beis HaMelech; and all that came into the lev Shlomo to do in the Beis Hashem, and in his own palace, he prosperously effected.
[12] And Hashem appeared to Shlomo balailah, and said unto him, I have heard thy tefillah, and will forgive Thy people which have sinned against Thee.
Now Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attentive unto the tefillah that is made in Makom HaZeh.

For now have I chosen and set apart as kodesh HaBeis HaZeh, that Shmi may be there ad olam, and Mine eyes and Mine lev shall be there kol hayamim.

And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before Me, as Dovid Avicha walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe My chukkot and My mishpatim;

Then will I establish the kisse of thy Malchut, just as I have covenanted with Dovid Avicha, saying, Lo yikaret lecha ish moshel b'Yisroel.

But if ye turn away, and forsake My chukkot and My mitzvot, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve elohim acherim, and worship them, then will I uproot them out of My Adamah which I have given them; and HaBeis HaZeh, which I have set apart as kodesh for Shmi, will I cast out of My sight, and will make it to be a Mashal (byword) and an object of ridicule among Kol haAmim.

And HaBeis HaZeh, which is elyon, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath Hashem done thus unto HaAretz HaZot, and unto HaBeis HaZeh?

And it came to pass at the end of esrim shanah, wherein Sh'lomo had built the Beis Hashem, and his own bais (palace),

That the cities which Churam had restored to Shlomo, Shlomo rebuilt them, and caused the Bnei Yisroel to dwell there.

And Shlomo went to Chamat Tzovah, and captured it.

And he built Tadmor in the midbar, and all the storage towns, which he built in Chamat.

Also he rebuilt Upper Beit Choron, and Lower Beit Choron, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars,

And Ba'alat, and all the storage towns that Sh'lomo had, and all the towns for the chariots, and the towns for the parashim (horsemen, cavalry) all the cheshek Sh'lomo (desire of Solomon) that he desired to build in Yerushalayim, and in the Levanon, and throughout all the eretz of his Memshalet.

As for kol haAm that were left of the Chitti, and HaEmori, and the Perizzi, and the Chivi, and the Yevusi, who were not of Yisroel,

From their banim, who were left after them in HaAretz, whom the Bnei Yisroel consumed not, them did Sh'lomo conscript for forced labor until yom hazeh.

But of the Bnei Yisroel did Sh'lomo make no avadim for his melachah; for they were anshei milchamah, and commanders of his officers, and commanders of his chariots and parash.

And they deviated not from the mitzvat HaMelech unto the Kohanim and Levi'im concerning any matter, or concerning the otzarot.

Now all the work of Shlomo was carried out from the yom musad (day of the foundation) of the Beis Hashem until its completion. So the Beis Hashem was perfected.

Then went Shlomo to Etzyon-Gever, and to Eilat, on the seacoast of Eretz Edom.

And he appointed, according to the mishpat Dovid Aviv, the machlekot (divisions) of the Kohanim to their avodah service, and the Levi'im to their mishmerot (watches), to praise and minister before the Kohanim, as the requirement of every yom required; the Sho'arim (Gatekeepers) also by their machlekot (divisions) at every sha'ar; for thus was the mishpat Dovid Ish HaElohim.

And they deviated not from the mitzvat HaMelech unto the Kohanim and Levi'im concerning any matter, or concerning the ozatar.

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Then went Shlomo to Etzyon-Gever, and to Eilat, on the seacoast of Eretz Edom.

And it came to pass at the end of esrim shanah, wherein Shlomo had built the Beis Hashem, and his own bais (palace),

That the cities which Churam had restored to Shlomo, Shlomo rebuilt them, and caused the Bnei Yisroel to dwell there.

And Shlomo went to Chamat Tzovah, and captured it.

And he built Tadmor in the midbar, and all the storage towns, which he built in Chamat.

Also he rebuilt Upper Beit Choron, and Lower Beit Choron, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars,

And Ba'alat, and all the storage towns that Shlomo had, and all the towns for the chariots, and the towns for the parashim (horsemen, cavalry) all the cheshek Sh'lomo (desire of Solomon) that he desired to build in Yerushalayim, and in the Levanon, and throughout all the eretz of his Memshalet.

As for kol haAm that were left of the Chitti, and HaEmori, and the Perizzi, and the Chivi, and the Yevusi, who were not of Yisroel,

From their banim, who were left after them in HaAretz, whom the Bnei Yisroel consumed not, them did Sh'lomo conscript for forced labor until yom hazeh.

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And these were the chief of the officials of Shlomo HaMelech, even two hundred and fifty, that exercised authority over HaAm.

And Shlomo brought up the Bat Pharaoh out of Ir Dovid unto the palace that he had built for her, for he said, Isha li (wife for me) shall not dwell in the Bais Dovid Melech Yisroel, because the places whereunto the Aron Hashem hath come are Kodesh.

Then Shlomo offered up Olot unto Hashem on the Mizbe'ach Hashem, which he had built before the Ulam, even in the Chag HaMatzot, and in the Chag HaHavdalah, and in the Chag HaSukkot.

And he appointed, according to the mishpat Dovid Aviv, the machlekot (divisions) of the Kohanim to their avodah service, and the Levi'im to their mishmerot (watches), to praise and minister before the Kohanim, as the requirement of every yom required; the Sho'arim (Gatekeepers) also by their machlekot (divisions) at every sha'ar; for thus was the mitzvat Dovid Ish HaElohim.

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T.N. See Ep 2:20 in connection with the musad (foundation in 2Cr 8:16) where the OJBC speaks about Shluchim and Nevi'im and Moshiach as the Rosh Pinah
And Churam sent him by the hands of his avadim oniyot, and avadim that were experienced seamen; and they went with the avadim of Shlomo to Ophir, and took from there four hundred and fifty talents of zahav, and brought them to Shlomo HaMelech.

And when the Malkat Sheva (Queen of Sheba) heard of the fame of Shlomo, she came to test Shlomo with chidot (hard questions, riddles) at Yerushalayim, with a very great caravan, and camels that carried spices, and zahav in abundance, and precious stones; and when she was come to Shlomo, she communed with him of all that was in her levav.

And Shlomo gave answer to all her questions; and there was nothing hid from Shlomo which he explained not to her.

And she gave HaMelech a hundred and twenty talents of zahav, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones; neither was there ever such spice as the Malkat Sheva gave Shlomo HaMelech.

And the avadim also of Churam, and the avadim of Shlomo, which brought zahav from Ophir, brought atzei algummim (algum trees) and precious stones.

And HaMelech made of the atzei algummim steps for the Beis Hashem, and for the Beis HaMelech, and kinnorot and nevalim for the musicians; and there were none such seen before in the Eretz Yehudah.

And Shlomo HaMelech gave to Malkat Sheva all her chefetz, whatsoever she asked, beside such that she had brought unto HaMelech. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her avadim.

Now the weight of zahav that came to Shlomo in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of zahav;

Besides that which traders and merchants brought. And all the melachim of Arabia and governors of the country brought zahav and kesef to Shlomo.
clothing, weapons, and spices, susim, and peradim (mules), at a set rate.
[25] And Shlomo had four thousand stalls for susim and markovot (chariots), and twelve thousand parashim whom he kept in the chariot cities, and with HaMelech at Yerushalayim.
[26] And he reigned over all the melachim from the River [i.e., the Euphrates] even unto the Eretz Pelishtim, and to the border of Mitzrayim.
[27] And HaMelech made kesef in Yerushalayim as common as stones, and cedar trees he made like sycamore trees that are in the Shefelah in abundance.
[28] And they imported unto Shlomo susim out of Mitzrayim, and from all the lands.
[29] Now the rest of the Divrei Shlomo, harishonim and ha’acharonim, are they not written in the Divrei Natan HaNavi, and in the Nevu’at Achiyah the Shiloni, and in the chazot Yadai HaChozer against Yarov’am ben Nevat?
[31] And Shlomo slept with Avotav, and he was buried in Ir Dovid Aviv. And Rechav’am Bno reigned in his place.

And Rechav’am went to Shechem, for to Shechem were kol Yisroel come to make him melech.
[2] And it came to pass, when Yarov’am ben Nevat, who was in Mitzrayim, where he fled from the presence of Shlomo HaMelech heard it, that Yarov’am returned out of Mitzrayim.
[3] And they sent and called him. So Yarovi’am and kol Yisroel came and spoke to Rechav’am, saying,
[4] Avicha made our ol (yoke) kasher (difficult, harsh); now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous avodas Avicha, and his heavy ol (yoke i.e., taxes, see verse 18) that he put upon us, and we will serve thee.
[5] And he said unto them, Shuvu (come back, return) unto me after shloshet yamin. And HaAm departed.
[6] And HaMelech Rechav’am took counsel with the Zekenim that had stood before Shlomo Avi while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to HaAm HaZeh?
[7] And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou be kind to HaAm HaZeh, and please them, and speak devarim tovim to them, they will be thy avadim kol hayamim (all the days).
[8] But he forsook the Atzat HaZekenim they gave him, and took counsel with the yeladim that were brought up with him, that stood before him.
[9] And he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return answer to HaAm HaZeh, and please them, and speak devarim tovim to them, they will be thy avadim kol hayamim (all the days).
[10] And the yeladim that grew up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer HaAm that spoke unto thee, saying, Avicha made our ol (yoke) heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger is thicker than the loins of Avi.
[11] For whereas Avi put an ol kaved (a heavy yoke) upon you, I will add more to your ol (yoke). Avi chastised you with shotim (whips), but I will chastise you with akrabim (scorpions).
[12] So Yarovi’am and kol HaAm came to Rechav’am on the Yom HaShelishi, as HaMelech said, Shuva (return) to me on the Yom HaShelishi.
[13] And HaMelech answered them kashish (harshly); and HaMelech Rechav’am forsook the Atzat HaZekenim, and answered them after the Atzat HaYeladim, saying, Avi made your ol (yoke) heavy, but I will add thereto; Avi chastised you with shotim (whips), but I will chastise you with akrabim (scorpions).
[14] So HaMelech paid heed not unto HaAm, for the nesibah (turn of events, circumstance) was of HaElohim, that Hashem might perform His Devar, which He spoke by the yad Achiyah HaShiloni to Yarov’am ben Nevat. [1Kgs 11:29-39]
[15] And when kol Yisroel saw that HaMelech would not pay heed unto them, HaAm answered HaMelech, saying, What chelek have we in Dovid? We have none nachalah in Ben Yishai. Every ish to your ohalim, O Yisroel; and now, Dovid, see to thine own Bais. So kol Yisroel went to their ohalim.
[16] But as for the Bnei Yisroel that dwelt in the towns of Yehudah, Rechav’am reigned over them.
[17] Then HaMelech Rechav’am sent Hadoram [I Kgs 12:18 ‘Adoram’] who was over the mas (tax, tribute); and the Bnei Yisroel stoned him with stones, that he died. But HaMelech Rechav’am made speed to get up into his merkavah, to escape to Yerushalayim.
[18] And Yisroel rebelled against the Bais Dovid unto Hayom Hazeh.
And when Rechav'am was come to Yerushalayim, he gathered of the Bais Yehudah and Binyamin a hundred and fourscore thousand bachur oseh milchamah (chosen men, which were warriors), to make war against Yisroel, that he might restore the mamlachah to Rechav'am.

[2] But the Devar Hashem came to Shemayah the Ish HaElohim, saying, Speak unto Rechav'am ben Sh'lomo Melech Yehudah, and to kol Yisroel in Yehudah and Binyamin, saying, Thus saith Hashem, Ye shall not go up, nor make war against your achim. Shuvu (return) every ish to his bais, for this thing is done from Me. And they obeyed the divrei Hashem, and returned back from going against Yarow'am.


[6] He built even Beit-Lechem, and Eitam, and Tekoa,
[7] Bei-Tzur, Socho, Adulam,
[8] Gat, Mareshah, Ziph,
[9] And Adorayim, and Lachish, and Azekah,
[10] And Tzorah, and Ayalon, and Chevron, which are in Yehudah and in Binyamin arei metzurot (fortified cities).

[11] And he fortified the metzurot (fortifications), and put negidim (rulers) in them, and otzerot ma'achal (storage places of food), and of shemen and yayin.

[12] And in all the cities he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong, having Yehudah and Binyamin on his side.

[13] And the Kohanim and the Levi'im that were in kol Yisroel availed themselves to him from all their territories.

[14] For the Levi'im abandoned their common-lands and their achuzzah (possession, estate) and came to Yehudah and Yerushalayim; for Yarow'am and his banim had cast them off from executing the office of Kohen unto Hashem.

[15] And he ordained him kohanim for the high places, and for the se'irim (goat idols, demons) and for the agalim (calf idols) which he had made.

[16] And after them from all the Shivtei Yisroel such as set their hearts to seek Hashem Elohei Yisroel came to Yerushalayim, to sacrifice unto Hashem Elohei Avoteihem.

[17] So they strengthened the Malchut Yehudah, and made Rechav'am ben Shlomo strong, shanim shalosh. For shanim shalosh they walked in the Derech Dovid u'Sh'lomo.

[18] And Rechav'am took him Machalat bat Yerimot Ben Dovid as isha, and Avichayil bat Eliav ben Yishai,

[20] And after her he took Ma'achah bat Avshalom, who bore him Aviyah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shlomit.

[21] And Rechav'am loved Ma'achah bat Avshalom more than any of his nashim and his pilagshim; (for he took eighteen nashim, and threescore pilagshim, and fathered twenty and eight banim, and threescore banot.)

[22] And Rechav'am made Aviyah ben Ma'achah the rosh, to be nagid among his achim, for he intended to make him melech.

[23] And he acted wisely, and dispersed kol banim of him throughout all the lands of Yehudah and Binyamin, unto all of the arei hametzurot (fortified cities); and he gave them mazon (provision, food) in abundance. And he took for them many wives.

And it came to pass, when Rechav'am had established the malchut, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the Torat Hashem, and kol Yisroel with him.

[2] And it came to pass, that in the shanah hachamishit of Melech Rechav'am Shishak Melech Mitzrayim came up against Yerushalayim, because they were unfaithful to Hashem,

[3] With 1200 chariots, and 60,000 parashim, and troops without number that came with him out of Mitzrayim, the Luvim, the Sukkiim, and the Cushim.

[4] And he captured the arei hametzurot (fortified cities) which are of Yehudah, and came as far as Yerushalayim.

[5] Then came Shemayah HaNavi to Rechav'am, and to the Sarim of Yisroel, that were assembled in Yerushalayim because of Shishak, and said unto them, Tzaddik Hashem.

[6] Whereupon the Sarim (princes) of Yisroel and HaMelech humbled themselves; and they said, Tzaddik Hashem.

[7] And when Hashem saw that they humbled themselves, the Devar Hashem came to Shemayah, saying, They have humbled themselves; therefore I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some peleitah (deliverance, rescue); and My chamah (anger, wrath) shall not be poured out upon Yerushalayim by the yad Shishak.
Nevertheless they shall be his avadim; that they may differentiate My avodah, and the avodat mamlechut of the lands.

So Shishak Melech Mitzrayim came up against Yerushalayim, and carried away the otzerot of the Beis Hashem, and the otzerot Bais HaMelech. He took all; he carried away also the moginei hazhav (shields of gold) which Sh'lomo had made.

Instead of which HaMelech Rechav'am made moginei nechoshet, and committed them to the hands of the commanders of the guard, the Shomrim who kept the Petach Bais Hamelech.

And as often as HaMelech entered into the Beis Hashem, the guard came and got the shields, and afterward brought them again into the guardroom.

And when he humbled himself, the Af Hashem turned from him, that He would not destroy him altogether; and also in Yehudah things went well.

Rechav'am and Yarov'am continued.

Now in the eighteenth year of Melech Yarow'am began Aviyah to reign over Yehudah.

He reigned 3 shanim in Yerushalayim. And the shem immo was Michayah bat Uriel of Giveah. And there was milchamah between Aviyah and Yarow'am.

And Aviyah led the milchamah with an army of gibborei milchamah, even 400 elef ish bachur. Yarow'am also drew up for milchamah against him with 800 elef ish bachur, gibbor chayil.

And Aviyah stood up upon Mt Tzemarayim, which is in the hill country of Ephrayim, and said, Hear me, thou Yarow'am, and kol Yisroel.

Ought ye not to know that Hashem Elohei Yisroel gave the Mamlachah over Yisroel to Dovid l'olam (forever), even to him and to his banim by a Brit Melach [see Num 18:19]?

Yet Yarow'am ben Nevat eved Sh'lomo ben Dovid is risen up, and hath rebelled against Adonay.

And there are gathered unto him anashim rekim, the Bnei Beliyaal, and have strengthened themselves against Rechav'am ben Shlomo, when Rechav'am was na'ar and rakh levav (faint-hearted), and could not withstand them.

And now ye think to withstand the Mamlechet Hashem in the yad Bnei Dovid; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you eglei zahav, which Yarow'am made you for elohim.

Have ye not cast out the Kohanim of Hashem, the Bnei Aharon, and the Levim, and have made you kohanim after the manner of the peoples of other lands? So whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bull and 7 rams, the same may be a kohen of them that are no elohim.

But as for us, Hashem is Eloheinu, and we have not forsaken Him, and the Kohanim, mesharetim unto Hashem, are the Bnei Aharon, and the Levim do their work;

And they have burned unto Hashem baboker baboker and baerev baerev olot and ketoret samim; the array of lechem is also set in order upon the shulchan hatahor; and the menorah hazhav with the nerot thereof is lit erev ba'erev; for we are the Shomrim of the Mishmeret Hashem Eloheinu; but ye have forsaken Him.

And, hinei, HaElohim Himself is with us as Rosh, and His Kohanim have their chatzotzerot to sound the alarm against you. O Bnei Yisroel, fight ye not against Hashem Elohei Avoteichem; for ye shall not prosper.

But Yarow'am caused a ma'arav to come about behind them so that they were before Yehudah, and the ma'arav was behind them.

And when Yehudah turned, hinei, the milchamah was before and behind, and they cried unto Hashem, and the Kohanim sounded the battle trumpets.

Then the Ish Yehudah gave a shout, and as the Ish Yehudah shouted, it came to pass, that Ha Elohim routed Yarow'am and kol Yisroel before Aviyah and Yehudah.

And the Bnei Yisroel fled before Yehudah, and Elohim
delivered them into their yad.
|17| And Aviyah and his army slaughtered them with a makkah rabbah (great slaughter); so there fell down slain of Yisroel five hundred thousand ish bachur.
|18| Thus the Bnei Yisroel were subdued at that time, and the Bnei Yehudah prevailed, because they relied upon Hashem Elohei Avoteihem.
|19| And Aviyah pursued after Yarov'am, and took cities from him: Beit-El with the towns thereof, and Yeshanah with the villages thereof, and Ephrayim with the villages thereof.
|20| Neither did Yarov'am recover ko'ach again in the days of Aviyah; and Hashem struck him, and he died.
|21| But Aviyah grew strong, and married fourteen nashim, and fathered twenty and two banim, and sixteen banot.
|22| And the rest of the acts of Aviyah, and his deeds, and his words, are written in the Midrash HaNavi Iddo.

So Aviyah slept with Avotav, and they buried him in Ir Dovid, and Asa bno rejoined in his place. In his days HaAretz was at peace eser shanim.

And Asa did that which was hatov and yashar in the eyes of Hashem Elohav;
|2| And he built arei metzurah in Yehudah; for HaAretz was at peace, and he had no milchanah in those years, because Hashem had given him rest.
|3| Therefore he said unto Yehudah, Let us build up these cities, and make about them chomah, and migdalim, gates, and bars. HaAretz is yet before us, because we have sought Hashem Eloheinu, we have sought Him, and He hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered.
|4| And Asa had an army of men that bore shields and spears, out of Yehudah three hundred thousand; and out of Binyamin, that bore mogen and drew keshet (bow), two hundred and fourscore elf; all these were gibborei chayil.
|5| And there came out against them Zerach HaCushi with a host of elef alafim, and three hundred merkavot; and came as far as Mareshah.
|6| Then Asa went out against him, and they took up position for the milchamah in the valley of Zephatah at Mareshah.
|7| Asa cried unto Hashem Elohav, and said, Hashem is with you, while ye be with Him; if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you. Hashem Thou art Eloheinu; let no enosh prevail against Thee.
|8| So Hashem struck down HaCushim before Asa, and before Yehudah, and HaCushim fled.
|9| And Asa and HaAm that were with him pursued them as far as Gerar, and HaCushim fell, until they could not survive, for they were crushed before Hashem, and before His Machaneh. They carried off very much plunder.
|10| They attacked also the ohalim of herdsmen, and carried off tzon and gemalim in abundance, and returned to Yerushalayim.

And the Ruach Elohim came upon Azaryahu ben Oded;
|2| And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and kol Yehudah and Binyah, and kol Yehudah and Binyamin. Hashem is with you, while ye be with Him; if ye seek Him, He will be found of you; if ye forsake Him, He will forsake you.
|3| Now for yamim rabbim Yisroel hath been without the Elohei Emes, and without a Kohen Moreh, and without Torah.
|4| But when they in their tzoros did turn unto Hashem Elohei Yisroel, and sought Him, He was found by them.
|5| And in those times there was no shalom to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but mehumot rabbot (great turmoil) was upon all the inhabitants of the lands.
|6| And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city, for Elohim did trouble them with every tzuris.

Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak, for there is sachar (reward) for your pe'ulah (work).
And when Asa heard these words, and the nevu'ah of Oded HaNavi, he took courage, and put away the shikkutzim (abominable idols) from kol Eretz Yehudah and Binyamin, and from the cities which he had captured from Mt Ephrayim, and renewed the Mizbe'ach Hashem, that was in front of the Ulam Hashem.

And he gathered all Yehudah and Binyamin, and the gerim with them from Ephrayim and Menasheh, and from Shim'on, for they fell to him from Yisroel in abundance, when they saw that Hashem Elohav was with him.

So they gathered themselves together at Yerushalayim in the chodesh hashelishi, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

And they offered unto Hashem on that day, of the plunder which they had brought back, 700 bakar and 7000 tzon.

And they entered into the Brit to seek Hashem Elohei Avoteihem with all their lev and with all their nefesh;

That whosoever would not seek Hashem Elohei Yisroel should be put to death, whether katan or gadol, whether ish or isha.

And they swore unto Hashem with a kol gadol, and with teruah, and with trumpets, and with shoferot.

And all Yehudah rejoiced at the shevu'ah, for they had sworn with all their lev, and sought Him with their whole ratzon; and He was found by them; and Hashem gave them rest all around.

And also concerning Ma'achah em Asa HaMelech, he deposed her from being gevira, because she had made to Asherah a mifletzet, and Asa cut down her mifletzet, and ground it up, and burned it at the Wadi Kidron.

But the high places were not removed from Yisroel; nevertheless the levav Asa was shalem all his days.

And he brought into the Beis HaElohim the things that Aviv had dedicated as kodesh, and that he himself had dedicated as kodesh, kesef, and zahav, and kelim.

And there was no more milchamot unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

In the six and thirtieth year Malchut Asa (of the reign of Asa) Ba'asha Melech Yisroel went up against Yehudah, and fortified Ramah, to the intent that he might let none go out or come in to the territory of Asa Melech Yehudah.

Then Asa brought out kesef and zahav out of the otzarot of the Beis Hashem and of the Bais HaMelech, and sent to Ben-Hadad Melech Aram (Syria), the one ruling in Damascus, saying,

There is a brit between me and thee, as there was between Avi and Avicha. Hinei, I have sent thee kesef and zahav; come, break thy brit with Ba'asha Melech Yisroel, that he may withdraw from me.

And Ben-Hadad paid heed unto HaMelech Asa, and sent the officers of his forces against the cities of Yisroel, and they struck down Iyon, and Dan, and Abel Mayim, and all the storage cities of Naphtali.

And Asa slept with his Avotav, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own kever, and laid him on a mishkav (bed) which was filled with sweet spices and perfumes prepared by away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Ba'aasha was building; and he built therewith Geva and Mizpah.

And at that time Chanani HaRo'eh came to Asa Melech Yehudah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on Melech Aram, and not relied on Hashem Eloheicha, therefore is the army of Melech Aram escaped out of thine yad.

Were not the Cushim and the Luvim a huge army, with very many chariots and parashim? Yet, because thou didst rely on Hashem, He delivered them into thine yad.

For the eyes of Hashem run to and fro kol HaAretz, to strengthen them whose lev is shalem (wholehearted) toward Him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; therefore from henceforth thou shalt have milchamot.

Then Asa was wroth with the ro'eh, put him in a prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of HaAm at the same time.

And, hinei, the acts of Asa, harishonim and ha'acharonim, see, they are written in the Sefer HaMelachim Yehudah and Yisroel.

And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his malchut (reign) became diseased in his raglayim, until his disease was exceedingly great. Yet even in his disease he sought not Hashem, but only the rofe'im.

And Asa slept with his Avotav, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign.

And they buried him in his own kever (sepulchre, burial cave), which he had cut for himself in Ir Dovid, and laid him on a mishkav (bed) which was filled with sweet spices and perfumes prepared by
And Yehoshaphat bno reigned in his place, and strengthened himself against Yisroel.

And he placed troops in all the fortified cities of Yehudah, and set netzivim (garrisons) in Eretz Yehudah, and in the towns of Ephrayim, which Asa Aviv had captured.

And Hashem was with Yehoshaphat, because he walked in the darkhei Dovid Aviv harishonim, and sought not unto Ba'alim;

But sought Hashem Elohei Aviv, and walked in His mitzvot, and not after the ma'asei Yisroel.

Therefore Hashem established the Mamlachah in his yad; and all Yehudah brought to Yehoshaphat minchah; and he had osher and kavod in abundance.

And his lev was elevated in the darkhei Hashem; moreover he removed the high places and Asherim from Yehudah.

Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his sarim (officials), even to Ben-Chayil, and to Ovadyah, and to Zecharyah, and to Netanel, and to Michayahu, to teach in the cities of Yehudah.

And with them he sent Levi'im, even Shemayahu, and Netanyahu, and Zevadyahu, and Asahel, and Shemiramot, and Yehonatan, and Adoniyahu, and Tuviyahu, and Tov Adoniyah, Levi'im; and with them Elishama and Yehoram, Kohanim.

And they taught in Yehudah, and had with them the Sefer Torat Hashem, and went about throughout all the cities of Yehudah, and taught HaAm.

And the Pachad Hashem fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were surrounding Yehudah, so that they made no war against Yehoshaphat.

And also some of the Pelishtim (Philistines) brought Yehoshaphat minchah, and kesef massa (tribute); and the Arabs brought him tzon, seven thousand seven hundred rams, and seven thousand seven hundred goats.

And Yehoshaphat grew great exceedingly; and he built in Yehudah fortresses and storage cities.

And he had melachah rabbah in the cities of Yehudah; and the anshei milchamah, gibborei chayil were in Yerushalayim.

These were the pekuddah (enrollment numbers) of them according to the Bais Avoteihem: of Yehudah, the sarei alafim; Adnah HaSar, and with him gibborei chayil three hundred elef.

And next to him was Yehochanan HaSar, and with him two hundred and fourscore elef.

And next to him was Amasyah ben Zichri, who volunteered unto Hashem, and with him two hundred elef gibbor chayil.

And from Binyamin, Elyada a gibbor chayil, and with him gibborei chayil three hundred elef.

And next to him was Yehozavad, and with him two hundred and fourscore elef.

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These waited on HaMelech, beside those whom HaMelech put in the fortified cities throughout all Yehudah.

Now Yehoshaphat had osher and kavod in abundance, and allied himself with Ach'av.

And Iketz shanim he went down to Ach'av in Shomron. And Ach'av killed tzon and bakar for him in abundance, and for HaAm that he had with him, and persuaded him to go up with him to Ramot Gil’ad.

And Ach'av Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah, Why dost thou go with me to Ramot Gil’ad? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the mishmashah.

And Yehoshaphat said unto the Melech Yisroel, Inquire, now at the Devar Hashem today.

Therefore the Melech Yisroel gathered together of nevi'im four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to war against Ramot Gil’ad, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for HaElohim will deliver it into the yad HaMelech.

But Yehoshaphat said, Is there not here a navi of Hashem, that we might inquire of him?

And the Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat, There is yet ish echad (one man), by whom we may inquire of Hashem, but I hate him because he never prophesied for tov about me, but always ra’ah; the same is Mikhay’hu ben Imla. And Yehoshaphat said, HaMelech should not say that.

And the Melech Yisroel called for one of his officials, and said, Bring at once Mikhay’hu ben Imla. And Yehoshaphat said, HaMelech should not say that.

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Sha'ar Shomron; and all the nevi'im prophesied before them.

[10] And Tzidkiyahu ben Kena'anah had made him karnayim of barzel, and said, Thus saith Hashem, With these thou shalt gore Aram (Syria) until they be consumed.

[11] And all the nevi'im prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramot Gil'ad, and be victorious, for Hashem shall deliver it into the yad HaMelech.

[12] And the malach that went to call Mikhay'hu spoke to him, saying, Hinei, the Shem of Hashem is upon thee.

[13] And Mikhay'hu said, As Hashem liveth, only what Elohai saith, that will I speak.

[14] And when he was come to HaMelech, HaMelech said unto him, Mikhay'hu, shall we go to war against Ramot Gil'ad, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and be victorious, and they shall be delivered into your yad.

[15] And HaMelech said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the emes to me in the Shem of Hashem?

[16] Then he said, I saw kol Yisroel scattered upon the mountains, like tzon that have no ro'eh, and Hashem said, These have no adonim; let them return therefore every ish to his bais in shalom.

[17] And the Melech Yisroel said to Yehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy tov unto me, but rah?

[18] Again he said, Therefore hear the Devar Hashem: I saw Hashem sitting upon His Kisse, and all Tzva HaShomayim standing on his right and on his left.

[19] And Hashem said, Who shall entice Ach'av Melech Yisroel, that he may go up and fall at Ramot Gil'ad? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

[20] Then there came out a ruach, and stood before Hashem, and said, I will entice him. And Hashem said unto him, How?

[21] And he said, I will go out, and be a ruach sheker (lying spirit) in the mouth of these thy nevi'im, and Hashem hath decreed ra'ah against thee.

[22] Now therefore, hinei, Hashem hath put a ruach sheker in the mouth of these thy nevi'im, and Hashem hath decreed ra'ah against thee.

[23] Then Tzidkiyahu ben Kena'anah came near, and struck Mikhay'hu upon the lechi (cheek), and said, Which way went the Ruach Hashem from me to speak unto thee?

[24] And Mikhay'hu said, Thou shalt find out on that yom when thou shalt go into checher b'cheder (inner chamber) to hide thyself.

[25] Then the Melech Yisroel said, Take ye Mikhay'hu, and carry him back to Amon Sar HaIrl, and to Yoash ben HaMelech.

[26] And say, Thus saith HaMelech, Put this in the bais hakaleleh, and feed him with only a scanty prison diet of lechem and only mayim, until I return b'shalom.

[27] And Mikhay'hu said, If thou certainly return in shalom, then hath not Hashem spoken by me. And he said, Mark words, all ye people.

[28] So the Melech Yisroel and Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah went up to Ramot Gil'ad.

[29] And the Melech Yisroel said unto Yehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and I will go to the milchamah; but put thou on thy robes. So the Melech Yisroel disguised himself; and they went to the milchamah.

[30] Now Melech Aram had commanded the commanders of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with katon or gadol, only with the Melech Yisroel.

[31] And it came to pass, when the commanders of the chariots saw Yehoshaphat, that they said, It is the Melech Yisroel. Therefore they surrounded him to fight, but Yehoshaphat cried out, and Hashem helped him; and Elohim moved them away from him.

[32] For it came to pass, that, when the commanders of the chariots perceived that it was not Melech Yisroel, they turned back from pursuing him.

[33] And an ish drew a keshet at random, and struck Melech Yisroel between the devakim (joints) of the shiryon (armor); therefore he said to his chariot driver, Turn thine yad, that thou mayest take me out of the machaneh, for I am wounded.

[34] And the milchamah increased that day. Howbeit the Melech Yisroel propped himself up in his merkavah facing Aram (the Syrians) until the erev; and about the time of the shemesh going down he died.

T.N. This story illustrates the great difficulty in being a preacher that people will listen to: they want to hear what they want to hear, and, being set in their ways, have decided to mold the House of G-d to their stubbornness, rather than change or grow in the L-rd]
And Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah returned to his Bais (Palace) in shalom in Yerushalayim.

2 And Yehu ben Chanani HaChozer (the Seer) went out to meet him, and said to HaMelech Yehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the rasha, and love them that hate Hashem? Therefore ketzef (wrath) is upon thee from before Hashem.

3 Nevertheless there are devarim tovim (good things) found in thee, in that thou hast removed HaAsherot from HaAretz, and hast prepared thine lev to seek HaElohim.

4 And Yehoshaphat dwelt in Yerushalayim; and he went out again among HaAm from Beer Sheva to Mt Ephrayim, and he turned them back unto Hashem Elohei Avoteihem.

5 And he appointed Shofetim in HaAretz throughout all the fortified cities of Yehudah, city by city,

6 And said to the Shofetim, Take heed what ye do, for ye judge not for adam, but for Hashem, Who is with you in the devar mishpat (verdict).

7 Wherefore now let the Pachad Hashem be upon you; be shomer and do it, for there is no avlah (injustice) with Hashem Eloheinu, nor massa panim (respect of persons), nor mikkach shochad (taking of bribes).

8 Moreover in Yerushalayim did Yehoshaphat station Levi'im, and Kohanim, and Rashei HaAvot Yisroel, for the Mishpat Hashem, and for riv (disputes), and they returned to Yerushalayim.

9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the yirat Hashem, be'emunah and with a levav shalem.

10 And what riv soever shall come before you of your achim that dwell in your cities, between dahm and damh, between torah and mitzvah, chukkot and mishpatim, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against Hashem, and so ketzef (wrath) come upon you, and upon your achim; this do, and ye shall not trespass.

11 And, hinei, Amaryahu Kohen HaRosh is over you in all matters of Hashem; and Zevadyahu ben Yishmael, the Nagid of the Bais Yehudah, for all the matters of HaMelech; also the Levi'im shall be shoterim (officers) before you. Deal courageously, and Hashem be with hatov.

It came to pass after this also, that the Bnei Moav, and the Bnei Ammon, and with them some Ammonim, came against Yehoshaphat to make milchamah.

2 Then there came some that told Yehoshaphat, saying, Therecometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the Yam (Dead Sea), and, hinei, they are in Chatzatzon-Tamar, which is Ein-Gedi.

3 And Yehoshaphat feared, and set his face to inquire of Hashem, and proclaimed a tzom throughout all Yehudah.

4 And Yehudah gathered themselves together, to ask help of Hashem, even from all the towns of Yehudah they came to seek help of Hashem.

5 And he stood in the Kehal Yehudah and Yerushalayim, in the Beis Hashem, before the khatzer hachadashah,

6 And he said, Hashem Elohei Avoteinu, art not Thou Elohim in Shomayim? And in Thine yad is there not ko'ach and gevurah, so that none is able to withstand thee?

7 Art not Thou Eloheinu, Who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before Thy people Yisroel, and gavest it to the Zera Avraham ohav'cha l'olam (Thy friend forever)?

8 And they dwelt therein, and have built Thee a Mikdash therein for Thy Shem, saying,

9 If, when ra'ah cometh upon us, as the cheruv, shefot, or dever, or ra'av (famine), we stand before HaBeis HaZeh, and in Thy presence, (for Thy Shem is in HaBeis HaZeh,) and cry unto Thee in tzarateinu (our affliction), then Thou wilt hear and save.

10 And now, hinei, the Bnei Ammon and Moav and Mt Seir, whom Thou wouldest not let Yisroel invade, when they came out of Eretz Mitzrayim, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not,

11 Hinei, what gomelim (ones repaying) they are to us, to come to drive us out of Thy yerushah (inheritance), which Thou hast given us.

12 O Eloheinu, wih Thou not judge them? For we have no ko'ach against this great multitude that cometh against us; neither know we what to do, but our eyes are upon Thee.

13 And all Yehudah stood before Hashem, with their little ones, their nashim, and their banim.

14 Then upon Yachziel ben Zecharyahu ben Benayah ben Ye'iel ben Matanyah, a Levi of the Bnei Asaph, came the Ruach Hashem in the midst of the Kahal,

15 And he said, Pay heed ye, all Yehudah, and ye inhabitants of Yerushalayim, and thou
Melech Yehoshaphat. Thus saith Hashem unto you: Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the milchamah is not yours, but that of Elohim.  

[16] Makhar (tomorrow) go ye down against them; hinei, they come up by the Ascent of Tzitz; and ye shall find them at the end of the wadi, before the midbar of Yeruel.  

[17] Ye shall not need to fight in this; take up your battle positions, stand ye firm, and see the Yeshuat Hashem with you, O Yehudah and Yerushalayim. Fear not, nor be dismayed; makhar (tomorrow) go out against them, for Hashem will be with you.  

[18] And Yehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground; and all Yehudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim fell down before Hashem, worshiping Hashem.  

[19] And the Levi'im, of the Bnei HaKehatim, and of the Bnei HaKorchim, stood up to praise Hashem Elohei Yisroel with an exceeding kol gadol.  

[20] And when he had consulted with HaAm, he appointed meshorarim (singers) unto Hashem, so shall ye be established; have faith in His Nevim, so shall ye be victorious.  

[21] And when he had consulted with HaAm, he appointed meshorarim (singers) unto Hashem, and that should praise the hadrat kodesh, as they went out before the army, and to say, Hodu L’Adonoi ki l’olam chasdo (Give thanks to Hashem, for His mercy endureth forever).  

[22] And when they began with rinnah and tehillah, Hashem set me’arevim (ambushers) against the Bnei Ammon, Moav, and Mt Seir, which were come against Yehudah, and they were struck down.  

[23] For the Bnei Ammon and Moav stood up against the inhabitants of Mt Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.  

[24] And when Yehudah came toward the mitzpeh (guard tower) in the midbar, they looked toward the multitude, and, hinei, they were pegarim (corpses) fallen on the ground, and there was no escapee.  

[25] And when Yehoshaphat and his people came to carry off the plunder of them, they found among them in abundance both property with the pegarim, and articles of value, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away, and they were yamim shelosha in gathering of the plunder, it was so much.  

[26] And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the Berachah Valley, for there they blessed Hashem; therefore the shem of that place was called, The Berachah Valley unto this day.  

[27] Then they returned, kol ish Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and Yehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Yerushalayim with simcha, and Yehoshaphat go to visit the Beis Hashem.  

[28] And when they came to Yerushalayim with nevalim and kinnorot and khatzotzerot unto the Beis Hashem.  

[29] And the Pachad Elohim was on all the kingdoms of those lands, when they had heard that Hashem fought against the oyevei Yisroel.  

[30] So the Malchut Yehoshaphat was at peace, for Elohay gave him rest on every side.  

[31] And Yehoshaphat reigned over Yehudah. He was thirty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and five years in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Azuvah bat Shilchi.  

[32] And he walked in the derech Aviv Asa, and departed not from it, doing that which was yashar in the sight of Hashem.  

[33] Howbeit the high places were not removed; for HaAm as yet had not set their hearts unto Elohei Avoteihem.  

[34] Now the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat, harishonim and ha’acharonim, hinei, they are written in the Annals of Yehu ben Chanani, who is recorded in the Sefer of the Melachim of Yisroel.  

[35] And after this did Yehoshaphat Melech Yehudah join himself in alliance with Achazyah Melech Yisroel, who did very wickedly;  

[36] And he joined himself with him to make oniyot (ships) to go to Tarshish, and they made the oniyot in Etzyon-Gever.  

[37] Then Eliezer ben Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against Yehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself in alliance with Achazyah Melech Yisroel, who did very wickedly;  

[38] And he joined himself with him to make oniyot (ships) to go to Tarshish, and they made the oniyot in Etzyon-Gever.  

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Now Yehoshaphat slept with his avot, and was buried with his avot in Ir Dovid. And Yehoram bno reigned in his place.

And he had achim, the Bnei Yehoshaphat, Azaryah, and Yechiel, and Zecharyahu, and Azaryahu, and Michael, and Shephatyahu. All these were the Bnei Yehoshaphat Melech Yisroel.

And their av have given them mattanot rabbot of kesef, and of zahav, and of precious things, with fortified cities in Yehudah, but the Mamlachah (Kingdom) he gave to Yehoram; because he was the bechor.

Now when Yehoram was risen up to the Mamlachah of his av, he strengthened himself, and slaughtered all his achim with the cherev, and also a number of the sarim (leading political figures) of Yisroel.

Yehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned shemoneh shanim in Yerushalayim.

And he walked in the derech of the melachim of Yisroel, as did the Bais Ach’av, for he had the Bat Ach’av to wife, and he wrought that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem.

However, Hashem was not willing to destroy the Bais Dovid, for the sake of HaBrit that He had cut with Dovid, and since He promised to give a ner (lamp) to him and to his banim kol hayamim. In the days of Yehoram, Edom rebelled from under the yad Yehudah, and made themselves a melech.

Then Yehoram went forth with his sarim (princes), and all his chariots with him, and he rose up by lailah, and struck down Edom which had surrounded him, and the commanders of the chariots. So the Edomites rebelled from under the yad Yehudah unto this day. At the same time also did Livnah rebel from under his yad, because he had forsaken Hashem Elohei Avotav.

Moreover he built high places [unlawful altars] in the mountains of Yehudah and caused the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to commit fornication, and led Yehudah astray.

And there came a miktav (letter) to him from Eliyahu HaNavi, saying, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Dovid Avicha, Because thou hast not walked in the darkhei Yehoshaphat Avicha, nor in the darkhei Asa Melech Yehudah,

But hast walked in the derech of the melachim of Yisroel, and hast made Yehudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to go a-whoring, like the whoredoms of the Bais Ach’av, and also hast murdered thy achim of Bais Avicha, which were better than thee;

Hinei, with a maggefah gedolah (great plague) will Hashem strike thy people, and thy banim, and thy nashim, and all thy possessions;

And thou shalt have cholayim rabbim with machla (disease) of thy bowels, until thy bowels come out by reason of the choli yamim al yamim.

Moreover Hashem stirred up against Yehoram the ruach HaPelishtim, and of the Arabs, who lived near the Kushim;

And they came up against Yehudah, and invaded, and carried away all the possessions that were found in the Bais HaMelech, and also his banim, and his nashim; so that there was left him not a ben except Yehoachaz (Achazyahu, Ahaziah), the youngest of his banim. And after all this Hashem struck him in his bowels with a choli for which there was no marpeh.

And it came to pass that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels protruded out by reason of his choli; so he died in great pain. And his people kindled no pyre in his honor, as they had done for his avot.

Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Yerushalayim shemoneh shanim, and departed without chemdah (desire [for him]). Howbeit they buried him in the Ir Dovid, but not in the kevarot hamelachim.

And the inhabitants of Yerushalayim made Achazyahu (Ahaziah of Judah) his (i.e., Yehoram’s) youngest son melech in his place; for the troops that came with the Arabs into the machaneh had slain all the eldest. So Achazyahu (Ahaziah) ben Yehoram Melech Yehudah reigned.

Twenty and two years old was Achazyahu (Ahaziah) when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Yerushalayim And shem immo was Atalyah bat Omri (i.e., granddaughter of Omri the father of Ahab).

He also walked in the darkhei Bais Ach’av; for immo (his mother) was his yo’atzim (counselors) after the mot (death) of his av to his (i.e., Achazyahu’s, Ahaziah’s) ruin.
He walked also after their etza (advice, counsel), and went with Yehoram ben Ach'av Melech Yisroel to war against Chatzael Melech Aram (Syria) at Ramot Gil'ad; and the Syrians wounded Yoram. And he (Yoram) returned to Yizre'el (Jezreel) to recover from his wounds which were inflicted upon him at Ramah, when he fought with Chatzael Melech Aram. And Achazyahu (Ahaziah) ben Yehoram Melech Yehudah went down to see Yehoram ben Ach'av at Yizre'el (Jezreel), because he was wounded.

And the tevusat Achazyahu (downfall of Ahaziah) was of Elohim in coming to Yoram, for when he arrived, he went out with Yehoram against Yehu ben Nimshi, whom Hashem had anointed to cut off the Bais Ach'av (the House of Ahab).

And it came to pass, that, when Yehu was executing mishpat upon the Bais Ach'av, and found the sarei Yehudah, and the bnei achei Achazyahu that were in attendance with Achazyahu, he slaughtered them.

And he searched for Achazyahu, and they captured him while he was hiding in Shomron (Samaria), and brought him to Yehu; and when they had slain him, they buried him. Because, they said, he is a ben Yehoshaphat, who sought Hashem with all his levav. So the Bais Achazyahu had no koach to retain the mamlachah (kingdom).

But when Atalyah em Achazyahu saw that her son was dead, she arose and began destroying kol zera hamamlachah (all the royal seed) of the Bais Yehudah. But Yehoshavat Bat HaMelech, took Yoash ben Achazyahu, and stole him away from among the Bnei HaMelech that were being murdered, and put him and his nurse in a cheder hamittot (bedroom). So Yehoshavat Bat HaMelech Yehoram, the isha of Yehoyada HaKohen, hid him from Atalyah, so that she slaughtered him not.

And he was with them hid in the Bais Elohim shesh shanim. And Atalyah reigned over HaAretz.

And in the seventh year Yehoyada strengthened himself, and took the commanders of hundreds, Azaryah ben Yerocham, and Yishmael ben Yehochanan, and Azaryahu ben Oved, and Ma'aseiyahu ben Adayahu, and Elishaphat ben Zichri, into brit with him.

And they went about in Yehudah, and gathered the Levi'im out of all the towns of Yehudah, and the Rashei HaAvot of Yisroel, and they came to Yerushalayim. Kol HaKahal made a brit with HaMelech in the Beis Elohim. And he (i.e., Kohen Gadol Yehoyada) said unto them, Hinei, the Ben HaMelech shall reign, just as Hashem hath said of the Bnei Dovid.

This is the thing that ye shall do: A third part of you coming on duty on Shabbos, of the Kohanim and of the Levi'im, shall keep watch at the doors; and a third part shall be at the Bais HaMelech; and a third part at the Sha'ar HaYesod; and Kol HaAm shall be in the Khatzerot of the Beis Hashem.

And the Lev'im shall surround HaMelech, every ish with his weapon in his yad; and whosoever else cometh into the Beis, he shall be put to death, but ye with HaMelech when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

Moreover Yehoyada HaKohen delivered to the commanders of hundreds spears, and large shields, and small shields, that had belonged to Dovid HaMelech, which were in the Beis Elohim.

And he stationed kol haAm, every ish having his weapon in his yad, from the right side of the Beis to the left side of the Beis, near the Mizbe'ach and Beis , and around HaMelech.

Then they brought out the Ben HaMelech, and put upon him the nezer, and gave him the Edut, and proclaimed him Melech. And Yehoyada and his banim anointed him, and shouted, Yechi HaMelech! Now when Atalyah heard the noise of HaAm running and cheering HaMelech, she came to HaAm into the Beis Hashem, and hinei, HaMelech stood at his ammad at the entrance, and the sarim and the khatzotzerot (trumpeters) are kodesh; but Kol HaAm shall be shomer over the mishmeret Hashem (the instructions of Hashem).
beside HaMelech; and kol HaAm HaAretz same’ach (rejoiced), and sounded the khatzotzerot, also the meshorarim with instruments of music, and the praise leaders. Then Atalyah tore her robe, shouted, Kesher, Kesher!

Then Yehoyada HaKohen brought out the commanders of hundreds that were set over the army, and said unto them, Bring her out between the sederot (ranks); and whosoever followeth her, let him be put to death with the cherev. For the Kohen said, Do not put her to death in the Beis Hashem.

Then kol HaAm went to the Beis HaBa’al, and tore it down, and broken its mizbechot and its tzelem, and slaughtered Mattan Kohen HaBaal in front of the mizbechot.

Also Yehoyada assigned the Pekudot of the Beis Hashem by the yad of the Kohanim the Levi'im, whom Dovid had assigned in the Beis Hashem, to offer olot Hashem, as it is written in the Torat Moshe, with simcha and with shir, as it was ordained by Dovid.

And he set the Sho’arim at the Sha’ar Beis Hashem, that none tamei in any thing should enter in.

And he took the commanders of hundreds, and the nobles, and the moshelim of HaAm, and Kol HaAm HaAretz, and brought down HaMelech from the Beis Hashem; and they came through the Sha’ar HaElyon into the Beis HaMelech, and seated HaMelech upon the Kisse HaMamlachah.

Yoash was seven years old when he began to reign, and he reigned arba'im shanah in Yerushalayim. Shem immo also was Tzivyah of Beer Sheva.

And Yoash did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem kol yemei Yehoyada HaKohen.

And Yehoyada took for him nashim shtayim; and he fathered banim and banot.

And it came to pass after this, that Yoash was minded to renovate the Beis Hashem.

And he called together the Kohanim and the Levi'im, and said to them, Go out unto the towns of Yehudah and bring in from Kol Yisroel kesef to repair the Beis Eloheichem annually, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levi'im hastened it not.

And HaMelech called for Yehoyada HaRosh, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levi'im to bring in from Yehudah and from Yerushalayim the mas’at (the tax of) Moshe Eved HaElohim and the Kahal L’Yisroel L’Ohel HaEdut?

And at the commandment of HaMelech they made aron ehad and set it outside at the Sha’ar Beis Hashem.

And they made a proclamation in Yehudah and in Yerushalayim, to bring in to Hashem the mas’at Moshe Eved HaElohim laid upon Yisroel in the midbar.

And all the sarim and kol HaAm rejoiced, and brought in, and dropped into the aron, until it was full.

Now it came to pass, that at what time the aron was brought unto the Pekudat HaMelech by the yad of the Levi'im, and when they saw that there was much kesef, the Sofer HaMelech and the official, the Pakid Kohen HaRosh came and emptied the aron, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did yom byyon, and collected kesef in abundance.

And HaMelech and Yehoyada gave it to such as did the work of the Avodas Beis Hashem, and hired masons and carpenters to renovate the Beis Hashem, and also such as wrought barzel and nechoshet to repair the Beis Hashem.

So the workmen wrought, and the work in the yad of them was furthered, and they restored the Beis HaElohim to its original form and reinforced it.

And when they had finished it, they brought the rest of the kesef before HaMelech and Yehoyada, whereof were made vessels for the Beis Hashem, even keli sharet, and for the olot, and ladles, and vessels of zahav and kesef. And they offered olot in the Beis Hashem continually all the days of Yehoyada.

But Yehoyada was old, and was full of yamim when he died: 130 years old was he in his mot.

And they buried him in Ir Dovid among the Melachim, because he had
done tovah in Yisroel, both toward HaElohim, and His Beis.
|17| Now after the mot Yehoyada came the sarim of Yehudah, and paid homage to HaMelech. Then HaMelech paid heed unto them.
|18| And they forsook the Beis Hashem Elohei Avoteihem, and served HaAsherim and the atzabim; and ketzef (wrath) came upon Yehudah and Yerushalayim because of their trespass.
|19| Yet He sent Nevi'im to them, to bring them back unto Hashem; and they testified against them; but they would not give ear.
|20| And the Ruach Elohim came upon Zecharyah ben Yehoyada HaKohen, which stood before HaAm and he said unto them, Thus saith HaElohim, Why transgress ye the mitzvot Hashem, that ye cannot prosper? Because ye have forsaken Hashem, He hath also forsaken you.
|21| And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the order of HaMelech in the khatzer of the Beis Hashem.
|22| Thus Yoash HaMelech remembered not the chesed which Yehoyada Aviv had done to him, but slaughtered bno. And when he died, he said, May Hashem look upon it, and may He call to account.
|23| And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the army of Aram came up against him, they invaded Yehudah and Yerushalayim, destroyed all the sarim of the people from among HaAm, sent all their plunder unto Melech Darmasek (Damascus).
|24| For the army of Aram came with a small company of men, and Hashem delivered a very great army into their yad, because they had forsaken Hashem Elohei Avoteihem. So they executed shefatim against Yoash.
|25| And when they withdrew from him, (for they left him with machaluyim rabbin [many wounds]), his own avadim conspired against him on account of the dahm of the Bnei Yehoyada HaKohen, and slaughtered him on his bed, and he died; and they buried him in Ir David, but they buried him not in the Kivrot HaMelachim.
|26| And these are they that conspired against him: Zavad ben Shim'at an Ammonit, and Yehozavad ben Shimrit the Moavit.
|27| Now concerning his banim, and the rav hamassa concerning him, and the repairing of the Beis HaElohim, hinei, they are written in the Midrash Sefer HaMelachim. And Amatzyah bno reigned in his place.
25 Amatzyah was 25 old when he began to reign, and he reigned 29 shanah in Yerushalayim. And shem immo was Yehoadan of Yerushalayim.
|2| And he did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, but not with a levav shalem.
|3| Now it came to pass, when the mamlachah was established under him, that he slaughtered his avadim that had murdered HaMelech Aviv.
|4| But he slaughtered not their banim, but did as it is written in the Torah in the Sefer Moshe, where Hashem commanded, saying, The avot shall not die for the banim, neither shall the banim die for the avot, but every ish shall die for his own chet.
|5| Moreover Amatzyah gathered Yehudah together, and set them in order in Bais Avot by officers of thousands and officers of hundreds, throughout all Yehudah and Binyamin; and he mustered them from esrim shanah and above, and found them three hundred elef bachur, battle-ready choice men, that could handle spear and shield.
|6| He hired also a hundred elef gibbor chayil out of Yisroel for a hundred talents of keseif.
|7| But there came an Ish HaElohim to him, saying, O HaMelech, let not the Tzeva Yisroel go with thee; for Hashem is not with Yisroel, not with kol Bnei Ephrayim.
|8| And if thou wilt go, do it; chazak (be strong) for the milchamah; HaElohim shall make thee fall before the enemy, for Elohim hath ko'ach to help, and to cast down.
|9| And Amatzyahu said to the Ish HaElohim, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have paid for the army of Yisroel? And the Ish HaElohim answered, Hashem is able to give thee much more than this.
|10| Then Amatzyahu separated them, the army that had come to him from Ephrayim, to go home again; therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Yehudah, and they returned home in chari af (great anger).
|11| And Amatzyahu strengthened himself, led forth his army, went to the Gey HaMelach, struck down 10,000 of the Bnei Se'ir.
|12| And another 10,000 left chayyim (alive) did the Bnei Yehudah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the cliff, and cast them down from the top of the cliff, that they all were dashed to pieces.
|13| But the soldiers of the army which Amatzyahu sent back, that they
should not go with him to milchamah, fell upon the cities of Yehudah, from Shomron even unto Beit-Choron, and struck down three thousand of them, and took much plunder.

|14| Now it came to pass, after that Amatzyahu returned from the slaughter of the people of Edom, that he brought the elohei Bnei-Seir, and set them up for him to be elohim, and bowed down himself before them, and burned ketoret unto them.

|15| Therefore the Af Hashem was kindled against Amatzyahu, and he sent unto him a navi, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the elohei haAm, which could not deliver their own people out of thine yad?

|16| And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that HaMelech said unto him, Art thou appointed the adviser to HaMelech? Forbear. Why shouldest thou be struck down? Then the navi forbore, and said, I know that Elohim hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not paid heed unto my etza (counsel).

|17| Then Amatzyahu Melech Yehudah consulted, and sent to Yoash ben Yehoachaz ben Yehu, Melech Yisroel, saying, Come, let us meet face to face.

|18| And Yoash Melech Yisroel went up and they met face to face, both he and Amatzyahu Melech Yehudah, at Beit Shemesh, which belongeth to Yehudah.

|19| And Yehudah was routed before Yisroel, and they fled every ish to his ohel.

|20| And Yoash Melech Yisroel captured Amatzyahu Melech Yehudah ben Yoash ben Yehoachaz, at Beit Shemesh, and brought him to Yerushalayim, and broke down the Chomat Yerushalayim from the Sha’ar Ephrayim to the Sha’ar HaPinnah, a section the length of which was four hundred cubits.

|21| And they brought him upon susim, and buried him with Avotav in Ir Yehudah.

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|24| And he took all the zahav and the kesef, and all the vessels that were found in the Beis HaElohim with Oved Edom, and the otzerot Bais HaMelech, the hostages also, and returned to Shomron.

|25| And he went forth and warred against the Pelishtim (Philistines), and broke down the chomat Gat, and the chomat Yavneh, and the chomat Ashdod, and built towns near Ashdod, and among the Pelishtim (Philistines).

|26| And HaElohim helped him against the Pelishtim (Philistines), and against the Arabs that dwelt in Gur Ba'al, and the Me’unim.

|27| And the Amonim gave minchah to Uziyahu, and shmo spread abroad even to the approach to Mitzrayim; for he strengthened himself exceedingly.

|28| Moreover Uziyahu built migdalim (towers) in Yerushalayim at the Sha’ar HaPinnah, and at the Sha’ar of the Gey, and at the Miktzo’a, and he fortified them.
[10] Also he built migdalim in the midbar, and dug borot ramim (many wells), for he had much livestock, both in the Shefelah (Lowlands), and in the Mishor (Plains, Level Country); ikkarim (field workers, farmers) also, and koreim (vineyard workers, vine-keepers) in the hills, and in the Carmel, for he loved adamah (the soil).

[11] Moreover Uziyahu had an army of fighting men that went out to tzava (battle) in troops, according to the number of their mustering by the yad Ye’iel the Sofer, and Ma’aseiyahu the Shoter (Officer), under the yad Chananyahu, one of the officials of HaMelech.

[12] The whole mispar (number) of the Rashei HaAvot over the mighty warriors were two thousand and six hundred.

[13] And under their yad was a battle group, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made milchamah with mighty ko’ach, to help HaMelech against the enemy.

[14] And Uziyahu prepared for them throughout all the army mignonim (shields), and spears, and helmets, and armor, and bows, and stonewalls.

[15] And he made in Yerushalayim machines designed by inventive engineers, for use on the migdalim and upon the corners of the city wall, to shoot khitzim (arrows) and avanim gedolot. And shmo spread far abroad, for he was marvellously helped, until when chazak (he became powerful).

[16] But when he became powerful, his lev was lifted up to his downfall, for he was unfaithful against Hashem Elohav, and he entered into

the Heikhal Hashem to burn ketoret upon the Mizbe’ach HaKetoret.

[17] And Azaryahu HaKohen went in after him, and with him shemonim Kohanim of Hashem, that were men of courage.

[18] And they stood up against Uziyahu HaMelech, and said unto him, It is not for you, Uziyahu, to burn ketoret unto Hashem, but to the Kohanim the Bnei Aharon, that are hamekudashim (consecrated and ritually pure) to burn ketoret. Go out from the Mikkdash, for thou hast been treacherous; neither shall it be for thine kavod (honor) from Hashem Elohim.

[19] Then Uziyahu became angry, and had a mikteret (censer) in his yad to burn ketoret, and while he was raging with the Kohanim, the tzarni at even broke out on his metzach (forehead) before the Kohanim in the Beis Hashem, near the Mizbe’ach HaKetoret.

[20] And Azaryahu the Kohen HaRosh, and all the Kohanim, looked upon him, and, hinei, he was leprous on his metzach, and they thrust him out from there; yea, he himself hasted also to go out, because Hashem nun-gimmel-ayin-vav [had smitten him, afflicted him, see Isaiah 53:8,10 where Hashem has the ‘nega’ fall on not on this Ben David Uziyahu, but on Moshiach Ben David].

[21] And Uziyahu HaMelech was metzorah (a leper) unto his yom mot, and dwelt in a leper asylum house, because of his leprosy; for he was nigzar [see Isaiah 53:8 which uses same word nigzar, ‘excluded,’ of Moshiach who was nigzar from the land of the living, meaning Moshiach died] from the Beis Hashem; and Yotam bno reigned in his place.

Yotam was twenty and five shanah when he began to reign, and he was king sixteen shanah in Yerushalayim. The shem immo also was Yerushah bat Tzadok.

[2] And he did that which was yashar (right) in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that his av Uziyah did; howbeit he entered not into the Heikhal Hashem. And the people did corruptly still.

[3] He built the upper shair Beis Hashem, and on the chomer Ophel he built much.

[4] Moreover he built towns in the har Yehudah, and in the forests he built fortresses and migdalim.

[5] He fought also with Melech Bnei Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the Bnei Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of kesef, and ten thousand measures of chittim (wheat), and ten thousand of se’orim (barley). The Bnei Ammon did pay this amount unto him, both the second year, and the third.

[6] So Yotam became mighty, because he made the darkhei Yotam steadfast before Hashem Elohay.

[7] Now the rest of the divrei Yotam, and all his mishamot, and his ways, lo, they are written in the sefer of
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Achaz was 20 when he began to reign, and he reigned 16 years in Yerushalayim; but he did not that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, like Dovid Aviv.

For he walked in the ways of the melachim of Yisroel, and made also massekhot for Ba’alim.

Moreover he burned ketoret in the Gey Ben Hinnom, and burned his banim in the eish, after the to’atot of the Goyim whom Hashem had driven out before the Bnei Yisroel.

He also sacrificed and burned ketoret on the high places, and on the hilltops, and under every green tree.

Therefore Hashem Eloheihem was angry with Yehudah. He hath delivered them into your yad, and ye have slain them in a rage that reacheth up unto Shomayim.

And now ye intend to keep under the Bnei Yehudah and Yerushalayim for avadim and shefachot unto you, but are there not with you, even with you, sins against Hashem Eloheichem?

Now hear me therefore, and send back the prisoners, which ye have taken captive of your achim, for the Charon Af Hashem is upon you.

And certain anashim of the Rashei Bnei Ephrayim, Azaryahu ben Yehochanan, Berechyahu ben Meshillemot, Yechizkiyahu ben Shallum, and Amasa ben Chadlai, stood up against them that came from the tzava,

And said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the prisoners here; for whereas we have offended against Hashem already, ye intend to add more to chattotenu and to ashamatenu, for our guilt is great, and there is Charon Af against Yisroel.

And the soldiers released the prisoners and the plunder before the sarim and kol HaKahal.

And the men which were designated by shemot rose up, and took the prisoners, and with the plunder clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and put balm on them, and carried all the weak of them upon donkeys, and brought them to Yericho, the Ir Temarim, to their achim. Then they returned to Shomron.

At that time did HaMelech Achaz send unto the melachim of Assyria to help him.

For again the people of Edom had come and attacked Yehudah, and carried away prisoners.

The Pelishtim also had invaded the towns of the Shefelah, and of the Negev of Yehudah, and had taken Beit Shemesh, Ayalon, Gederot, and Shocho with the villages thereof, and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages thereof, and they dwelt there.

For Hashem brought Yehudah low because of Achaz Melech Yisroel, for he brought disgrace to Yehudah, and acted treacherously against Hashem.

And Tilgat Pilneser Melech Ashur came unto him, and oppressed him, but helped him not.

For Achaz took away a portion out of the Beis Hashem, and out of the Bais HaMelech, and of the sarim, and gave it unto Melech Ashur, but he helped him not.

In the time of his distress he did act even more unfaithfully against Hashem. This is that Melech Achaz.

For he sacrificed unto the elohei Damascus, which defeated him, and he said, Because the elohei of the melachim of Syria help them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of kol Yisroel.
[24] And Achaz gathered together the vessels of the Beis HaElohim, and cut up the vessels of the Beis HaElohim and shut up the daletot Beis Hashem, and he set up for him mizbechot in every corner of Yerushalayim.

[25] And in every town in Yehudah he made high places to burn ketoret unto elohim acherim, and provoked to anger Hashem Elohei Avotav.

[26] Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, the rishonim and the acharonim, hinei, they are written in the Sefer of the Melachim of Yehudah and Yisroel.

[27] And Achaz slept with Avotav, and they buried him in the city, even in Yerushalayim, but they brought him not into the keverim of the Melachim of Yisroel. And Chizkiyah bno reigned in his place.

Chizkiyah began to reign when he was 25 years old, and he reigned 29 years in Yerushalayim. And the shem immo was Aviyah bat Zecharyahu.

[2] And he did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, according to all that Dovid Aviv had done.

[3] He in the first year of his reign, in the chodesh harishon, opened the daletot Beis Hashem, and repaired them.

[4] And he brought in the Kohanim and the Levi'im, and gathered them together into the rechov hamizrach (eastern plaza).

[5] And said unto them, Hear me, ye Levi'im, set yourselves apart as kodesh now and consecrate the Beis Hashem Elohei Avoteichem, and remove the niddah (contamination) from HaKodesh.

[6] For Avoteinu have been unfaithful, and have done that which is rah in the eyes of Hashem Eloheinu, have forsaken Him, have turned away their faces from the Mishkan Hashem, and to it they have turned their backs.

[7] Also they have shut the daletot of the Ulam, and put out the nerot, and have not burned ketoret nor offered olah in HaKodesh unto Elohei Yisrael.

[8] Therefore the wrath of Hashem was upon Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and he hath caused them to be a horror and an object of scorn and hissing, as ye see with your eyes.

[9] For, hinei, Avoteinu have fallen by the cherev, our banim, our banot, our nashim are in captivity for this.

[10] Now it is in mine lev to make a Brit with Hashem Elohei Yisrael, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us.

[11] My banim, be not now negligent, for Hashem hath chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that ye should minister unto Him, and burn ketoret.

[12] Then the Levi'im arose: Machat ben Amasai, and Yoel ben Azaryahu, of the Bnei HaKehati; and of the Bnei Merari, Kish ben Avdi, Azaryahu ben Yehallelel; and, of the Gershoni, Yoach ben Zimmah, and Eden ben Yoach;

[13] And of the Bnei Elitzaphan, Shimri, and Ye’iel; and of the Bnei Asaph; Zecharyahu, and Matanyahu;

[14] And of the Bnei Heman, Yechiel, and Shimie; and of the Bnei Yedutun, Shemayah, and Uzziel.

[15] And they gathered their achim, and set themselves apart as kodesh, and went in, according to the mitzvat HaMelech, by the words of Hashem, to make tahor the Beis Hashem.

[16] And the Kohanim went into the penimah (inner part) Beis Hashem, to make it tahor, and brought out all tumah that they found in the Heikhal Hashem into the khatzer (courtyard) of the Beis Hashem. And the Levi'im took it, to carry it outside into the Wadi Kidron.

[17] Now they began on the first day of the chodesh harishon to set apart as kodesh, and on the eighth day of the month they came to the Ulam Hashem; so they set apart as kodesh the Beis Hashem in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they finished.

[18] Then they went penimah to Chizkiyah HaMelech, and said, We have made tahor all the Beis Hashem, and the Mizbe'ach HaOlah, with all the vessels thereof, and the Shulchan HaMa'arechet (Table of the Stacks of Showbread), with all the vessels thereof.

[19] Moreover all the kelim (vessels), which HaMelech Achaz in his reign did remove in his unfaithfulness, have we prepared and set apart as kodesh, and, hinei, they are before the Mizbe'ach Hashem.

[20] Then Chizkiyah HaMelech got up, and gathered the sarim of HaIr, and went up to the Beis Hashem.

[21] And they brought seven bulls, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven male goats, for a chattat (sin offering) for the Mamlachah (Kingdom), and for the Mikkdash, and for Yehudah.

And he commanded the Bnei Aharon HaKohanim to offer them on the Mizbe'ach Hashem.
[22] So they slaughtered the bulls, and the kohanim received the damh, and sprinkled it on the Mizbe’ach; likewise, when they had slaughtered the rams, they sprinkled the damh upon the Mizbe’ach; they slaughtered also the lambs, and they sprinkled the damh upon the Mizbe’ach.

[23] And they brought forth the male goats for the chattat before HaMelech and HaKahal; and they laid their hands upon them,

[24] And the Kohanim slaughtered them, and they made a sin offering with their damh upon the Mizbe’ach, to make kapporah for kol Yisroel; for HaMelech commanded that the olah (burnt offering) and the chattat should be made for kol Yisroel.

[25] And he stationed the Levi'im in the Beis Hashem with cymbals, with nevalim, and with kinnorot, according to the mitzvat Dovid, and of Gad the Chozeh HaMelech and Natan HaNavi; for so was the commandment of Hashem by His Nevi'im.

[26] And the Levi'im stood with the instruments of Dovid, and the Kohanim with the trumpets.

[27] And Chizkiyah commanded to offer the olah (burnt offering) upon the Mizbe’ach. And when the olah (burnt offering) began, the Shir Hashem began also with the trumpets, and with the instruments ordained by Dovid Melech Yisroel.

[28] And Kol HaKahal worshiped, and the Shir was being sung, and sounded, and all this continued until the olah was completed.

[29] And when it had made an end of being offered up, HaMelech and all that were present with him bowed themselves, and worshiped.

[30] Moreover Chizkiyah HaMelech and the sarim commanded the Levi'im to praise Hashem with the words of Dovid, and of Asaph the Chozeh (seer). And they sang praises with simchah, and they bowed their heads and worshiped.

[31] Then Chizkiyah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto Hashem, come near and bring zevakhim and todot into the Beis Hashem. And the Kahal brought in zevakhim and todot; and, as many as were of a willing heart, olot (burnt offerings).

[32] And the number of the olah, which the Kahal brought, was three score and ten bulls, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs; all these were for an olah (burnt offering) to Hashem.

[33] And the kadashim were six hundred bulls and three thousand sheep.

[34] But the Kohanim were too few, so that they could not skin all the olot; therefore their achim the Levi'im did help them, until the work was completed, and until the other Kohanim had set them apart as kodesh for the Levi'im were more yashar in lev to set themselves apart as kodesh than the Kohanim.

[35] And also the olah were in abundance, with the fat of the shelamim, and the nesakhim for every olah. So the Avodas Beis Hashem was set in order.

[36] And Chizkiyah rejoiced, and kol HaAm, that HaElohim had prepared the people, for the matter was done suddenly.

[37] And Chizkiyah sent to kol Yisroel and Yehudah, and wrote iggerot also to Ephrayim and Menasheh, that they should come to the Beis Hashem at Yerushalayim, to keep the Pesach Hashem Elohei Yisroel.

[38] For HaMelech had conferred and agreed with his sarim, and kol HaKahal in Yerushalayim, to keep the Pesach in the second month.

[39] For they could not keep it at its time, because the Kohanim had not set themselves apart as kodesh in sufficient numbers, neither had HaAm gathered themselves together to Yerushalayim.

[40] And the thing pleased HaMelech and kol HaKahal.

[41] So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout kol Yisroel and Yehudah, and according to the commandment of HaMelech, saying, Ye Bnei Yisroel, shuvu (turn, return) unto HaElohim Elohei Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yisroel, and He will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the yad of the Kings of Assyria.

[42] And be not ye like Avoteichem, and like your achim, which were unfaithful against HaElohei Yisroel, and He will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the yad of the Kings of Assyria.

[43] And be not ye like Avoteichem, and like your achim, which were unfaithful against HaElohei Avoteichem, Who therefore gave them up to a desolation, as ye see.

[44] Now be ye not stiffnecked, as Avoteichem were, but
yield yourselves unto Hashem, and come to His Mikdash, which He hath set apart as kodesh I mam; and serve Hashem Eloheichem, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you.

[9] For if ye turn again unto Hashem, your achim and your banim shall find rachamim before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come back into HaAretz, for Hashem Eloheichem is channun (gracious) and rachum (compassionate), and will not turn away His face from you, if ye return unto Him.

[10] So the runners passed from town to town through Eretz Ephrayim and Menasheh even unto Zevulun, but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them.


[12] Also in Yehudah the Yad HaElohim was to give them lev echad to carry out the mitzvot HaMelech and of the sarim, by the word of Hashem. And therefore could not set them apart as kodesh unto Hashem.

[13] For there were rabbim in Yehudah, and the Kohanim set themselves apart as kodesh l’olam; and the Kohanim sprinkled the dahm, which they received of the yad of the Levi'im.

[14] For there were rabbim in HaKahal that were not set apart as kodesh; therefore the Levi'im had the charge of the shechitah (ritual slaughter) of the Pesachim for every one that was not tahor and therefore could not set them apart as kodesh unto Hashem.

[15] And Chizkiyah davened for them, saying, May Hashem Hatov grant kapporah to what was written. But Chizkiyah davened for them, and Menasheh, Yissakhar, and Zevulun, had not made themselves tahor, yet did they eat the Pesach contrary to what was written. But Chizkiyah davened for them, saying, May Hashem Hatov grant kapporah to what was written.

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[17] Nevertheless anashim of Asher and Menasheh and of Zevulun humbled themselves, and went to Yerushalayim. And they stood in their place after their prescribed manner, according to the Torat Moshe Ish HaElohim; the Kohanim sprinkled the dahm, which they received of the yad of the Levi'im.

[18] And the kol Kehal Yehudah that were set apart as kodesh unto Hashem, and the Levi'im had the charge of the shechitah (ritual slaughter) of the Pesachim for every one that was not tahor and therefore could not set them apart as kodesh unto Hashem.

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[20] And Hashem paid heed unto Chizkiyah, and healed HaAm. And the Bnei Yisroel that were present went out to the towns of Yehudah, and smashed the Aggoyim, and cut down the matzevot, and cut down the Asherim, and threw down the High places and the mizbechot throughout kol Yehudah and Binyamin, in Ephrayim also and Menasheh, until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the Bnei Yisroel returned, every ish to his achuzzah, into their own towns.

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This was besides those males who were recorded in the genealogical records, from three years old and upward, even unto every one that entereth into the Beis Hashem for its daily duty for their avodas service in their mishmerot (watches, shifts) according to their machlekot, to the gadol as well as the katan. And next to him be'emunah were Eden, and Minyamin, and Yeshua, and Shemayahu, Amaryahu, and Shechanyahu, in the towns of the Kohanim, to give to their achim by machlekot, to the gadol as well as the katan. And to the genealogy of all their little ones, their nashim, and their banim, and their banot, throughout kol Kahal, for be'emunah (in faithfulness) they set themselves apart as kodesh in kodesh (holiness).

Also of the Bnei Aharon the Kohanim, which were in the pasture lands of their towns, in each town, the men that were designated by name to give manot to every zarchah among the Kohanim, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies among the Levi'im. And thus did Chizkiyahu throughout kol Yehudah, and wrought that which was tov and yashar and emes before Hashem Elohay.

And in every ma'aseh that he began in the Avodas Beis HaElohim, and in the Torah, and in the Mitzvah, to seek Hashem Elohay, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

After these things, and haemes thereof, Sancheriv (Sennacherib) Melech Assyria came, and invaded Yehudah, and laid siege against the fortified cities, and thought to conquer them for himself. And when Chizkiyahu saw that Sancheriv was come, and that he was purposed to make milchamah against Yerushalayim, he took counsel with his sarim and his gibborim to cover over the waters of the springs [Spring of Gihon] which were outside the Ir; and they did support him. So there was gathered Am Rav together, who covered the springs, and the wadi that flowed through the midst of HaAretz, saying, Why should the melachim of Assyria come, and invaded Yehudah, and laid siege against the fortified cities, and thought to conquer them for himself. And when Chizkiyahu saw that Sancheriv was come, and that he was purposed to make milchamah against Yerushalayim, he took counsel with his sarim and his gibborim to cover over the waters of the springs [Spring of Gihon] which were outside the Ir; and they did support him.
it on the migdalot, and another chomah outside of it, and repaired Millo [terraces] in Ir Dovid, and made weapons and shields in abundance.

[6] And he appointed sarim milchamot over HaAm, and gathered them together before him in the rechov of the Sha'ar HaIr, and spoke encouragingly to them, saying, [7] Chizku (be strong) and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed because of the melech Assyria, nor because of all the vast army that is with him, for there be more with us than with him.

[8] With him is zero'a basar, but with us is Hashem Eloheinu to help us, and to fight milchamoteinu (our battles). And HaAm took heart upon the words of Chizkiyahu Melech Yehudah.

[9] After this did Sancheriv melech Assyria send his avadim to Yerushalayim, (but he himself laid siege against Lachish, with all his forces with him,) unto Chizkiyahu Melech Yehudah, and unto kol Yehudah that were in Yerushalayim, saying, [10] Thus saith Sancheriv melech Assyria, Whereon do ye base confidence, that ye abide in the siege in Yerushalayim?

[11] Doth not Chizkiyahu mislead you to give over yourselves to die by ra'av and by tzama, saying, Hashem Eloheinu shall deliver us out of mine yad?

[12] Is not this the same Chizkiyahu that has removed His high places and His mizbechot, and commanded Yehudah and Yerushalayim, saying, Ye shall worship before Mizbe'ach echud, and burn ketoret upon it?

[13] Know ye not what I and avotai have done unto all the people of other lands? Were the elohei goyei ha'aratzot able to deliver their land out of mine yad?

[14] Who was there among kol elohei haGoyim that avotai utterly destroyed, that could save his people out of mine yad, that Eloheichem should be able to save you out of mine yad?

[15] Now therefore let not Chizkiyahu deceive you, nor mislead you on this manner, neither yet believe him, for no g'd of any goy or mamalach was able to deliver his people out of mine yad, and out of the yad of avotai. How much less shall Eloheichem deliver you out of mine yad?

[16] And his avadim spoke yet more against Hashem HaElohim, and against His aved Chizkiyahu. [17] He wrote also sefarim to Chizkiyahu, HaElohim, and against His ha'adamot, which destroyed all the Elohei goyei ha'aratzot.

[18] Then they cried with a kol gadol in the language of the Yehudim unto the Am Yehudah and Yerushalayim, as against the g-ds of the peoples of the land, which were the work of the hands of ha'adam. [19] And they spoke against the Elohei Yerushalayim, as against the g-ds of the peoples of the land, which were the work of the hands of ha'adam.

[20] And for this cause Chizkiyahu HaMelech, and Yeshayah ben Amoz, HaNavi, davened and cried out to Shomayim.

[21] And Hashem sent a malach, which destroyed all the fighting gibborim, and the nagid and sar in the machaneh of the melech Assyria. So he withdrew in boshet panim (shamefaced disgrace) to his own land. And when he was entered the bais elohav, they that came forth of his own loins [i.e., his sons] cut him down there with the cherev.

[22] Thus Hashem saved Chizkiyahu and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim from the yad Sancheriv Melech Ashur, and from the yad of all other, and guided them on every side.

[23] And many brought minchah unto Hashem to Yerushalayim, and migdanot (expensive gifts) to Chizkiyahu Melech Yehudah, so that he was magnified in the sight of Kol HaGoyim from thenceforth.

[24] In those yamim Chizkiyahu became ill, to the point of mot, and davened unto Hashem, and He answered him, and He gave him a motef [see 2Kgs 20:1-11]. [25] But Chizkiyahu did not render back according to the benefit done unto him; for his lev was lifted up in pride; therefore there was ketzef (wrath) upon him, and upon Yehudah and Yerushalayim.

[26] Notwithstanding Chizkiyahu humbled himself for the pride of his lev, both he and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, so that the ketzef Hashem came not upon them in the days of Chizkiyahu.

[27] And Chizkiyahu had exceeding much osher and kavod, and he made himself otzarot for kesef, and for zahav, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for moginim, and for all manner of valuable things;

[28] Silos also for the increase of dagan, and tirosch and yitzhar [pure olive oil]; and stalls for the livestock, and pens for all the sheep.

[29] Moreover he built him towns, and possessions of tzon and bakar in abundance, for
Elohim had given him wealth very much.

|30| This same Chizkiyahu also covered over the upper source of the Gichon Spring and tunneled it straight down to the west side of Ir Dovid. Chizkiyahu prospered in all his works.

|31| Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the sarim of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the mofet that was done in HaAretz, HaElohim left him, to test him, that He might know all that was in his lev.

|32| Now the rest of the acts of Chizkiyahu, and his acts of chesed, hinei, they are written in the Chazon Yeshayahu ben Amoz HaNavi, and in the Sefer Melachim of Yehudah and Yisroel.

|33| And Chizkiyahu slept with Avotav, and they buried him on the ascent in kivrei Bnei Dovid; and all Yehudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim did him kavod at his mot. And Menasheh bno reigned in his place.

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33 Menasheh was 12 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned 55 years in Yerushalayim,

|2| But did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, like unto the to'avot HaGoyim, whom Hashem had driven out before the Bnei Yisroel.

|3| For he rebuilt the high places which Chizkiyahu Aviv had demolished, erected mizbechot for Ba’alim, and made Asherot, and worshiped all the tzva HaShomayim, and served them.

|4| Also he built mizbechot in the Beis Hashem, whereof Hashem had said, In Yerushalayim shall Shmi be forever.

|5| And he built mizbechot for all the tzva HaShomayim in the two khaterot (courtyards) of the Beis Hashem.

|6| And he caused his hanot to pass through the eish in the Gey Ben Hinnom; also he practiced astrology, fortunetelling, and witchcraft, and necromancy and consulted mediums and spiritists; he wrought rah in the eyes of Hashem, to provoke Him to anger.

|7| And he set a pesel hasemel which he had made in the Beis HaElohim, of which Hashem had said to Dovid and to Shlomo bno, In this Beis, and in Yerushalayim, which I have chosen before all the Shivtei Yisroel, will I put Shmi forever;

|8| Neither will I anymore remove the regel Yisroel from HaAretz which I have appointed for Avoteichem; so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to kol HaTorah and the Chukkim and the Mishpatim by the yad Moshe.

|9| So Menasheh made Yehudah and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to be led astray, and to do rah more than the Goyim, whom Hashem had destroyed before the Bnei Yisroel.

|10| And Hashem spoke to Menasheh, and to his people, but they would not pay heed.

|11| Therefore Hashem brought upon them the sarei hatzavah of Melech Ashur (Assyria), which captured Menasheh with a hunter’s hooks, and bound him with bronze shackles, and hauled him off to Babylon.

|12| And when he was in distress, he besought Hashem Elohay, and humbled himself greatly before Elohei Avotav,

|13| And davened unto Him, and He was entreated of him, and heard his techinnah, and brought him back again to Yerushalayim into his malchut. Then Menasheh knew that Hashem hu HaElohim.

|14| Now after this he rebuilt a chomah chitzonah of Ir Dovid, on the west side of Gichon, in the valley, at the approach of Sha’ar HaDagim, and encompassed the Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and stationed military commanders in all the fortified cities of Yehudah.

|15| And he removed the elohei hanekhar, and the semel (image) from the Beis Hashem, and all the mizbechot that he had built in the har of the Beis Hashem, and in Yerushalayim, and cast them outside the Ir.

|16| And he rebuilt the Mizbe’ach Hashem, and sacrificed thereon zivkhei shelamim and todah, and commanded Yehudah to serve Hashem Eloheihem.

|17| Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, albeit unto Hashem Eloheihem.

|18| Now the rest of the acts of Menasheh, and his tefillah unto Elohay, and the divrei HaChozim that spoke to him b’Shem Hashem Eloheihem, hinei, they are written in the annals of the Melachim of Yisroel.

|19| His tefillah also, and how He was entreated of him, and all his chattat, and his unfaithfulness, and the mekomot (sites, places) wherein he built high places, and set up Asherim and pesilim, before he was humbled; hinei, they are written among the records of Chozai.
[20] So Menashe slept with Ayotav, and they buried him in his own bais; and Amon bno reigned in his place.
[21] Amon was 22 shanah when he began to reign, and reigned two shanim in Yerushalayim.
[22] But he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem, as did Menashe Hiviv, for Amon sacrificed unto all the pesilim (idols) which Menashe Aviv had made, and served them;
[23] And humbled not himself before Hashem, as Menashe Aviv had humbled himself; but Amon increased more and more in ashmah.
[24] And his avadim made a kesher against him, assassinated him in his own bais.
[25] But the am ha'aretz slaughtered all them that had made the kesher against HaMelech Amon; and the am ha'aretz made Yoshiyahu (Josiah) bno Melech in his place.

Yoshiyahu was 8 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Yerushalayim 31 shanah.
[2] And he did that which was yashar in the eyes of Hashem, and walked in the ways of Dovid Aviv, and veered off neither right nor left.
[3] For in the eighth year of his reign, when he was yet na'ar (young), he began to seek after Elohei Dovid Aviv; and in the twelfth year he began to make tahor Yehudah and Yerushalayim from the high places, and the Asherim, and the pesilim, and the massekhot (molten images).
[4] And they demolished the mizbechot of Ba'alim in his presence; and the incense stands erected above them he smashed; and the Asherim, and the pesilim, and the massekhot he demolished and made dust of them, and scattered upon the keverim (graves) of them that had sacrificed unto them.
[5] And he burned the atzmot of the Kohanim upon their mizbechot, and made tahor Yehudah and Yerushalayim.
[6] And so did he in the towns of Menashe, and Ephrayim, and Shimon, even as far as Naphtali, and in their ruins all around.
[7] And when he had broken down the mizbechot and the Asherim, and had beaten the pesilim into powder, and cut down all the incense stands throughout all Eretz Yisroel, he returned to Yerushalayim.
[8] Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had made tahor HaAretz, and HaBeis, he sent Shaphan ben Atzalyahu, and Ma'aseiyahu the Sar HaIr, and Yoach ben Yo'achaz the recorder, to repair the Beis Hashem Elohay.
[9] And when they came to Chilkiyahu the Kohen HaGadol, they delivered the kesef that was brought into the Beis Elohim, which the Levi'im, the Shomrei HaSaf (the Doorkeepers), had collected from the people of Menasheh and Ephrayim, and from kol She'erit Yisroel, and kol Yehudah and Binyamin, and they returned to Yerushalayim.
[10] And they entrusted it into the yad oseh hamelachah (hand of the master workmen) that had hamuafkadim (oversight) of the Beis Hashem, and they paid it to the workmen that wrought in the Beis Hashem, to repair and restore HaBeis [HaMikolash];
[11] Even to the charashim (craftsmen, artisans) and builders gave they it, to buy quarried stones, and timber for rafters and beams, for the buildings which the Melachim of Yehudah had destroyed.
[12] And the men did the melachah (work) be'emanah (faithfully, with integrity); and the mufradim (overseers) of them were Yachat and Ovdiyahu, the Levi'im, of the Bnei Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the Bnei Kehati, to give oversight; and other of the Levi'im, all that were meven (expert) in musical instruments.
[13] Also they were over the sabalim (bearers of burdens) and the overseers of all that wrought the work in every kind of avodah; and of the Levi'im there were soferim (scribes), shoterim (officers) and shoverim (doorkeepers).
[14] And when they brought out the keseif that was brought into the Beis Hashem, Chilkivahu HaKohen found a Sefer Torah Hashem given through Moshe.
[15] And Chilkivahu answered and said to Shaphan the Sofer, I have found the Sefer HaTorah in the Beis Hashem. And Chilkivahu delivered the Sefer to Shaphan.
[16] And Shaphan carried the Sefer to HaMelech, and brought HaMelech word back again, saying, All that was committed into the yad of avadim, they are doing.
[17] And they have emptied out the keseif that was found in the Beis Hashem, and have entrusted it into the yad hamuafkadim and to the yad oseii hamelachah.
[18] Then Shaphan the Sofer told HaMelech, saying, Chilkivahu HaKohen hath given me a Sefer. And Shaphan read it in the presence of HaMelech.
|19| And it came to pass, when HaMelech had heard the divrei HaTorah, that he tore his garments. |
|20| And HaMelech commanded Chilkiyahu, and Achikam ben Shaphan, and Avdon ben Michah, and Shaphan HaSofer, and Asayah eved HaMelech, saying, |
|21| Go, inquire of Hashem for me, and for them that are nishar (left, remaining, the remnant) in Yisroel and in Yehudah, concerning the divrei hasefer that is found; for gadolah chamat Hashem is poured out upon us, because Avoteinu have not been shomer over the Devar Hashem, to do after all that is written in HaSefer Hazeh. |
|22| And Chilkiyahu, and they that HaMelech had sent, went to Chuldah the neviah, the wife of Shallum ben Tokehat ben Chasrah, Shomer HaBegadim (Keeper of the Wardrobe) (now she dwelt in Yerushalayim in the Mishneh), and they spoke to her to this effect. |
|23| And she answered them, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Tell ye the ish that sent you to me, Thus saith Hashem, Hinei, I will gather thee to Avoteicha, thou shalt be gathered to thy kever in shalom, neither shall thine eyes see all ra'ah I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of it. So they brought back HaMelech word. |
|24| Then HaMelech sent and gathered together all the Ziknei Yehudah and Yerushalayim. |
|25| And HaMelech stood at his place, and cut HaBrit in the presence of Hashem, to walk after Hashem, and to be shomer over His mitzvot, and His testimonies, and His chukkot, with all his lev, and with all his nefesh, to perform the divrei HaBrit which are written in the Sefer which they have read in the presence of Melech Yehudah, |
|26| Because they have forsaken Me, and have burned ketoret unto elohim acherim, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore My wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. |
|27| And as for Melech Yehudah, who sent you to inquire of Hashem, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel concerning the words which thou hast heard; |
|28| And he set up the Kohanim in their mishmerot, and encouraged them to the Avodas Beis Hashem, and |
|29| And Yoshiyahu removed kol hato'evot out of all the territories that pertained to the Bnei Yisroel, and made all that were present in Yisroel to do avadas [kodesh] service to Hashem Eloheihem. And all his days they veered not from following Hashem, Elohevi Avoteihem. |
|30| And Yoshiyahu kept Pesach unto Hashem in Yerushalayim, and they slaughtered the Pesach on the fourteenth day of the first month. |
|31| And prepare yourselves by Bais Avoteichem, after your machlekot, according to the writing of Dovid Melech Yisroel, and according to the mikhtav of Sh'lomo bno. |
|32| And stand in HaKodesh according to the pelugot Bais HaAvot (groupings of families) of your achim the Bnei HaAm, and after the chalukat Bais Av (family subdivisions) of the Levi'im. |
|33| So slaughter the Pesach, and set yourselves apart as kodesh, and prepare your achim, that they may do according to the Devar Hashem by the yad Moshe. |
|34| And Yoshiyahu gave to HaAm, of the tzon, kevasim and goats, all for the Pesachim, for all that were present, to the number of 30,000 plus 3,000 bakar; these were from the property
of HaMelech.

[8] And his sarim gave linedavah (voluntarily) unto HaAm, to the Kohanim, to the Levi'im. Chilkiyah, Zecharyahu, Yechiel, negidei Beis HaElohim gave unto the Kohanim for the Pesachim 2,600 and 300 bakar.

[9] Conanyah also, and Shemayahu and Netanel, his achim, and Chashavyahu and Ye'i'el and Yozavad, Sarei HaLevi'im, gave unto the Levi'im for Pesachim 5,000 and 500 bakar.

[10] So the Avodah (Service) was prepared, and the Kohanim stood in their place, and the Levi'im in their machlekot, according to the mitzvat HaMelech.


[12] And they removed the olah, that they might give according to the pelugot l'Bais Avot l'Bnei HaAm, to offer unto Hashem, as it is written in the Sefer Moshe. And so did they with the bakar.

[13] And they roasted the Pesach with eish according to the mishpat; but the other kadashim they boiled in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and distributed them in haste among kol Bnei HaAm.

[14] And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the Kohanim; because the Kohanim the Bnei Aharon were busied in offering olah and the chalavim (fats) until lailah; therefore the Levi'im prepared for themselves, and for the Kohanim, the Bnei Aharon.

[15] And the meshorarim (singers), the Bnei Asaph, were in their place, according to the mitzvat Dovid, and Asaph, and Heman, and Yedutun, Chozeh HaMelech; and the sho'arim (gatekeepers) were at every sha'ar; neither did they need to depart from their Avodah, for their achim the Levi'im prepared for them.

[16] So all the Avodas Hashem was prepared that same day, to keep the Pesach, and to offer olot upon the Mizbe'ach Hashem, according to the mitzvat HaMelech Yoshiyahu.

[17] And the Bnei Yisroel that were present kept the Pesach at that time, and the Chag HaMatzot seven days.

[18] And there was no Pesach like it in Yisroel from the days of Shmuel HaNavi; neither did all the Melachim of Yisroel keep such a Pesach as Yoshiyahu kept, and the Kohanim, and the Levi'im, and kol Yehudah and Yisroel that were present, and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

[19] In the eighteenth shanah of the reign of Yoshiyahu was this Pesach kept.

[20] After all this, when Yoshiyahu had set in order the Beis HaMikdash, Necho Melech Mitzrayim went up to fight at Carchemish on the Euphrates, and Yoshiyahu went up against him.

[21] But he sent malachim to him, saying, Mah li valach (What have I to do with thee), thou Melech Yehudah? I come not against thee this day, but against the Bais wherewith I have war [i.e., Babylon], for Elohim commanded me to make haste; forbear thee from meddling with Elohim, Who is with me, that He destroy thee not.

[22] Nevertheless Yoshiyahu would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and paid heed not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of Elohim, and went to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.

[23] And the archers shot at Melech Yoshiyahu; and HaMelech said to his avadim, Take me away; for I am badly wounded.

[24] His avadim therefore took him out of that merkavah, and put him in the mishneh merkavah that he had; and they brought him to Yerushalayim, and he died, and was buried in the kivrot Avotav. And all Yehudah and Yerushalayim mourned for Yoshiyahu.

[25] And Yirmeyahu lamented for Yoshiyahu; and all the sharim (singing men) and the sharot (singing women) commemorate Yoshiyahu in their laments to this day, and made them as chok [set custom] in Yisroel; and, hinei, they are written in HaKinot (the Laments).

[26] Now the rest of the acts of Yoshiyahu, and his acts of chesed, according to what is written in the Torat Hashem, And his deeds, harishonim and ha’acharonim, hinei, they are written in the Sefer of the Melachim of Yisroel and Yehudah.

36 Then the Am HaAretz took Yehoachaz ben Yoshiyahu, and made him melech in the place of Aviv in Yerushalayim.

[2] Yehoachaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Yerushalayim.

[3] And Melech Mitzrayim deposed him at Yerushalayim, and laid on HaAretz a tribute of a hundred talents of kesef and a talent of zahav.

[4] And Melech Mitzrayim made Elyakim his brother
melech over Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and changed shmo to Y'hoyakim. And Neho took Yehoachaz his brother, and carried him off to Mitzrayim. 

[5] Y'hoyakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim; and he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem Elohav.


[7] Nevuchadnetzar also carried off the vessels of the Beis Hashem to Babylon, and put them in his heikhal (temple) at Babylon.

[8] Now the rest of the acts of Y'hoyakim, and his to'avot which he did, and that which was found in him, hinei, they are written in the Sefer of the Melachim of Yisroel and Yehudah; and Y'hoyakhin bno became king in his place.

[9] Y'hoyakhin was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Yerushalayim; and he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem.

[10] And when the year was expired, HaMelech Nevuchadnetzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the kelei chemdat Beis Hashem, and made Tzidkiyah his brother Melech over Yehudah and Yerushalayim.

[11] Tzidkiyah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim.

[12] And he did that which was rah in the eyes of Hashem Elohim, and humbled not himself before Yirmeyahu HaNavi speaking from the mouth of Hashem.

[13] And he also rebelled against Melech Nevuchadnetzar, who had made him take an oath by Elohim, but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his lev against making teshuva unto Hashem Elohei Yisroel.

[14] Moreover all the Sarei HaKohanim, and HaAm became more unfaithful, following all the to'avor HaGoyim, and they made the Beis Hashem tameh which Hashem had consecrated and set apart as kodesh in Yerushalayim.

[15] And Hashem Elohei Avotheihem sent to them by His malachim, time and again; because He took pity on His people and on His Ma'on (Dwelling Place);

[16] But they mocked the malachim of Elohim, and despised His words, and derided His nevi'im, until the Chomat Hashem was aroused against His people, until there was no marpeh (remedy, healing).

[17] Therefore He brought upon them Melech Kasdim, who slaughtered their bochurim with the cherev in their Beis Mikdash, and had no pity upon bochor or betulah, zaken or the aged man. He gave them all into his yad.

[18] And all the kelei Beis HaElohim, hagedolim and haketanim, and the otzerot of the Beis Hashem, and the otzerot HaMelech, and of his sarim; all these he brought to Babylon.

[19] And they burned the Beis HaElohim, and broke down the Chomat Yerushalayim, and burned all the palaces thereof with eish, and destroyed all its precious vessels [Tisha BAv]

[20] And them that had escaped from the cherev carried he off to Babylon where they were avadim to him and his banim until the kingdom of Paras (Persia) began to reign;

[21] To fulfil the Devar Hashem by the mouth of Yirmeyahu, until HaAretz had made up for its Shabbatot, for as long as she lay desolate she was shomer Shabbos, to fulfil Shivim Shanah (seventy years, see Jeremiah 25:11).

[22] Now in the first year of Koresh (Cyrus) Melech Paras (Persia), that the word of Hashem spoken by the mouth of Yirmeyahu (Jeremiah) might be accomplished, Hashem stirred up the ruach of Koresh Melech Paras (Persia), that he made a proclamation throughout all his Malchut, and put it also in writing, saying,

[23] Thus saith Koresh Melech Paras (Persia), Kol Mamlechot HaAretz (all the kingdoms of the earth) hath Hashem Elohei HaShomayim given me; and He hath charged me to build Him a Beis in Yerushalayim, which is in Yehudah. Who is there among you of all His people? Hashem Elohim be with him and let him go up!
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--Yn 11:25
1 This is the sefer toldot of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Ben Dovid, Ben Avraham.

2 [Avraham, then Yitzchak, Yaakov, Yehudah and his brothers;]

3 then, through Yehudah, Peretz and Zerach by Tamar; then Chetzron, Ram;

4 then Amminadav, Nachshon, Salmon;

5 then Boaz by Rachav; then Oved by Ruth, then Yishai;

6 then Yishai fathered Dovid HaMelech; then Shlomo by the wife of Uriyah;

7 then Rechavam, Aviyah, Asa,

8 then Yehoshafat, Yoram, Uzyahu;

9 then Yotam, Achaz, Chizkiyahu,

10 then Mnasheh, Amon, Yoshiyahu,

11 then Yehoshua and his achim from the days of the Golus in Babylon.

12 After Yehoshua, Yaakov fathered Yosef, the baal (husband) of Miryam, from whom was born Yehoshua, who is called Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. [Yochanan 1:49]

13 So then, there were arbaa asar (fourteen) dorot (generations) from Avraham to Dovid [T.N. Dovid~ DVD in Hebrew = [d = 4, v = 6, d = 4] / (4 + 6 + 4 = 14)], and there were arbaa asar dorot from Dovid to the Golus in Babylon, and there were arbaa asar dorot from the Golus in Babylon to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

14 The huledet (birth) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was as follows. When Moshiach’s Em, Miryam, had been given in erusin to Yosef [Ben Dovid], but before they came together, she was found with child through the Ruach Hakodesh.

15 Her shidduch, Yosef [Ben Dovid], being a tzaddik and not wanting to humiliate her publicly, planned to deal with the get (divorce) in a private arrangement.

16 Now just when Yosef [Ben Dovid] had thought through to this tachlis (purpose) hinei! A malach Hashem appeared to him in a chalom, and said, Yosef ben Dovid, do not shrink from taking Miryam in nisuim (marriage) as your [basherte (destined mate) aishes chayil (virtuous woman)] kallah (bride), because what has been conceived in her is through the Ruach Hakodesh.

17 And she shall bear BEN (Son) and you will call SHMO (his name, Zech 6:12) YEHOSHUA (Zech 6:11-12) because he will bring his people yeshuah (rescue, salvation, deliverance) from their peyshaim (rebellions).

18 Now all this occurred so that which was spoken by Hashem through the Navi might be fulfilled,

19 HINEI, HAALMAH HARAH VOYLEDET BEN VKARAT SHMO IMMANU-EL, Behold, the Virgion will be with child and will bear Son and will call his name Immnu-El~Isa 7:14; cf page vii, which translated means G-d is with us.

20 Then Yosef [Ben Dovid], rising up from sleep, did as the malach Hashem commanded him and he took his kallah.

21 And Yosef [Ben Dovid] did not know her until she bore BEN and Yosef [Ben Dovid] called him by the name of Yehoshua [Ben Dovid][See Baba Bathra 8:6].

22 Now after Yehoshua was born in Beit-Lechem Yehudah, in the days of Herod [the Great, the Roman client] king --hinei!--a malach Hashem appeared to Yosef [Ben Dovid] in the Mizrach and come to fall down before him.

23 Because Herod the king heard this, he was terribly shaken, and all Yerushalayim with him.

24 And assembling all the Rashei Hakohanim and Sofrim of the people, he inquired of them the place where Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was to be born.

25 [They told him, In Beit-Lechem Yehudah; because so it stands written by the Navi:]

26 [And YOU, BEIT-LECHEM, (Bethlehem, Mic 5:1[2]) in eretz Yehudah are by no means least among the shetlac (towns) or ruling [alafim] of Yehudah; because out of you will come a Moshe (Ruler) who will be the Ro’eh Ami Yisroel.

27 Then Herod secretly summoned the chachamim and ascertained from them the exact date of the manifestation of the KOCHAV.

28 Then he sent them to Beth-Lechem, saying, Go and make a thorough search for the yeled (child); as soon as you have found him, report to me, so that I, as you, may come and fall down before him.

29 [After they heard the king, they departed, and hinei! The KOCHAV they had seen in the Mizrach (East) was going ahead of them until it came and stood above the place where the yeled was.

30 When they saw the KOCHAV, they rejoiced with exceedingly great nachas (joy).

31 And, entering the bais (house), they beheld the yeled with KOCHAV they had seen in the Mizrach (East) was going ahead of them until it came and stood above the place where the yeled was.

32 And having been warned in a chalom (dream) not to return to Herod, they took refuge in their own country by another way.

33 And when they’d gone--hinei! --a malach Hashem appeared to Yosef [Ben Dovid] in 833
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Now in those days Yochanan the tevilah of teshuva appears, preaching, crying out as a maggid (preacher) [for the Moshiach] in the midbar (wilderness) of Yehudah,

[2] saying, Make teshuva, for the Malchut HaShomayim has come near.

[3] For this [Yochanan] is the one spoken of through Yeshayah the Navi, saying, KOL KOREY BAMIDBAR (A voice of one shouting in the wilderness, Isa 40:3): Prepare the Derech Hashem (the way of the L-rd). Make his paths straight!

[4] Now Yochanan himself had camel-hair clothing and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was arbey (locusts) and devash (wild honey).

[5] Then all Yerushalayim and all Yehudah and the whole region of the Yarden were going out to him.

[6] Making vidduy (confession of sin) [to Hashem] of their averos (sins), they were submitted to a tevilah (immersion) by him, using the Yarden River as a mikveh mayim (gathering of water).

[7] But when he saw many of the Perushim and Tzedukim coming to where he was using the Yarden as a mikveh mayim, Yochanan said to them, You banim (sons) of nachashim [snakes]! Who warned you to flee from the charon af [Hashem] habah (the coming burning wrath of Hashem)?

[8] Produce pri tov l’teshuva (fruit worthy of repentance)!

[9] Do not presume to say to yourselves, We have the yichus (proud lineage), we have the zechut Avot (merit of the Fathers) of Avraham Avinu (our father Abraham). For I say to you that Hashem is able to raise up from these avanim (stones) banim (sons) of Avraham.

[10] And already the ax is laid at the shoresh haetzim (the root of the trees); therefore, every etz not producing pri tov (good fruit) is cut down and thrown into the eish (fire).

[11] I give you a tevilah (immersion) in a mikveh mayim for teshuva, but Hu Habah (He who Comes; T.N. i.e., the Moshiach) after me has more chozek (strength) than me. I am not worthy to remove his sandals. He will give you a tevilah (immersion) with the Ruach Hakodesh and eish (fire).

[12] The winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear out his threshing floor, and he will gather his wheat into the storehouse; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable eish (fire).

[13] Then Yehoshua comes from the Galil to the Yarden to Yochanan, to submit to Yochanan’s tevilah.

[14] But Yochanan would have deterred him, saying, I have need to submit to your tevilah [T.N. i.e., Moshiach’s tevilah], and yet you come to me?

[15] But answering him, Yehoshua said, Permit it now, for thus it is proper
to fulfill all Tzidkat Hashem [Dan 9:24].

16] And having received the teivlah in the Yarden’s miķeh mayim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach immediately came up. And, hinei! The Shomayim were opened to him, and he saw the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem descending like a yonah (dove) and coming upon him.

17] And, hinei, a bat kol (a voice from heaven) came out of Shomayim, saying, ZEH BNI AHUVI ASHER BO CHAFATZTI (This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased).

Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was led up into the midbar by the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem to undergo nisyonos (temptations) by Hasatan.

2] And, having undergone a tzom (fast) for arbaim yom (forty days and forty nights), afterward Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was famished.

3] And the tempter came to him and said to him, If you are the Ben HaElohim, then speak the command that these avanim (stones) become lechem (bread).

4] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered, Katuv (it is written), LO TENASSU ES HASHEM ELOHEICHA TIRA ES HASHEM ELOHEICHA TIRA. (For katuv (it is written), LO AL HALECHEM VOTO TAAVOD (The L-rd your G-d shall worship, DEVARIM 6:13).)

5] Then Hasatan said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, All these things I will give to you, if you will fall down VITISHTACHAVEI (and you will bow down to [DEVARIM 5:9]) me.

6] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Depart, Hasatan! For katuv (it is written), ES HASHEM ELOHEICHA TIRA VOTO TAAVOD (The L-rd your G-d you shall fear and Him you shall worship, DEVARIM 6:13).

7] Then Hasatan leaves him, and, hinei, malachim came and attended to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

8] Again, Hasatan takes Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Depart, Hasatan! For katuv (it is written), TEHILLIM 91:11,12.)

9] And Hasatan said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, All these things will I give to you, if you will fall down VTISHTACHAVEI (and you will bow down to [DEVARIM 5:9]) me.

10] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered, Katuv (It is written), VOTO TAAVOD (The L-rd your G-d shall worship, DEVARIM 6:13).]

11] Then Hasatan leaves him, and, hinei, malachim came and attended to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

12] Now, having heard that Yochanan was arrested, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach departed into the Galil.

13] And having left behind Natzeret, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach headquartered in Kfar-Nachum by the sea, in the environs of Zvulun and Naftali.

14] This was to fulfill what was spoken through Yeshayah HaNavi, ARIZA TAVOVAH (The Good News of Redemption) of the Malchut Hashem, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went about bringing refuah (healing) to every disease and every illness of the people.

15] And the report went out from the Galil, exercising the ministry of moreh (teacher) in their shuls and moreh (teacher) in their yeshivos.

16] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went about in all the Galil, exercising the ministry of moreh (teacher) in their shuls and moreh (teacher) in their yeshivos.

17] And about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach 

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When Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw the multitudes, he ALAH HAHAR (went up the mountain, SHEMOT 19:3) and when he sat down, his talmidim came to him.

[2] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach began to speak, and gave them this torah (teaching), saying,

[3] Ashrey ANIYEI HARUACH (Blessed, Happy are the poor in spirit, YESHAYAH 66:2) for theirs is the Malchut HaShomayim.

[4] Ashrey are the AVELIM (the ones mourning, YESHAYAH 61:2), for they will be comforted.

[5] Ashrey are the ANAVIM (humble, YESHAYAH 29:19; ZEFANYAH 2:3), for theirs is the Righteousness of you (humble).

[6] Ashrey are those of LEV RACHAMIM (mercy).

[7] Ashrey are the merciful, for they will be shown rachamim (mercy).

[8] Ashrey are of LEV TAHOR (pure heart, TEHILLIM 51:12 [10]), for they will see Hashem.

[9] Ashrey are the peace-makers, for they will be called bnei haElohim (sons of G-d).

[10] Ashrey are the ones being persecuted because of Tzidkat Hashem (righteousness, DANIEL 9:24), for theirs is the Malchut HaShomayim.

[11] Ashrey are you when they reproach you and persecute you and speak all kinds of lashon horah against you, speaking sheker (falsehood, lies) because of me [Moshiach].

[12] Have simcha (joy) and lev sameach (glad heart), for your sachar (reward) is great in Shamayim, for thus they persecuted the Neviim before you.

[13] You are the melach haaretz (salt of the earth), but if the salt becomes tasteless, in what way will it become salty again? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled by men.

[14] You are the Ohr HaOlam (the Light of the World). A city lying on a mountaintop cannot be nistar (hidden).

[15] No one, after lighting a menorah, places it under a measuring basket, but on the shulchan (table), and it gives ohr (light) to kol anshei habais (all in the house).

[16] In like manner, let your light so shine before Bnei Adam, that they may see your maasim tovim (good works) and give kavod (glory) to your Av shbaShomayim (Father in Heaven).

[17] Do not think that I came to abolish the Torah or the Neviim. I did not come to abolish the Torah but to complete.

[18] For, omein, truly I say to you, until Shomayim and Earth shall be accomplished.

[19] Therefore, whoever annuls one of the least of these mitzvot (divine commandments given by Hashem to Moshe Rebenu) and so teaches Bnei Adam, shall be called katon (least) in the Malchut HaShomayim; but whoever practices and teaches them, this one will be called gadol (great) in the Malchut HaShomayim.

[20] For I say unto you that unless the Tzadek (Righteousness) of you exceeds that of the Sofrim and Perushim, you will certainly not enter the Malchut HaShomayim.

[21] You have heard that it was said to the ancients, LO TIRTZACH (Do not murder, SHEMOT 20:13; DEVARIM 5:17), and every rotzeach (murderer) shall be liable before the Bet Din (Court).

[22] But I say to you, that everyone who harbors kaas (anger) against his Ach [b’Moshiach], his chaver, shall be subject to mishpat (judgment); and whoever shall say to his Ach [b’Moshiach], Reyka! (Good for nothing!) will be subject to the Sanhedrin; and whoever shall say Shoteh! (Fool) shall be subject to Eish Gehinnom (Fire of Hell).

[23] Therefore, if you bring your korban (sacrifice) to the Mizbeach (altar), and there you remember that your Ach [b’Moshiach] has something against you,

[24] leave your korban there before the Mizbeach, and go and first be reconciled to your Ach [b’Moshiach]; and then come offer your korban.

[25] Come to terms quickly with your ish riv (opponent in a lawsuit), while you are a fellow-traveler on the derech eretz, lest the ish riv might deliver you to the shofet (judge), and the shofet might deliver you to the shoter (law official), and the shoter might deliver you to the beit hasohar (prison house).

[26] For, omein, truly I say to you, you may never come out from there until you repay the last peruta (small coin).

[27] You have heard that it was said, LO TINAF (Do not commit adultery, SHEMOT 20:14).

[28] But I say to you that everyone looking upon a woman with taavah (lust) for her has already committed niuf (adultery) with her in his heart.
But when you contribute tzedakah, do not let your left hand have da’as (knowledge) of what your right hand is doing.

For if you have ahavah (love) for the ones who have ahavah for you, what sachar (reward) do you have? Even the mochesim (tax collectors) do that, don’t they?

And if you give Drishat Shalom (greetings) only to your Achim [b’Moshiach], what extraordinary thing are you doing? Don’t even the Goyim do the same?

But let your word be ken, ken (yes, yes) or lo, lo (no, no), but anything beyond this is lashon horah.

But let your word be ken, for you are not able to make one hair turn white or black.

And if your right hand causes you to commit chet (sin), tear it out and throw it from you, for it is better for you that one of your evarim (members) be lost and not your whole basar (body, flesh) be thrown into Gehinnom.

And if your right hand causes you to commit chet, cut it off and throw it from you, for it is better for you that one of your evarim (members) be lost and not that your whole basar may go into Gehinnom.

It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife, let him give to her a “get,” a SEFER KERITUT (bill of divorce, DEVARIM 24:1).

But I say to you that everyone divorcing his wife, except for the DVAR (indecent thing, DEVARIM 24:1) of zenet (fornication), makes her become a noefet (adulteress), and whoever marries a gerusha (divorcee) commits niuf (adultery).

Again, you have heard that it was said, AYIN TAKHAT AYIN, SHEN TAKHAT SHEN (An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth SHEMOT 21:24).

But I say to you, Do not set yourself against the rasha (evil person), but whoever hits you on your right cheek, turn to him also the other cheek.

And the one wishing to sue you and take your tunic, give to him also your kaftan.

And whoever will force you to go one mile, go with him two.

And the one asking you to give and the one wishing to borrow from you, from these do not turn away.

You have heard that it was said, VAHAVTAH LREIACHAH (You shall love your neighbor, VAYIKRA 19:18) and you shall hate your ovey (enemy).

But I say to you, Love your enemies, and offer tefillos (prayers) for the ones bringing redifah (persecution) upon you.

Do this so that you may become banim of your Av shbaShomayim, for his shemesh (Sun) He makes to rise on the ra’im (evil ones) and the tovim (good ones), and He sends His geshem (rain) upon the tzaddikim (righteous ones) and the resha’im (unrighteous ones).

For if you have ahavah (love) for the ones who have ahavah for you, what sachar (reward) do you have? Even the mochesim (tax collectors) do that, don’t they?

And if you give Drishat Shalom (greetings) only to your Achim [b’Moshiach], what extraordinary thing are you doing? Don’t even the Goyim do the same?

Therefore, be shlemim (complete), even as is your Av shbaShomayim.
think that in their verbosity their techinnah will be heard. 
| 8 | Therefore, nisht azoi (not so)! Be different, for your Av has dnas (knowledge) of what things you have need before you ask Him. 
| 9 | Therefore, when you offer tefillos, daven like this, in this manner: Avinu shbaShomayim (Our Father in heaven), vitkadash shmecha (hallowed be your Name). 
| 10 | Tavo malchutechah (Thy Kingdom come) Ye'aseh rtzonechah (Thy will be done) knoh vaShomayim ken baaretz (on earth as it is in heaven). 

| 11 | Es lechem chukeinu ten lanu hayom (Give us today our daily bread). 
| 12 | u-slach lanu es chovoteinu kaasher salachnu (and forgive us our debts as we forgive) gam anachnu lachayaveinu (also our debtors). 
| 13 | V'al tvi'einu lidey nisayon (And lead us not into temptation [Mt 26:41]) ki im chaltzeinu min harah (but deliver us from evil). [Ki nisayon (And lead us not into temptation) Mt 26:41] 
| 14 | For if you give men mechula (pardon, forgiveness) for their chattaim (sins), so also your Av shbaShomayim will give selicha (forgiveness) to you. 
| 15 | But if you do not give men mechula (forgiveness), neither will your chattaim receive selicha from your Av. 
| 16 | And whenever you undergo a tzom (fast), don’t be like the sullen tzevuim (hypocrites), for they disfigure their faces to parade their tzom (fast). Omein, truly I say to you, they have received their sachar (reward). 
| 17 | But when you undergo a tzom, anoint your rosh with shemen and wash your face 
| 18 | so that your tzom is concealed from Bnei Adom but not from your Av Asher b'Seter (Father Who is in Secret). And your Av HaRoeh b'seter (Father the One seeing in secret) will give you sachar. 
| 19 | Do not store up for yourselves otzarot (treasures) on haaretz, where moth and rust destroy and where ganavim (thieves) break in and steal. 
| 20 | But zahmlet aich (collect for yourselves) ozarot (treasures) in Shomayim, where neither moth nor rust destroys; neither do ganavim break in and steal. 

Speaking, daven like this: 
| 21 | For where your otzar is, there also will be your lev. 
| 22 | The eye is the menorah of the basar. Therefore, if your eye is unblurred, then your whole basar will be unblurred. 
| 23 | But if yours is the ayin horo, your kol is choshech; if ohr choshech, great choshech! 
| 24 | No one is able to serve two adonim (masters). For either he will have sinah (hatred) for the one and ahavah (love) for the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve Hashem and Mammon (Money). 
| 25 | Therefore, I say to you, Do not have a LEV ROGEZ (anxious heart) about your life, what you might wear or what you might drink, nor for your basar, what you might put on. Is not life more than okhel (food) and basar more than malbush (clothing)? 
| 26 | Look to the OPH HASHOMAYIM (birds of heaven, IOV 35:11), for they do not sow nor reap nor gather into storehouses, and your Av shbaShomayim feeds them. Are you yourselves not worth more than they? 
| 27 | And who among you by a LEV ROGEZ (DEVARIM 28:65) is able to add to his life span one cubit? 
| 28 | And why have a LEV ROGEZ (anxious heart) about malbush (clothing)? Observe the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not labor nor spin. 
| 29 | But I say to you that not even Shlomo HaMelech in all his kavod (glory) was clothed as one of these. 
| 30 | And if Hashem thus clothes the grass of the field that exists today and tomorrow is thrown into a furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you ones of little emunah? 
| 31 | Therefore, do not have a LEV ROGEZ (DEVARIM 28:65), saying, What might we eat? or What might we drink? or With what might we clothe ourselves? 
| 32 | For all these things the Goyim strive. For your Av shbaShomayim bavorn (anticipates) that you need all these things. 
| 33 | But seek first the Malchut Hashem and the Tzidkat Hashem, and all these things will be added to you. 
| 34 | Therefore, do not have a LEV ROGEZ (DEVARIM 28:65) for tomorrow, for makhzar (tomorrow) will care for itself. Each day has enough tztaras of its own. 

7 Judge not lest you be judged. 
| 2 | For with what gezar din (verdict) you judge, you will be judged, and with what measure you measure, it will be measured to you. 
| 3 | And why do you see the speck in the eye of your Ach [b'Moshiach], but you do not
consider the beam in your own eye.

| 4 | Or how will you say to your Ach [b'Moshiach], Let me take the speck out from your eye! (And, hinei! The beam is in your own eye!)
| 5 | Tzevua (hypocrite), first take the beam out of your eye, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the speck from the eye of your Ach [b'Moshiach].
| 6 | Do not give the kodesh to keleivim nor throw your pearls before chazirim, lest they will trample them with their feet and turn around and tear you into pieces.
| 7 | Keep asking and it shall be given to you; keep searching and you shall find; keep knocking and the delet shall be opened to you.
| 8 | For everyone asking receives, and the one searching finds, and to the one knocking the delet will be opened.
| 9 | Or what man is there among you the ben of whom will ask for lechem (bread), and he will give him a stone.
| 10 | Or if he asks for a dag (fish), will give him a nachash (snake)?
| 11 | Therefore, if you, being ra’im (evil ones), know to give matanot tovot (good gifts) to your yeladim, how much more does your Av shbaShomayim give hatov (the good) to the ones asking Him.
| 12 | Therefore, everything that you wish Bnei Adam do for you, thus also you do for them. For this is the Torah and the Neviim.
| 13 | Enter through the derech (way) of the shaar hatzurat (gate of narrowness), for wide is the delet and broad is the rekhov (street) leading to Avaddon (destruction, hell, Abbadon), and rabbim (many) are they who enter through it.
| 14 | But tzar (narrow) is the delet and constricted is the Derech (Way) that leads to Chayyim (life) and few are the ones finding it.
| 15 | Beware of the neviei hasheker (false prophets), who come to you in the malbush (clothing) of kevaiim (sheep), but within are ravenous ze’evim (wolves).
| 16 | By their perot (fruits) you will have da’as of them. Surely grapes are not gathered from thorns nor figs from thistles, are they?
| 17 | So every etz (tree) good tree produces pri tov (good fruit), but the etz nishchat (corrupt tree) produces pri rah.
| 18 | An etz (tree) is not able to produce pri rah nor is an etz nishchat able to produce pri tov.
| 19 | Kol etz (every tree) not producing pri tov is cut off and is thrown into HaEish (the Fire) ([YESHAYAH 66:24; DANIEL 12:2]).
| 20 | Therefore, by their perot (fruits) you shall have da’as of them.
| 21 | Not all the ones saying to me, Adoneinu, Adoneinu, will enter the Malchut HaShomayim, but the one doing the ratzon Avi shbaShomayim the will of my Father in Heaven [Mt 26:39]).
| 22 | Many [messianic darshanim] will say to me [Moshiach] on that Day [the Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment], Adoneinu, Adoneinu, did we not speak as neviim in your Name? Did we not cast out shedim (evil spirits, demons) in your Name? Did we not accomplish many niflaot (miracles) in your Name?
| 23 | And then I will tell them to their face, I never had da’as of you. Depart from me, you workers of mufrut [lawlessness] [TEHILLIM 6:9(8)].
| 24 | Therefore, everyone who hears these dvarim (words) of mine and does them, is like a chacham (wise man) who built his bais (house) upon the Tzur (Rock).
| 25 | And the geshem (rain) came down, and the floods arrived, and the winds blew and beat against that bais, and it did not fall, for it had been founded upon the Tzur (Rock).
| 26 | And everyone hearing these words of mine [Divrei Moshiach] and not doing them is like the shotech (fool), who built his bais upon the sand.
| 27 | And the geshem (rain) came down, and the floods arrived, and the winds blew and beat against that bais, and it fell, and gadol was the mapalah (fall, downfall, defeat) of it.
| 28 | And it came about when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach finished these divrei torah (words of teaching), the multitudes were filled with fear and wonder at his torah.
| 29 | For his ministry of moreh (teacher) was as one having samchut (authority) and not as their Sofrim (scribes, torah teachers, rabbonim).

And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came down from the mountain, many multitudes followed him.

| 2 | And an ish metzorah (a leper) there was who approached him and fell down before Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Adoneinu, if you choose, you can make me tahor (clean).
| 3 | And, having stretched out his hand, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach touched him, saying, I am willing. Be made tahor. And immediately he was.
| 4 | And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, See that you tell no one, but go and show yourself to the kohen and offer the korbani.
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about which Moshe gave mitzvah as an edut to them.

5 Then when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered into Kfar-Nachum, a centurion approached him, begging him

6 and saying, Adoneinu, my servant has been bedridden in the house, paralyzed, in terrible tz’ar.

7 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, I am coming. I will bring him refuah (healing).

8 The centurion answered, Adoneinu, I am not worthy that you might come under my roof, but only say the dvar, and my servant will receive the refuah (healing).

9 For I also am a man under marut (authority), having soldiers subordinate to myself, and I say to this one, Go! And he goes, and to my servant, Do this! And he does it.

10 And having heard this, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was amazed and said to those who followed him, Omein, I say to you, in no one in Yisroel have I found such great emunah.

11 And I say to you, that many from the mizrach (east) and the maarav (west) will come and will sit bimesibba (reclining at tish) with Avraham and Yitzchak and Yaakov in the Malchut Hashomayim.

12 But the Bnei HaMalchut will be thrown out into the outer choshech (darkness), where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

13 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to the centurion, Go! According to your bituchon (trust), your emunah (faith), let it be for you. And his servant was given refuah (healing) punkt (exactly) at that hour.

14 When Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered the bais (house) of Kefa, he saw the chamot (mother-in-law, shviger) bedridden and fever stricken.

15 Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach touched her hand, and the fever left her.

16 And when erev (evening) had come, they brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach many possessed by shedim (evil spirits, demons), and he cast out the shedim with a dvar, and all the cholim (sick persons) he healed.

17 Thus was fulfilled what was spoken by Yeshayah the Navi, saying, ACHEN CHOLAYEINU HU NASA UMACHOVEINU SVALAM (Surely he took up our sorrows, and all our diseases he bore.)

18 And when he saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side.

19 A sofer (scribe, torah teacher) approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and said, Rebbe, I will follow you wherever you go.

20 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Foxes have holes and the OPH HASHOMAYIM (birds of heaven, IYOV 35:11) have nests, but the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] does not have a place where he may lay his head.

21 And another of Moshiach’s talmidim said to him, Adoneinu, allow me first to go and bury my father.

22 But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Follow me, and permit the mesim (spiritually dead ones) without hitkhadshut, spiritually unregenerate ones) to bury their own mesim (deceased ones, niftarim).

23 And when he embarked into the sirah, Moshiach’s talmidim followed him.

24 And hinei! a great storm came up on the lake, so that the sirah (boat) was about to be covered by the waves. But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was sleeping.

25 And Moshiach’s talmidim approached and woke him, saying, Adoneinu, hoshieinu! We are perishing!

26 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Why are you fearful, you ones of little emunah? Then, arising, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm.

27 And the men were astonished, saying, What sort of man is this?! That even the winds and the sea obey him!

28 And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came to the other side of the lake, in the land of the people of Gadara, he was met by two men possessed by shedim (demons); these men were coming out of the kevarim (tombs) of the burial caves and were so dangerous no one could pass by on that road.

29 And they screamed, saying, Mah lanu valach, Ben HaElohim? (What to us and to you, Ben HaElohim? T.N. i.e., What business do you have with us, Ben HaElohim?) Have you come here to torture us before the time [of the Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment]?

30 Now there was feeding far away from them a large herd of chazirim (swine).
And, having embarked into a sirah (boat), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach crossed over [to the other side of the lake] and came into his own shtetl.

And hinei! They brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach a paralytic lying upon a mat. Having seen their emunah, he said to the paralytic, Chazak! (Be strong!) Selicha (forgiveness) is granted on your averos (sins)!

And hinei! Some of the Sofrim said to themselves, This one commits Chillul Hashem! [VAYIKRA 22:32] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, reading their minds, said, Why are you thinking ra'ah (evil) in your levavot (hearts)?

For which is easier to say, Selicha is granted on your averos (sins)!

And hinei! The whole town came out to meet Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And seeing him, they begged him to depart from their area.

And going away from there, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw a man called Mattityahu sitting in the tax office. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Follow me. And Mattityahu arose and followed him.

And it came about that while Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was sitting bimeshiva (reclining) at tish (table) in the bais, hinei! Many mochimos (tax collectors) and choteim (sinners) came and were sitting bimeshiva (reclining) at tish (table) with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and his talmidim.

When the Perushim saw this, they were saying to Moshiach’s talmidim, Why does your Rebbe eat with the mochimos and the choteim?

But when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach heard this, he said, It is not the bariim (healthy ones) who have need of a rofeh (physician), but the cholim.

Go and learn what this means: CHESED CHAFATZTI VLO ZEVACH (I desire loving kindness and not sacrifice HOSHEA 6:6), for I have not come to call the tzaddikim but the choteim (sinners) [to teshuva].

Then Yochanan’s talmidim approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Why do we and the Perushim often undergo tzomot (fasts), but your talmidim do not undergo tzomot?

And Moshiach said to them, Surely the Bnei HaChuppah (wedding invitees) are not able to act as avelim (mourners) as long as the Choson (Bridegroom, i.e., Moshiach) is with them. But the days will come when the Choson is taken away from them, and then they will undergo tzomot.

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.

Neither do men put yavin chadash (new wine) into old wineskins; otherwise, the wineskins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they pour yavin chadash into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

While Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking these things to them one of the nichbadim (dignitaries) [of the shul] came and fell down before Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, The bat (daughter) of me has just become niftar (passed away), but come lay your hand upon her and she will live.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach got up and, with his talmidim, followed him.

And hinei! An isha (woman) hemorrhaging twelve years approached him from behind and touched the garment of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach’s tzitzit.

For she was saying to herself, If only I might touch his garment, I will receive refuah (healing).

Turning and seeing her, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Chazak, bat (daughter) of me! Your emunah has brought you refuah. And the isha was healed from that hour.

And having come into the bais (house) of the nichbad (dignitary), and having seen the flute players and the unruly crowd,
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[24] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying, Go away! For the yaldah is not among the mesim–she sleeps! And they were making leitzonus (mockery, fun) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[25] But when the crowd had been put outside, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went into and took the yaldah by the hand and the yaldah was made to stand up alive.

[26] And this report went out into all that region.

[27] And as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went in from there, two ivrim (blind men) followed him, shouting loudly, Chaneinu, Ben Dovid!

[28] And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered the bais (house), the ivrim (blind men) approached him, and he says to them, Do you have emunah that I am able to do this? They say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Ken, Adoneinu.

[29] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach touched their eyes, saying, According to your emunah, let it be done for you.

[30] And their eyes were opened. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sternly warned them, saying, See to it that no one knows!

[31] But having gone out, they made him known in that entire district.

[32] After they had departed, the people brought to him a mute man who was possessed by shedim.

[33] And when the shedim had been cast out by Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the mute man spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, Never was anything like this seen in Eretz Yisroel!

[34] But the Perushim said, It was by the Sar HaShedim (the Prince of Demons) that this man casts out shedim!

[35] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went about all the shtetlach and villages exercising the ministry of moreh (teacher) in their shuls and of darshan (preacher) of the Besuras HaGeulah of the Malchut Hashem and bringing refuah to all the cholim, every machla (disease) and every illness.

[36] And looking out on the multitudes, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach felt rachmei Shomayim (heavenly compassion and mercy) for his people, for they were distressed and weary KATZON ASHER EIN LAHEM ROEH (like sheep without a shepherd)

[37] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to his talmidim, The katzir (harvest) is indeed great but the kotzerim (harvesters) are few.

[38] Therefore, offer tefillos to the Adon HaKatzir (the L-rd of the Harvest) that He may send out Kotzerim into His Katzir.

[39] And summoning his Shneym Asar Talmidim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave to them samchut (authority) over shedim (unclean spirits), so as to cast them out, and samchut (authority) to call forth refuah for every machla and every illness.

[40] Now of the Shneym Asar Shlichim, the names are these: first, Shimon, the one being called Kefa, and Andrew his brother, Yaakov Ben Zavadai and Yochanan his brother,

[41] Philippos and Bar-Talmai, Toma and Mattityahu the moches, Yaakov Bar-Chalflai and Taddai,

[42] Shimon the Zealot and Yehudah from Kriot, who betrayed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[43] And whoever neither receives you nor listens to your divrei [Moshiach], as you are leaving and as you go outside of that bais (house) or city, then let it be NIER CHATZNO (shake out the fold of the robe, i.e., wash ones hands of), shake off the dust of your feet.

[44] Omein, I say to you, it will be more tolerable on Yom HaDin (the Day of Judgment) for Sdom and Amora than
for that shetel.

| 16 | Hinei! I send you as kevesim (sheep) in the midst of ze’evim; therefore, have the seichel (intelligence) of nachashim (serpents) and be tamim (faultless) as yonim (doves).
| 17 | And beware of Bnei Adam, for they will deliver you up to the sanhedriyot (local councils, bet din courts) and in their shuls they will subject you to the shot (whip).

| 20 | For you are not the ones speaking, but the Ruach Avichem (the Spirit of your Father) is the one speaking in you.
| 21 | And brother will deliver up to death his own brother, even an abba his own yeled. And yeladim will stand up against their horim (parents) and put them to death.
| 22 | And you will be under the sinas chinom (baseless hatred) of kol Bnei Adam on account of my Name; but the one enduring ad es HaKetz (until the End) will receive the Yeshuat Eloheinu (the Salvation of our G-d).
| 23 | But when they persecute you in one shetel, flee to the other; for, omein, I say to you, by no means will you complete the shetachel of Eretz Yisroel until the Bias HaMoshiach (Coming of the Moshiach, the Bar Enosh, DANIEL 7:13).
| 24 | A talmid is not above his Rebbe nor an eved (servant) above his Baal Bayit (master).
| 25 | It is enough for the talmid that he be like his Rebbe, and the eved like his Baal Bayit. If they called the Baal Bayit Baal-zibbul, how much more the anashim (men) in his bais.  
| 26 | Therefore, do not fear them; for nothing has been veiled which will not be unveiled; and nothing has been nistar (hidden) which will not be made known.

| 27 | What I say to you in the choshech (darkness), you declare in the ohr (light); and what you hear whispered into your ears, shout, preach, from the rooftops.

| 28 | And do not fear those who kill the basar (flesh), but are unable to kill the nefesh (soul); but rather fear the One who is able to destroy both basar and nefesh in Gehinnom.
| 29 | Are not two sparrows sold for the least valuable copper coin? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from Avichem!
| 30 | But, as far as you are concerned, even the hairs of your rosh have been inventoried.
| 31 | Therefore, al taarot (do not be afraid)! You are of more value than many sparrows!
| 32 | Therefore, everyone who shall declare publicly the Ani Maamin hoda’ah of me [as Moshiach], before Bnei HaAdam, I will make hoda’ah of me before Avi (as Elohim HaAv).
| 33 | But everyone who makes hakhashah (denial) of me [as Moshiach], I also will make hakhashah (denial) of him before Avi shbaShomayim.
| 34 | Do not think that I have come to bring shalom al haaretz (peace on the earth); I have not come to bring shalom but a cherev (sword).

| 35 | For I came to divide a man against his Av, and a bat against her Em, and a kallah (bride) against her chamot (mother-in-law, shviger).
| 36 | And the OHVEI ISH ANSHEI VEITO (the enemies of a man will be the members of his own household, MICHOH 7:6).
| 37 | The one who has more ahavah (love) for a tata (papa) or a mama than for me [Moshiach] is not worthy of me [Moshiach], and the one who has more ahavah (love) for a ben or a bat than me is not worthy of me.
| 38 | The one who does not take up his etz shel misiros nefesh (tree of self-sacrifice) and follow after me, is not worthy of me.
| 39 | The one who has found his nefesh will lose it; the one who has lost his nefesh for my sake [lamaan Moshiach] will find it.
| 40 | The one who gives the kabbalat panim (welcome) to you gives the Baruch Habah (welcome) to me [to Moshiach], and the one who gives the Baruch Habah to me [Moshiach] gives the Baruch Habah to the One [Elohim HaAv] who sent me.
| 41 | The one who gives the Baruch Habah to a navi (prophet) in the name of a navi will receive the sachar (reward) of a navi, and the one who gives the Baruch Habah to a tzaddik (righteous man) in the name of a tzaddik will receive the sachar of a tzaddik.
| 42 | And whoever in the name of a talmid [of Moshiach] gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones [the least of the talmidim of Moshiach], omein, I say to you, he will by no means lose his sachar.
And it came about when he finished giving directives to his Shneym Asar Talmidim, he moved on from there, exercising the ministry of moreh (teacher) and darshan (preacher, maggid) in their shtetlach.

Now when Yochanan, in the beit hasohor (prison), heard of the maasei haMoshiach (works of Moshiaic), he sent his talmidim to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

They asked him, Tell us. Are you Hu Habah (He who comes) or is our chikiah (wait) to be for the Bias (Coming) of another?

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered them, saying, Go give the report of what you see and hear to Yochanan:
The ivrim (blind people) see, the pisechim (lame people) walk, the metzoraim (lepers) are cleansed, the chereishim (deaf people) hear, the mesim are made to stand up alive, and the aniyim (poor) have the Besuras Moshiach.

The one having ears, let him hear. To what will I compare this generation? It is like yeladim sitting in the marketplaces, calling out to one another,

Ashrey (Happy) is the one who is to come [MALACHI 3:23]. The one having ears, let him hear. But to what will I compare this generation? It is like yeladim sitting in the marketplaces, calling out to one another,

For all the Neviim and the Torah prophesied until Yochanan.

The one having ears, let him hear. To what will I compare this generation? It is like yeladim sitting in the marketplaces, calling out to one another,

For Yochanan came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a shed. For Yochanan came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a shed.

Nevertheless, I say to you, you will be more bearable for the land of Sdom on Yom HaDin than for you.

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And you, Kfar-Nachum, reproach the shtetlach (villages) in which were accomplished most of his gevurot (mighty deeds), because they did not make teshuva.

Oy l'chah (Woe to you!), Korazin! Oy l'chah, Beit Tzaidah! For if in Tzor and Tzidon were accomplished the gevurot that were accomplished among you, they would have made teshuva long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more bearable for Tzor and Tzidon than for you on Yom HaDin.

And you, Kfar-Nachum, were you lifted up as far as Shomayim? You shall be brought down as far as Sheol [YESHAYAH 14:13,15]. For if in Sdom were accomplished the gevurot that were accomplished among you, Sdom would have a sheerit (remnant) today!

Nevertheless, I say to you, it will be more bearable for the land of Sdom on Yom HaDin than for you.

At that time, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Mideh Ani, Avi, Adon HaShomayim vHaAretz, (I thank you, Father, L-rd of Heaven and Earth), because you hid these things from the chachamim (wise) and those with seichel, and to them they are nistar (hidden, esoteric), and you made a hisgalus (revelation) of them unto ollelim (infants).

Ken, Avi, for thus it was pleasing in your sight.

All things were given to me by Avi, and no one has daas (knowledge) of HaBen except HaAv, nor does anyone have daas of HaAv, except HaBen, and anyone to whom HaBen chooses to unveil him.

Come to me, all you who are burden-weary and heavy laden, and I will...
give you Shabbos menuchah. [29] Take my ol (yoke) upon you and learn from me, for I am anav (humble) and have shiflut (lowness) in lev (heart), and you will find menuchah (rest, security) [RUTH 1:9] for your nefeshot (souls, YIRMeyah 6:16].

[30] For my Moshiach’s ol (yoke) is easy and my burden is light. [See Mt 23:4]

12 At that time Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went on Shabbos through the grainfields. And his talimidim were hungry and began to pick the heads of wheat and to eat them.

[2] But the Perushim, seeing this, said to Moshiach: Hinei! Your talmidim are doing what is asur on Shabbos!

[3] But Moshiach said to them, Have you not read what Dovid HaMelech did when he and those with him were hungry, [4] how he entered into the Beis Hashem and ate the Lechem HaPanim (the Bread of the Presence), which was not mutar (permissible) for him to eat nor the ones with him, but only the kohanim?

[5] Or have you not read in the Torah that on Shabbos the kohanim are mechallel Shabbos in the Beis Hamikdash and yet are blameless? [Bamidbar 28:9-10]

[6] But I say to you that something greater than the Beis Hamikdash is here. [7] But if you’d had daas this means, CHESED CHAFATZTI VLO ZEVACH (I desire mercy and not sacrifice) you would not have condemned the innocent.

[8] For the Bar Enosh (Moshiach) is Adon HaShabbos.

[9] And having gone from there, he went into their shul. [10] And hinei! There was a man with a withered hand. And they questioned Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, asking, Is it mutar (permissible) to bring refuah (healing) on Shabbos? They did this in order to bring accusation against him.

[11] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, What man will there be among you, who owns a keves (lamb), and if it falls into a pit on Shabbos, will not take hold of it and lift it out? [12] Therefore, how much more valuable is a man than a keves. For this reason, it is mutar (permissible) on Shabbos to do HaTov.

[13] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to the man, Stretch out your hand. And the man stretched out his hand. And it was restored to health, as sound as the other hand.

[14] But the Perushim went out and took counsel against Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach so that they might destroy him.

[15] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having da’as of this, departed from there. And many multitudes followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and he brought refuah to them all.

[18] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach warned them that they should not make him manifest.

[15] This was to fulfill what was spoken through Yeshayah HaNavi, saying, [16] LO YITZAK VLO YISHBO UFISHTAH (A bruised reed he will not break nor a smoldering wick will he snuff out) until Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach leads mishpat (justice) to victory.

[21] And in his Name, HAGOYIM will put their tikvah (hope) [YESHAYAH 42:1-4; YESHAYAH 11:10 TARGUM HA-SHIVIM]

[22] Then a man, blind and mute, who was possessed by shedim, was brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and he brought refuah to him, so that the mute man was able to speak and to see.

[23] And all the multitudes were amazed and they were saying, Surely this is not the Ben Dovid [Moshiach], is he? [24] But, having heard this, the Perushim said, This one does not cast out shedim except by Baal-zibbul, the Sar HaShedim (the Prince of Demons).

[25] But having daas of their thoughts, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Every malchut that is divided against itself is made desolate, and every ir (city) and bais (house) that is divided against itself will not stand.

[26] And if Hasatan casts out Hasatan, he is divided against himself. How, therefore, will the Malchut Hasatan stand? [27] And if by Baal-zibbul I cast out the shedim, by whom do your banim (sons) cast them out? Therefore, they will be your shofetim (judges).
For by your dvarim you will be charged with guilt.

Then some of the Sofrim and Perushim answered Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Rabbi, we desire to see an ot (miraculous sign) from you.

But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered them, Don rah ummaaf (an evil and adulterous generation) seeks for an ot (miraculous sign), but no ot will be given it except the ot of Yonah HaNavi.

For just as Yonah was in the belly of the great fish USHLOSHAH YAMIM USHLOSHAH LAILAH (three days and three nights, YONAH 1:17), so will be the Bar Enosh (Moshiach) in the heart of the earth USHLOSHAH YAMIM USHLOSHAH LAILOT (three days and three nights).

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the Yom HaDin with this generation and they will condemn it, for the men of Nineveh made teshuva at the hatafah (preaching) of Yonah, and, hinei, something much greater than Yonah is here.

The Queen of the South will be made to stand up alive at the Yom HaDin with this generation and will condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the chochmah of Shlomo and, hinei, something much greater than Shlomo is here.

Now when the ruach hatameh (unclean spirit) goes out from the man, it goes through dry places seeking a manoaht (resting place) and it does not find one.

Then it says, Into my manoach I will return from where I came out. And having come out, it finds the bais standing empty, having been swept and having been put beseder (in order).

Then it goes and takes along with itself seven other ruchoth more evil than itself and, having entered the residence, it sets up house there, and the last state of that man has become worse than the first. Thus it will be with this evil generation also.

While he was still speaking to the multitudes, hinei, Moshiach’s Em and achim stood outside, seeking to speak with him.

And someone said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Hinei! Your Em and your achim have stood outside seeking to speak with you.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply to the one speaking with him, Who is my Em and who are my achim?

And stretching out his hand upon his talmidim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Hinei, my Em and my achim.

For whoever does the ratzon (will) of Avi shbaShomayim (see Mt6:10; 26:39) he is my ach (brother) and achat (sister) and Em (Mother).

On that day, having gone out of the bais, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sat beside the lake.

And many multitudes gathered together to him so that he got into a sirah (boat) to sit down, and the entire multitude stood along the shore.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them many things in meshalim (parables), saying Hinei! The Sower went out to sow [seeds].

And while he sowed, on the one hand, this [seed] fell along the road, and the birds having come, devoured them.
[5] And others fell upon the rocky places, where there is not much soil, and immediately it sprouts on account of the lack of the soil's depth.
[6] And when the shemesh (sun) arose, the zera (seed) was scorched, and because it did not have a root, it withered.
[7] And others fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
[8] But others fell on the adamah tovah (good ground), and they yielded fruit: the one, one hundred, the other, sixty, the other, thirty.
[9] The one having oznayim (spiritual ears), let him hear!
[10] And, approaching, the talmidim said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Why in meshalim (parables) are you speaking to them?
[11] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered them, Because to you it has been granted to have daas of the razim (mysteries) of the Malchut HaShomayim, but to those it has not been granted.
[12] For whoever has, [more] will be given to him, and he will have an abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him (see Mt 25:14-29).
[13] For this reason in meshalim I am speaking to them, for while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they have binah (understanding).
[14] And in them is fulfilled the nevuah (prophecy) of Yeshayah HaNavi, saying, SHIMU SHAMOA VAL TAVINU UREU RAO VAL TEIDAU (In hearing you will hear and by no means understand, and seeing you will see and by no means perceive).
[15] HASHMEIN LEV HAAM HAZEH VAZNAV HACHBEID VEINAV HASHA, PEN YIREH VEINAV UVEAZNAV YISHMAH ULEVAVO YAVIN, VSHAV NRAFAH LOH. (For the heart of this people has been made dull, and with [their] ears they are hard of hearing, and their eyes are shut, lest they see with the their eyes and with [their] ears they hear, and with the lev (heart) they understand and they turn and I will give them refuah [healing] YESHAYAH 6:9-10).
[16] But ashrey are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.
[17] For truly I say to you that many Neviim and tzaddikim desired to see what you see, and they did not see [it], and to hear what you hear, and they did not hear it.
[18] You, therefore, listen to the mashal of the sower.
[19] When anyone hears the Dvar HaMalchut and does not have binah, HaRah (the Evil one) comes and seizes that which was sown in his lev (heart). This is the zera (seed) sown along the path.
[20] And the zera sown upon the rocky places is the person listening to the Dvar Hashem and immediately with simcha receives it.
[21] Yet he has no root in himself but is short-lived, and when ES TZARAH comes or persecution on account of the Dvar Hashem, immediately he ceases being a maamin Meshichi (Messianic believer) and becomes meshummad (apostate), falling away and giving up the [true Orthodox Jewish] faith. [YIRMeyaH 30:7]
[22] And the [zera] sown among the thorns is the one hearing the dvar (word), and the rogez HaOlam Hazeh (the anxiety of this age, DEVARIM 28:65) and the mirmah (deceit) of riches, choke the Dvar Hashem and it becomes unfruitful. [YESHAYAH 53:9]
[23] And the zera sown upon the adamah tovah (the good ground), this is the one who hears the Dvar Hashem and, understanding [it], indeed bears pri and, one produces a hundred, the other sixty, the other thirty.
[24] Another mashal Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach placed before them, saying, The Malchut HaShomayim is like a man sowing zera tov (good seed) in his field.
[25] But while men slept, his oyev (enemy) came and oversowed weeds in between the wheat and went away.
[26] But when the wheat sprouted and produced pri, then the weeds also appeared.
[27] So the servants of the Baal Bayit said to him, Adoneinu, did you not sow zera tov (good seed) in your field? How then does it have weeds?
[28] And he said to them, An oyev did this. So the servants say to him, Do you want us to go and pull them all?
[29] But he says, No, lest gathering the weeds you should uproot the wheat together with them.
[30] Permit both to grow together until the Katzir (harvest); and in time of the Katzir, I will say to the kotzerim, Collect first the weeds, and bind them into bundles to burn them. But the wheat gather into my storehouse.
[31] Another mashal Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach placed before them, saying, The Malchut HaShomayim is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field.
[32] This that is indeed less than all the zeraim (seeds), but when it grows, it is larger than the garden vegetables and it becomes an etz (tree), so that the OPH HASHOMAYIM
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IYOV 35:11) come and dwell in its branches.
[33] Another mashal Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach spoke to them. The Malchut HaShomayim is like seor (leaven), which having taken, a woman hid in three satas of wheat flour until the whole was leavened.

[34] All these things Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach spoke in meshalim to the multitudes. And apart from meshalim Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not speak to them:

[35] So that might be fulfilled what was spoken through the Navi, saying, EFTCHA VMASHAL PI AVIAH CHIDOT (I will open my mouth with parables, I will utter things having been hidden) from the foundation of the world. ~TEHILLIM 78:2

[36] Then having sent away the multitudes, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came into the bais (house). And Moshiach’s talmidim approached him, saying, Explain to us the mashal of the weeds of the field.

[37] And answering, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, The Sower of the zera tov is the Malchut HaShomayim, which, having found, a man hid. And from the simcha he experienced, he goes away and sells everything he has and buys that field.

[38] The field is HaOlam Hazeh. And the zera tov, the good seed, these are the Bnei HaMalchut, and the weeds, these are the bnei HaRah (sons of the Evil one, BERESHIS 3:15).

[39] And the Oyev (the Enemy) sowing them is Hasatan. And the Katzir (Harvest), this is HaKetz HaOlam (the end of the age). And the kotzerim (reapers, harvesters) are malachim (angels).

[40] As the weeds are pulled up and gathered and are consumed with Eish (Fire), so also it will be at the Ketz HaOlam.

[41] The Bar Enosh [Moshiach] will send forth his malachim, and they will pull up and gather out of the Moshiach’s Malchut all the things making meshummad (apostate) and the ones who are without gezetz (law) and antinomian (see Ro 6:1-2).

[42] And Moshiach’s malachim will throw them into the furnace of Eish; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

[43] Then the tzaddikim will shine as the shemesh (sun) in the Malchut of their Father. The one having oznayim (spiritual ears), let him hear.

[44] The Malchut HaShomayim is like otzar (treasure) hidden in the field, which, having found, a man hid. And from the simcha he experienced, he goes away and sells everything he has and buys that field.

[45] Again, the Malchut HaShomayim is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

[46] And having found one precious peninah (pearl), he went away and liquidated everything he had and acquired it.

[47] Again, the Malchut HaShomayim is like a reshet (net) having been cast into the lake, a reshet collecting and gathering dagim (fish) of all descriptions,

[48] which, when this reshet (net) was filled, they hoisted it upon the shore, sat down, collected the tov (good) into a creel, and the rah (evil), they threw out.

[49] Thus it will be at HaKetz HaOlam Hazeh (The End of This World). The malachim will go out and they will separate the reshim from among the tzaddikim.

[50] And they will throw the reshim into the furnace of Eish. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

[51] Did you have binah of all these things? They say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Ken.

[52] So Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Therefore, every sofer (scribe, Torah teacher, rabbi) who becomes a talmid of the Malchut HaShomayim is like a man [who is] a Baal Bayit, who takes out of his otzar (treasure), chadashot (new things) and also yeshanot (old things).

[53] And it came about when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach finished these meshalim, that he went away from there.

[54] And having come into Moshiach’s shetel, he began ministering as a meoreh (teacher) in their shul, so that they were amazed and said, From where did this chochmah come to this one, this chochmah and these motifim (miracles, wonders, omens)?

[55] Is this not the ben hanaggar (the carpenter’s son) who takes out of his otzar (treasure), and from where did this chochmah come to this one, this chochmah and these motifim (miracles, wonders, omens)?

[56] And are not his achayot (sisters) with us? From where, therefore, came to this one all these things?

[57] And they were taking offense at Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, A Navi (prophet) is not without honor except in his hometown and in his bais.

[58] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not accomplish in that place many motifim, because of their lack of emunah (faith) and bitachon (trust).

[T.N. *This is the author of the writing found p.1099, **See p.1118.]
At that time reports about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came to the oznyaim (ears) of Herod the Tetrarch.

[2] And he said to his servants, This one is Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva. He has had his Techiyah (Resurrection) from HaMesim (the Dead) and for this reason the mofrim (wonders) are working in him.

[3] For Herod had Yochanan arrested and bound him and threw him into the beit hasohar (prison), on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip.

[4] For Yochanan kept on saying to him, It is asur for you to have her.

[5] And [although] Herod was desiring to kill Yochanan, he feared the crowd, because they considered Yochanan a Navi.

[6] Now at the yom huledet (celebration of Herod), it came about that the daughter of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, wanted something to eat.

[7] So she, prompted by her mother, said, Give to me here upon a serving tray the rosh (head) Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva.

[8] But Moshiach’s talmidim came to him, saying, This place is desolate and the time is late. Dismiss the multitude, so that, having gone into the shetlach, they may buy for themselves okhel (food).

[9] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach felt rachmei shomayim (heavenly compassion) for them and brought refuah (healing) to their cholim.

[10] Now when erev (evening) came, Moshiach’s talmidim came to him, saying, This time is late. Dismiss the multitude, that they may go to their betziat halechem (the breaking of the bread), having taken the five loaves and of dagim (fish), only two.

[11] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, You yourselves give them something to eat.

[12] And having commanded the multitudes, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach spoke to them, saying, Chazak! Ani Hu (I am he, SHEMOT 3:14) Do not be afraid.

[13] And while Moshiach and his talmidim were on the surface of the waters, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Boh! (Others! Come!) And having gone down from the sirah (boat), Kefa walked al pnei hamayim (on the surface of the waters).
And seeing the strong wind, Kefa was afraid, and having begun to sink, Kefa cried out, saying, Azreini! Adoni, hoshieini! (Help! L-rd, save me!)

And immediately Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having stretched out (his) hand, took hold of Kefa and says to him, One of little emunah, why did you doubt?

And as they were going up into the sirah (boat), the wind became still.

And the ones in the sirah (boat) fell down before Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Beemes (Actually) you are the Ben HaElohim!

And having crossed over, they came onto the land at Gennesaret.

And having recognized him, the men of that place sent into all the surrounding region around, and they brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach all the cholim, and they were appealing to him that they might touch even the Moshiach's tzitzit on his garment, and all who did, received Moshiach's refuah (healing). [YESHAYAH 53:5]

Then Perushim and Sofrim (rabbonim) from Yerushalayim approach Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying,

[2] Why do your talmidim transgress the Masoret HaZekenim (the Tradition of the Elders)? For they do not do the netilat yadayim before meals.

[3] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, in reply to them, said, Why [do] also you transgress the mitzvat Hashem for the sake of your own masoros?

[4] For Hashem has said, KABED ES AVICHA VES IMMECHA (honor your father and your mother, SHEMOT 20:12; DEVARIM 5:16), and MKALEL AVIV VIMMO MOT YUMAT (the one cursing his father and mother to die he must die, SHEMOT 21:17; VAYIKRA 20:9).

[5] But you say, Whoever says to his abba or his em, whatever support you might have from me, [it is] a gift [i.e., korban, dedicated to G-d].

[6] By no means does [anyone who says this] honor his abba or em. And you nullify the Dvar Hashem on account of your masoros.

[7] You tzevuim, well did Yeshayah give a dvar hane-vuah concerning you, saying,

[8] YAAN KI NIGASH HAAM HAZEH BEFIV UVISHFATAV KI-BDUNI VLIBO RICHAK MIMENI VATEHI YIRATAM OTI MITZVAT ANASHIM MELUMADAH (This people with their lips honor me, but their heart is far away from me, and in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the mitzvot of [mere] men, YESHAYAH 29:13.)

[10] And having summoned the multitude, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Listen and understand!

[11] It is not the thing entering into the mouth that makes the man tameh (unclean), but the thing going out from the mouth this makes the man tameh.

[12] Then Moshiach’s talmidim approached and say to him, Do you know that the Perushim took offense when they heard [this] dvar?

[13] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, in reply, said, Every plant which Avi shbaShomayim did not plant will be uprooted.

[14] Leave them. They are blind morei derech (guides, teachers) of the [blind] (blind). And if the ivver (blind man) leads the ivrim (blind), both will fall into a pit.

[15] And Kefa said in reply to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Explain to us the mashal.

[16] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Are you still devoid of binah (understanding)?

[17] Do you not have daas that everything which enters into the mouth goes into the stomach and passes into a latrine?

[18] But the things coming out from the mouth come out from the lev (heart), which makes tameh.

[19] For out of the lev comes evil machshavot (thoughts): retzichot (murders), niufim (adulteries), zenunim (fornications), genevot (thefts), eduyot sheker (false testimonies), giddufim (revilements).

[20] These are the things making the man tameh, but eating with hands lacking the netilat yadayim (ritual of the washing of the hands, see Mt 27:24), this does not make the man tameh.

[21] And having gone from that place, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach withdrew into the districts of Tzor and Tzidon.

[22] And a woman from Ganaan came out from those regions, and was shouting, Have mercy on me, Adoni, Ben Dovid! My bat is in torment possessed by shedim.

[23] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not answer her a word. And Moshiach’s talmidim having approached, were asking him, saying, Send her away; she shouts after us.

[24] But, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply, I was not sent except to the Seh Oveid Beis Yisroel (the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel).

[25] But she came and fell down before him,
saying, Adoni, azreini (L-rd, help me).

[26] But, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply, It is not good to take the lechem of the Banim and throw it to the kelevim (dogs).

[27] But she said, Ken, Adoni, but even the kelevim eat the crumbs falling from the tish (table) of their masters.

[28] Then, in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to her, O woman, great [is] your emunah. Let it be done for you as you wish. And the bat (daughter) of her was given refuah (healing) at that very hour.

[29] And having passed over from that place, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came beside Lake Kinneret, and having gone up the mountain, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was sitting there.

[30] And great multitudes approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having with them pisechim (lame), ivrim (blind), the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they laid them at Moshiach’s feet, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave the cholim (sick persons) refuah (healing).

[31] The result was that the multitude was astounded, witnessing mute people speaking, cripples made whole, the pisechim (lame) walking, and the ivrim (blind people) seeing, and they gave kavod to Elohei Yisroel.

[32] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having summoned his talmidim, said, I have rachmei shomayim for the multitudes, for already shloshah yamim (three days) they remain with me and they do not have anything they may eat, and I do not want to send them away famished, lest they might faint on the way.

[33] And Moshiach’s talmidim say to him, From where bamidbar (in the wilderness) is there enough lechem for us to feed such a vast multitude?

[34] And he says to them, How much lechem, how many loaves do you have? And they said, Sheva, and a few dagim.

[35] And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave the command for the multitude to recline on the ground,

[36] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach took the loaves numbering sheva and the dagim, and, making a bracha, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach offered the betziat halechem (the breaking of the bread) and served them to the talmidim, and Moshiach’s talmidim served them to the multitudes.

[37] And everyone ate and they were satisfied, and the Rebbe’s farbrengen shirayim were numbering sheva baskets full.

[38] And the ones eating were arbaat elafim (four thousand) men, not counting nashim and yeladim.

[39] And having sent away the multitudes, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach embarked in the sirah (boat), and came to the region of Magadan.

[40] And the Perushim and Tzedukim approached, to test Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, asking him to present them with an ot (sign) from Shomayim.

[41] But in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, When it is erev, you say, It will be fair weather, for the sky is fiery red.

[42] And in the boker (morning) you say, There will be stormy weather today, for the sky is overcast fiery red and threatening. You have daas to distinguish the signs of the appearance of the sky, but you can’t discern the signs of the times? [T.N. See Ro 1:18]

[43] A dor rah umnaef (an evil and adulterous generation) demands an ot (sign), and no ot will be given it except the ot of Yonah HaNavi. And having left them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went away.

[44] When the Moshiach’s talmidim arrived at the other side, they had forgotten to take lechem.

[45] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Take special precaution against the chametz (swelling leaven) of the Perushim and Tzedukim.

[46] But they began reasoning among themselves, saying, We took no lechem.

[47] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, aware of their machshavot (thoughts), said, You men of little emunah, why do you reason among yourselves that you have no lechem?

[48] Do you not yet have binah or remember the five loaves of the chamesh elafim (five thousand), and how many baskets full you took up?

[49] Or the shevah loaves of the arbaat elafim (four thousand), and how many large baskets full you took up?

[50] How is it that you do not chap (grasp mentally) that I did not speak to you concerning lechem? But beware of the chametz (swelling [like evil, like gaavah, pride], all-permeating leaven) of the Perushim and Tzedukim.

[51] Then Moshiach’s talmidim understood that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not say to beware of the chametz of the lechem, but of the chametz of the teaching of the Perushim and the Tzedukim.

[52] Now, having arrived in the district of
Caлеч HaMoshiach began asking his talmidim, saying, Who do men say that I the Bar Enosh am?

[14] And Moshiach’s talmidim said, Some say Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva, and others say, Eliyahu HaNavi, but still others say, Yirmeyah or one of the Neviiim.

[15] He says to them, But you, who do you consider me to be?

[16] And, Shimon Kefa said in reply, You are the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the Ben Elohim Chayyim!

[17] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply to him, Ashrey atah (happy are you), Shimon Bar Yonah, because basar vadahm (flesh and blood) did not give you this hisgalus (revelation), but Avi shbaShomayim.

[18] And I also say to you that you are Shimon Kefa [Petros] and upon this TSUR I will build my Kehillah, my Chavurah (the Community of Moshiach) and the shaarei Sheol (gates of Sheol) shall not overpower it.

[19] I will give you the maftechot Malchut HaShomayim (keys of the Kingdom of Heaven); and whatever you shall bind as asur (prohibited) on haaretz shall be bound as asur (prohibited) in Shomayim, and whatever you shall loose as mutar (permitted) on haaretz shall be loosed as mutar (permitted) in Shomayim.

[20] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave the directive to his talmidim that they should tell no one that he was the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[21] From that point he began to explain to his talmidim that it was necessary that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach go to Yerushalayim, and suffer many things from the Zekenim (Elders), and the Rashei Hakohanim (the Chief Priests) and the Sofrim (Scribes) and it was necessary for Moshiach to be killed and have his histalkus (passing), that he would undergo the Techiyas HaMoshiach (Resurrection of Moshiach) on Yom HaShlishi.

[22] And Kefa took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, Chas v’shalom (G-d forbid)! Adoni, this shall never happen to you!

[23] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach turned and said to Kefa, Get behind me, Hasatan! You are a michshol (stumbling block) to me; for you are not setting your mind on the things of Hashem, but the things of Bnei Adam!

[24] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to his talmidim, If anyone wishes to come after me, let him turn in hinnazrut (self-denial), and take up his etz shel mesiros nefesh (tree of self-sacrifice), and follow me.

[25] For whoever wishes to save his nefesh shall lose it; but whoever loses his nefesh on account of me [Moshiach] shall find it.

[26] For what will a man be benefited if he acquires the whole world and forfeits his neshamah, or what will a man give in exchange for his neshamah?

[27] For the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] is about to come in the kavod of his Av with his malachim and will then recompense every man according to his mansim.

[28] Omein, I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Bias of the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] coming in his Malchut.

17 And after shisha yamim (six days), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach took Kefa, Yaakov and Yochanan his brother; he brings them up to a high mountain in yechidus.

[2] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was transfigured before them, and Moshiach’s face shone like the shemesh (sun), and his garments became brilliant like the ohr.


[4] And Kefa said in reply to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will make shalosh sukot here: one for you, and one for Moshe Rabbenu, and one for Eliyahu HaNavi.

[5] While he was speaking, hinei! A brightly shining anan (cloud) overshadowed them, and hinei! A bat kol (a voice from heaven) out of the anan was saying, This is My Ben ahui (beloved Son) with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him.

[6] And having heard this, the talmidim fell on their faces and were filled with pachad.

[7] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came to them, and touched them, and said, Arise, and do not be afraid.

[8] And lifting their eyes, they saw no one except only Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach himself, alone.

[9] And as Moshiach’s talmidim were coming down from the mountain, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave them this directive saying, Tell the mareh (vision) to no one until the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] has undergone the Techiyas HaMoshiach.
[10] And Moshiach’s talmidim asked him, saying, Why then do the Sofrim say that it is necessary for Eliyahu HaNavi to come first?

[11] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply, Eliyahu HaNavi does indeed have his coming and will restore all things.

[12] But I say to you, that Eliyahu has come already, and they did not have daas of him, but did to him whatever they willed [Mt 6:10]. So also the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] is about to suffer by them.

[13] Then the Moshiach’s talmidim had binah that he spoke to them about Yochanan of the tevilah of Besuras HaGeulah.

[14] And when they came to the multitude, a man came up to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, falling down before him.

[15] And the man said, Adoni, grant rachamim (mercy) on this ben (son) of mine, for he is an epileptic, and it shall be moved; and nothing shall be impossible for you.

[16] And I brought him to your talmidim, and they could not give him refuah.

[17] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply, Omein, I say to you, unless you change inwardly and have a complete account of your little emunah, for, omein, I say to you, if you have emunah as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Move from here, and it shall be moved; and nothing shall be impossible for you.

[18] At that time, the talmidim approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach with this she’elah saying, Who then is greatest in the Malchut HaShomayim?

[19] Then the talmidim came to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in a yechidus [private meeting with the Rebbe], and said, Why were we not able to cast it out?

[20] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, On account of your little emunah, for, omein, I say to you, if you have emunah as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Move from here, and it shall be moved; and nothing shall be impossible for you.

[21] But this kind [i.e., kind of mazikim (malicious spirits)] do not come out except by tefillah and tzom.

[22] And as they were gathering together in the Galil, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, The Bar Enosh [Moshiach] is about to be handed over, even betrayed, into the hands of Bnei Adam.

[23] And they will kill him, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach will have a histalkus (passing) and will undergo the Teshuvos, HaMoshiach on the Yom HaShlishi.

[24] And when they had come to Kfar-Nachum, those who collected the two drachma tax approached Kefa, and said, Does your rebbe not pay the two drachma tax?

[25] Kefa said, Ken. And when Kefa came into the bais (house), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach anticipated Kefa with this question, What think you, Shimon? From whom do the melechei haaretz (kings of the earth) collect customs or poll tax, from their banim (sons) or from zarim (strangers)?

[26] And upon Kefa’s saying, From zarim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to Kefa, Veha reya (consequently), the banim are patur (exempt, free).

[27] But, lest we give them offense, go to the yam (sea), and cast in a hook, and take the first dag (fish) that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a stater (coin). Take that and give it to them for you and for me.

[28] At that time, the talmidim approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach with this she’elah saying, Who then is greatest in the Malchut HaShomayim?

[29] And having called a yeled to himself, he set him before them.

[30] And talmidim had binah that he is the greatest in the Malchut HaShomayim, for he is the greatest in the Malchut HaShomayim.

[31] And whoever receives one such yeled in my Name receives me [Moshiach].

[32] But whoever causes a michshol (stumbling block) for one of these little ones, who have emunah in me, it is better for him that a heavy millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.

[33] Oy lOlam (Woe to the World) because of its michsholim (stumbling blocks)! For it is inevitable that michsholim come; but oy to that man through whom the michshol comes.

[34] And if you hand or your foot causes a michshol for you, cut it off, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter Chayyim crippled or as one of the pisechim (lame), than, having two hands and two feet, to be cast into the Eish Olam (Eternal Fire).

[35] And if your eye causes a michshol for you, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter Chayyim one-eyed than, having two eyes, to be cast into the Gehinnom HaEish.
And a great multitude followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, who brought refuah (healing) to them there. And the Perushim asked him, Is it mutar (permissible) for a man to give a get (divorce) to his wife that he and his wife and children and everything he possessed be sold and the debt repaid.

Therefore, crying out for rachamim (mercy) and falling down before him, the servant said, Have zitzfleisch (patience) with me and I will pay back to you everything!

And out of rachmanut (compassion), the adon of that servant pardoned him and forgave the choiv (debt).

Then the debtor went out and found one of the other fellow servants who happened to owe the debtor one hundred denarits. And seizing and choking the servant, the debtor said, Repay what you owe me!

And, falling down, the servant said to the debtor, Have zitzfleisch (patience) with me and I will repay you.

But the debtor was not willing. Then the debtor went and threw the servant into the beit hasohar (prison) until he should repay the debt.

Therefore, when the man’s fellow servants saw what had taken place, great was their agnat nefesh (grief), and they went and reported to their adon all that had taken place.

Then having summoned the debtor, his adon said to him, Wicked servant, all that choiv (debt) I forgave you, because you begged me.

Was it not necessary also for you to have rachamim (mercy) upon your fellow servant?

And in charon af (wrath), his adon handed the debtor over to the keepers of the beit hasohar until the debtor should repay the entire choiv (debt).

Thus also Avi shbaShomayim will do to you, unless you grant selicha (forgiveness), each one to his brother from your lev (heart).

And it came to pass when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach finished these dvarim, he departed from the Galil and came into the regions of Yehudah east of the Yarden River.

And a multitude of people followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, who brought refuah (healing) to them there.

And the Perushim approached him with a she’elah to test him, and they asked him, Is it mutar (permissible) for a man to give a get (divorce) to his wife...
for any and every reason?

[4] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply, Have you not read that HaBoreh (The Creator, Yotzer) bereshis (in the beginning) created them zarchar (male) and nekevah (female) [BERESHIS 1:27, 5:2]?  

[5] And he said, Because of this, YAAZAY ISH ES AVIV VES IMMO VDAVAK BISHTO VHYAYU LVASAR ECHAD (a man will leave his father and his mother and will be joined to his isha (wife), and the two will be one flesh, BERESHIS 2:24).  

[6] So they are no longer shnayim (two) but basar echad (one flesh). Therefore, whatever Hashem joined together, let no man divide asunder.  

[7] They say to him, Why then did Moshe Rabbenu give the mitzvah to give the get, the sefer keritut, and send her away?  

[8] He says to them, Moshe, because of your hardness of heart, permitted you to give the get to your wives; but from bereshis (in the beginning), however, it was not so.  

[9] But I [Moshiach] say to you that whoever, the case of zenut (fornication) being excepted, gives the get to his isha and marries another, is guilty of niuf (adultery).  

[10] Moshiach’s talmidim say to him, If thus is the case of the man with the wife, nikhnas lchuppah (to be wed) to him, If thus is the case of the man with the wife, nikhnas lchuppah (to be wed), and the two will be one flesh, BERESHIS 2:24.  

[11] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Not everyone is able to accept this dvar torah, but rather those to whom it has been given.  

[12] For there are sarisim (eunuchs) who from the womb of their Em were born thus, and there are sarisim who were made sarisim by men, and there are sarisim who make sarisim of themselves for the sake of the Malchut HaShomayim. The one able to receive this, let him receive it.  

[13] Then yeladim were brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach that he might place his hands on them and say a bracha. However, Moshiach’s talmidim rebuked them.  

[14] But he said, Permit the yeladim to come to me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Malchut HaShomayim.  

[15] And having placed his hands on the yeladim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach departed from there.  

[16] And one, having approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, said, Rebbe, what mitzvah, what good may I do that I may have Chayyei Olam?  

[17] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Why do you ask me about the good? There is only One who is good, nu? But if you wish to enter into Chayyim (Life), do not fail to be shomer mitzvot.  

[18] He says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Which mitzvah? And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, LO TIRTZACH, LO TINAF, LO TIGNOV, LO TAANEH VREIACHAH ED SHAKER, KABEID ES AVICHA VES IMMECHAH, VAHAVTAH LREACHA KAMOCHA (You shall not murder, commit adultery, steal, bear false witness;  

[19] Honor your father and your mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself, SHEMAH 20:13(13-16); DEVARIM 5:17-20; SHEMAH 20:12; DEVARIM 5:16; VAYIKRA 19:18.  

[20] The bocher (bachelor, young man) says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I was shomer mitzvot and frum in all these things, so where do I still fall short?  

[21] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, If you wish to be tamim (perfect), if you wish to have shelemut (perfection, completeness), then go and sell your possessions and give to the aniyim (poor) and you will have otzar (treasure) in Shomayim. Then come and follow me [Moshiach].  

[22] But having heard the divrei Moshiach, the young man went away with agmat nefesh (grief), for he was having many possessions.  

[23] And he said to his talmidim, Omein, I say to you that an oisher with difficulty will enter into the Malchut HaShomayim.  

[24] And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an oisher to enter into the Malchut HaShomayim.  

[25] And when Moshiach’s talmidim heard this, they were exceedingly astounded, saying, Who then is able to receive the Yeshuat Eloheinu?  

[26] And having looked upon them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, With Bnei Adam it is impossible; but with Hashem all things are possible.  

[27] Then Kefa said in reply to him, Hinei! We have left everything and followed you [as Moshiach]! Where does that leave us?  

[28] And Moshiach said to them, Omein, I say to you, that you, the ones having followed me, when the Briah (Creation) becomes Chadasha (New), when the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] sits upon his Kisei Kavod (Throne of Glory), you also will sit upon the Shneym Asar Kisot (Twelve Thrones) judging the Shneym Asar Shivtei Yisroel.
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The Malchut HaShomayim is like a man, the Baal Bayit, who went out early in the boker, to hire poalim (workers) for his kerem.

And having agreed with the poalim to salary them a denarius for their day’s pay, the Baal Bayit sent them into his kerem.

And having gone out around the third hour, the Baal Bayit saw others loitering in the marketplace, and he said to those, You go also into the kerem.

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And when they received the denarius, they were complaining against the Baal Bayit, saying, These acharonim worked one hour, and you made them equal to us, the ones having endured the burden and the heat of the whole day.

But the Baal Bayit said in reply to one of them, Chaver, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree that I would pay you the usual day’s wage, a denarius?

Take what belongs to you, your denarius, and go.

Or is it not allowable for me to do what I wish with the things that are mine? Or do you look with a jealous ayin horo upon my goodness?

Thus the Rishonim will be Acharonim, and the Acharonim will be Rishonim.

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But Moshiach, having heard this, approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and, prostrating herself before him, she made a bakosha (request) of him.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to her, What do you wish? She says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Say that these, my two banim, may sit, one on your right, the other on your left, in your [the Moshiach’s] Malchut.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply, You do not have daas of what you are asking. Are you able to drink the Kos which I am about to drink? They say, We are able.

Moshiach says to them, Indeed, you will drink my Kos, but to sit on the right and on the left of me, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my [Moshiach’s] Av.

And having heard this, HaAsarah (The Ten) became indignant about the two achim (brothers).

But Moshiach, having summoned them, said, You have daas that those who have the rule over the Goyim domineer them like tyrants.

But it will not be thus among you. For whoever wishes to be Gadol among you wishes to be mesharet (servant, minister).

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and to give his neshamah, his nefesh, as a kofer (ransom, pedut) LARABBIM (for the sake of many, for the Geulah Redemption of many, YESHAYAH 53:11).

[29] And, as they were going out from Yericho, a great multitude followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[30] And hinei! Two ivrim (blind men), sitting beside the road, having heard that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is passing by, shouted, crying out, Adoneinu, Ben Dovid, chaneinu, yhi chasedcha aleinu (have mercy on us TEHILLIM 33:22)!

[31] However, the crowd rebuked the two ivrim, that they be silent, but they shouted even more, saying Chaneinu, Adoneinu Ben Dovid!

[32] And having stopped, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach called to them and said, What do you wish that I should do for you?

[33] They say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach: Adoneinu, that our eyes may be opened!

[34] And having accomplished just what Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had commanded them,

[35] they brought the donkey and the colt and they put their garments upon them, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sat upon them.

[36] And the very large multitudes spread out their garments on the road, and others were cutting lulavim from the trees, and were spreading them out on the road.

[37] And the multitudes going before him and the multitudes following after him were crying out, saying, HOSHAN NAH (Save now, TEHILLIM 118:25-26) to Ben Dovid!

[38] And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had entered into Yerushalayim, the whole city was stirred, saying, Who is this?!

[39] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach arrived at the Beis Hamikdash and expelled the ones selling and buying in the Beis Hamikdash. And he turned over the tishen (tables) of the machalifei hakesafim (money changers) and the chairs of those selling the yonim (doves).

[40] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, It has been written, BEITI BEIT TEFILLAH YIKAREI (My House shall be called a House of Prayer, YESHAYAH 56:7), but you are making it into a MEARAT PARITZIM (den of robbers, YIRMEYAH 7:11).

[41] And ivrim (blind persons) and pisechim (lame persons) came to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in the Beis Hamikdash, and he brought refuah to them.

[42] And the Rashei Hakohanim and the Sofrim were indignant, having seen the niflaot (wonders) which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach accomplished and the yeladim shouting in the Beis Hamikdash, Hoshannah to the Ben Dovid [Moshiach].

[43] And they said to Moshiach, Do you hear what these are saying? And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Ken. Have you never read, MIPI OLLELIM VYONKIM YISSADETAH OZ (From the lips of children and infants You ordained strength, praise, TEHILLIM 8:3[2])?

[44] And having left them, he went out of the city to Beit-Anyah (Bethany) and spent the night there.

[45] Now going up early into the city, he was hungry.

[46] And observing the etz teenah (fig tree) on the way, he went up to it and found nothing on it, except leaves, and he says to it, No longer from you will there ever be pri (fruit)! And the etz teenah withered then and there.

[47] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to the talmidim, Go into the shtetl ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey having been tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

[48] And if anyone should say to you anything, you say, HaAdon has need of them.

[49] And he will send them immediately.

[50] And this took place in order that might be fulfilled the thing spoken by the Navi (Prophet), saying:

[51] IMRU LBAT TZIYON! (Tell the Daughter of Zion!)

[52] Hinei! Your Melech comes, ANI VROCHEV AL CHAMOR VAL AYIR BEN ATONOT (poor, humble and riding on a donkey and upon a colt, the foal of donkeys YESHAYAH 62:11; ZECHARYAH 9:9).

[53] And ivrim (blind men) and pisechim (lame persons) came to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in the Beis Hamikdash, and he brought refuah to them.
and do not doubt, not only will you do what was done to the etz teenah, but also if you say to this mountain, Be lifted up and be thrown into the sea, it will happen.
[22] And, when you daven, all things whatever for which you may make techinnah (petition, supplication) with emunah, you will receive.
[23] And after Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had gone into the Beis Hamikdash, while he was bringing forth his torah, the Rashei Hakohanim and the Zekenim of the people approached him, saying, By what samchut (authority) do you do these things? And who granted you this samchut?
[24] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said in reply to them, I also will ask you a question, which, if you will tell me, I also will tell you by what samchut I do these things...
[25] The tevilah in the mikveh mayim of Yochanan...it was from where, from Shomayim... vi-bahlt (since) the multitudes considered him a Navi.
[26] And in reply to him, they said among themselves, Why then do you not believe him?
[27] But if we say, From Bnei Adam, we fear the multitude, vi-bahlt (since) the multitudes, vi-bahlt (since) the mochesim and the zonot (prostitutes) are going in ahead of you into the Malchut Hashem.
[28] What do you think? A Baal Bayit, who planted a kerem (vineyard). And he put a fence around it, and he dug a yekev (winepress) in it, and built a migdal (tower) and departed.
[29] And when the time of the Katsir (Harvest) came, the Baal Bayit sent his servants to the koremim to receive the pri (fruit).
[30] And the koremim, having seized his servants, one they beat, another they killed, and another they stoned.
[31] And the Baal Bayit sent other servants, more than the rishonim (first ones), and the koremim did the same thing to them.
[32] For Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva came to you in the Derech Tzidkat Hashem (Way of Righteousness), and you did not believe him. But the mochesim and the zonot believed him. But you, even after you saw, did not change your mind [i.e., make teshuva] and believe him.
[33] Listen to another mashal. There was a man, a Baal Bayit, who planted a kerem (vineyard). And he put a fence around it, and he dug a yekev (winepress) in it, and built a migdal (tower) and departed.
[34] And when the time of the Katsir (Harvest) came, the Baal Bayit sent his servants to the koremim to receive the pri (fruit).
[35] And the koremim, having seized his servants, one they beat, another they killed, and another they stoned.
[36] And the Baal Bayit sent other servants, more than the rishonim (first ones), and the koremim did the same thing to them.
[37] Lemaskana (finally, at last), the Baal Bayit sent to the koremim his Ben, saying, They will respect my Ben.
[38] And when the koremim saw the Ben, they said among themselves, This is the Bechor (Firstborn), the Yoresh (Heir).
[39] And having approached the other son, the man spoke similarly. But the second son, in reply, said, I will go, Adoni. Yet he did not go.
[40] Which of the two did the ratzon haAv (will of the Father)? They say, The rishon (first). Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Omein, I say to you, that the mochesim (tax-collectors) and the zonot (prostitutes) are going in ahead of you into the Malchut Hashem.
[41] They say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Those reshimim (evil-doers) the Baal HaKerem will bring to a terrible mavet, and the Kerem the Baal HaKerem will lease to other koremim, who will render unto the Baal HaKerem the PRI BITO (fruit in its season, TEHILLIM 1:3).
[42] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Have you never heard in the Kitvei Hakodesh (Holy Scriptures), EVEN MAASU HABONIM HAYTAH LEROSH PINAH; MEIES HASHEM HAYTAH ZOT HI NIFLAT BEINEINU (The Stone which the Builders rejected, this one has become Head of the Corner; this came about from the L-rd, and it is marvelous in our eyes, TEHILLIM 118:22-23)?
[43] For this reason, I say to you, the Malchut Hashem will be taken from you and it will be given to a people that produces its pri.
[44] And the one having fallen on this EVEN [Stone, Moshiach], DANIEL 2:35; YESHAYAH 8:14-15] will be crushed; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.
[45] And having heard Moshiach’s mashal, the Rashei Hakohanim and the Perushim understood that he spoke about them.
[46] And seeking to arrest him, they were afraid of the multitudes, vi-bahlt (since) the multitudes considered him a Navi.
And, in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach again spoke in meshalim (parables) to them, saying,
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|3| And the Melech sent out his servants to summon the Bnei HaChuppah (wedding invitees–Mt 9:15) to the chasunoh, and they did not want to come.

|4| Again, the Melech sent out other servants, saying, Tell the Bnei HaChuppah, the wedding invitees, Hinei! My Seudah I have prepared, my oxen and fattened calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready: Come to the chasunoh!

|5| But the Bnei HaChuppah, the chasunoh invitees, having treated it all as a mere trifle, departed, one to his farmer’s field, one to his business.

|6| Meanwhile, the others seized the Mesharetim HaMelech (Ministers of the King) and abused them and killed them.

|7| So the Melech was angry and, having sent his armies, the King destroyed those ratzchaniyot (murderers), and their city he burned.

|8| Then the King says to his ministers, The chasunoh is ready, but the invited ones were not worthy.

|9| Therefore, tell us what to you seems right: is it mutar (permissible) to pay poll tax to Caesar or not?

|10| But, having known their rah (evil), said to them, Why do you test me, tzevuim? Show me the coin of the poll tax. And they brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach a denarius.

|11| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Whose image is this and whose title?

|12| They say to him, Caesar’s. Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Give, therefore, unto Caesar the things of Caesar, and the things of Hashem, give unto Hashem.

|13| And having heard this, they were amazed and, having left Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, they went away.

|14| Anoche Elohei Avraham Elohei Yitzchak VeElohei Yaakov (I am the G-d of Avraham, the G-d of Yitzchak, and the G-d of Yaakov, [Shemot 3:6])? Hashem is not the G-d of the Mesim (dead ones) but the G-d of the Chayyim (living).
[33] And having heard this, the multitudes were amazed at Moshiach’s torah (teaching).

[34] But the Perushim, having heard that he silenced the Tzedukim, assembled together,

[35] And one of them, a Baal Torah (learned Torah scholar, a Ben Torah), tried to trip up Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach with a she’elah (question):

[36] Rabbi, which mitzvah is gedolah (great) in the Torah?

[37] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave this teshuva (answer) to the Baal Torah, VAYIKRA 19:18).

[38] This is the gedolah and rishonah mitzvah.


[40] On these two mitzvot hang the entire Torah and the Nevim.

[41] And, the Perushim, having been assembled, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach confronted with this she’elah, [VAHYA 19:18]].

[42] Saying, What do you think concerning the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach? Whose Ben is he? The Perushim gave this teshuva (answer) to him: Ben Dovid.

[43] Moshiach says to them, How then can Dovid, in the Ruach Hakodesh, call Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adon?... saying

[44] NEUM HASHEM LAADONI, SHEV LIMINI AD ASHIT OYECHA HADOM LERAGLECHA (Utterance of Hashem to my L-rd, Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet TEHILLIM 110:1).

[45] Therefore, if Dovid calls him Adon [i.e., Adoneinu], how is Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [merely] Ben Dovid? [cf. MALACHI 3:1; ZECHARIAH 4:14]

[46] And no one was able to give an answer to him, nor did anyone dare to pose another she’elah (question) to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach from that day on.

23 Then Moshiach spoke to the multitudes and to his Talmidim,

[2] Saying, Upon the Kisei Moshe (Chair of Moses) sit the Sofrim and the Perushim.

[3] Therefore, everything whatever they may tell you, be frum and be shomer, but according to their ma’asim (works) do not be shomer, for they do not practice what they preach.

[4] And they tie up heavy extra-Biblical, Mt 4:4; 15:3,6-9; 22:29) loads, hard to bear, and they place them upon the shoulders of men, but they, with so much as a finger, are not willing to lift the oppressive burdens.

[5] And all their maamis hamitzvot (works of the commandments) they do in order to be seen by Bnei Adam, for they broaden their teffilin and lengthen their tzitiziot

[6] and they love the places of honor at the seudot (banquet dinners), and the shuls,

[7] And the obsequious Birkat Shalom greetings in the market places, and to be called by Bnei Adam, Rebbe.

[8] But you are not to have pretentious titles like Rebbe, for one is your Rebbe [Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach], and all of you are Achim b’Moshiach.

[9] And do not refer to anyone in the Olam Hazeh as your Abba, for One is your Av shbaShomayim.

[10] Neither be called Moreinu, for One is your Moreh (teacher) the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [Moreinu].

[11] And the greatest among you will be your eved mesharet (servant, minister).

[12] But whoever will lift up himself will be humbled, and whoever will humble himself will be lifted up.

[13] But oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim! You devour the batim of almanot and for the sake of chashuve (importance) appearance you make long tefillot; therefore your gezar din (verdict) will be more severe.

[14] Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim! You travel over the sea and the dry land for the giyyur (proselytization) of one proselyte; then, when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehinnom as you.

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[16] But oy to you, morei derech ivrim (blind guides), the, ones saying, Whoever swears by the Beis Hamikdash, it is a worthless shevuah (oath): but whoever swears by the gold of the Beis Hamikdash, he is obligated.

[17] Ivrim! (blind ones), for in front of Bnei Adam you shut the Malchut HaShomayim. You do not go in yourselves, and the ones entering, you do not permit to enter.

[18] Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim! You travel over the sea and the dry land for the giyyur (proselytization) of one proselyte; then, when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of Gehinnom as you.

[19] But whoever swears by the Mizbeach (altar), it is worthless; but whoever swears by the korban upon it, he is obligated.
Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim, you are like kevarim (graves) which on the outside are full of the unclean bones of the mesim (dead ones) and every trayfnyak. [25] Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim, for you give maasros (tithe) of mint and dill and cumin, and you have neglected the matters of the Torah of greater consequence: mishpat, chesed, and emunah. These things it was necessary to do and those others not to neglect. [24] Morei derech ivrim (blind guides), the ones that strain out a gnat and swallow a camel. [25] Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim, you cleanse the outside of the kos (cup) and the dish, but inside they are full of chamdanut (greed) and taavanut (lust). [26] Blind Parush, first cleanse the inside of the kos, that perhaps also the outside may become clean. [27] Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim, for you are like kevarim (graves) having been whitewashed, which on the outside indeed appear ois vaist (ostensibly) shein (beautiful), but on the inside are full of the unclean bones of the mesim (dead ones) and every trayfnyak. [28] Thus on the outside you indeed appear tzaddikim (righteous ones) to Bnei Adam, but on the inside you are full of tzeviut (hypocrisy) and you are lawlessly against the Torah. [29] Oy to you, Sofrim and Perushim, tzevuim, for you build kevarim of the Neviiim and decorate matsevot (gravestones) of the tzaddikim. [30] And you say, If we were in the yamim (days) of Avoteinu (our Fathers), we would not have been shuttufim (partners) with them in the dahm haNeviim (blood of the Prophets). [31] Therefore, you are edim (witnesses) against yourselves that you are the banim (sons) of the ratzchaniyot (murderers) of the Neviiim. [32] And you fill up the measure of your Avot. [33] Snakes, you banim of nachashim, how can you escape the Yom HaDin of Gehinnom? [34] For this reason hinei! I send to you Neviiim and Chachamim and Sofrim, some of whom you will kill and some you will make talui al haetz (being hanged on the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23) and some you will subject to the shot (whip) in your shuls, and you will drive them out from city to city, [35] So that upon you may come all the dahm naki (innocent blood) shed upon the earth from the blood of Hevel to the blood of Zecharyah, whom you murdered between the Heikal and the Mizbeach. [trans. note: cf. Lk 11:51 for Mt’s probable original text here] [36] Omein, I say to you, that all these things will come upon this generation. [37] Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, the ones that kill the Neviiim and stone those having been sent to you! How often have I wanted to gather your yeladim, as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, but you were not willing! [38] Hinei! Look! KI LECHARBAH VIHTYEH HABEIT HAZEH (for this House will become a ruin (i.e. churban) YIRMEYAH 22:5). [39] For I say to you, by no means will you see [Moshiach] from now until you say, BARUCH HABAH BSHEM ADONOL.
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[8] But all these things are but the beginning of the Chevlei [Moshiach].

[9] Then they will hand you over to tzoros and they will kill you and you will be hated by all the ethnic groups on account of the Name of me (Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, Yeshua).

[10] And then many will be led into chet (sin), and others they will hand over, and they will hate others.

[11] And many neviy sheker (false prophets) will arise and will deceive many.

[12] And because of the increased mutkarut (lawlessness, anarchy--Mt 7:23), the agape (love) of many will become cold.

[13] But the one having endured to HaKetz (the End), this one will receive Yeshuat Eloheinu.


[15] Therefore, when you see the SHIKUTS MESHOMEM (Mk 13:14) (Abomination of Desolation), the thing spoken through Daniel HaNavi, having stood in the Makom Kadosh (Holy Place, i.e., the Beis Hamikdash)--let the reader understand!

[16] Then the ones in Yehudah, let them flee to the mountains.

[17] The one upon the roof, let him not come down to carry away the things from his bais (house).

[18] And the one in the field, let him not turn back to get his kaftan.

[19] But oy to the ones with child and the ones with nursing infants in those days.

[20] But offer tefillos that your escape may not be in winter or on Shabbos.

[21] For then will be Tzarah Gedolah (Great Tribulation) such as has not been from Reshit HaOlam (Beginning of the World) until now nor will it by any means happen again.

[22] And if those days were not cut short, kol basar (all flesh) would not be saved.

[23] Then, if someone says to you, Hinei, here is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach!, Or, Hinei! Here! Do not have emunah in that.

[24] For meshichei sheker (false Moshiachs) will arise, and neviy sheker (false prophets), and they will give otot gedolim (great signs) and moftim (wonders), so as to deceive, if possible, even the Bechirim (Chosen ones).

[25] Hinei! I have told you beforehand!

[26] If, therefore, they say to you, Hinei! He [Moshiach] is in the desert! Do not go out there. Hinei! [Moshiach] is in the secret cheder (room)! Do not have emunah in that.

[27] For as lightning goes out from the mizrach (east) and shines to as far as the maarav (west), thus will be the Bias HaMoshiach (coming of the Messiah, the Bar Enosh, Son of Man--DANIEL 7:13).

[28] Wherever the place of the Geviya (Corpse) is, there will be gathered together the nesharim (vultures, eagles--Mt 24:21) of those days, the enegarim (engines) (popularly).

[29] Immediately after the Tzarah (Tribulation Mt 24:21) of those days, the shemesh will be darkened, and the levana will not give its light. And the kokhavim will fall from Shomayim, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

[30] And then will appear the Ot Bar Enosh (the Sign of the Son of Man) in Shomayim. All the tribes of kol haaretz (all the earth) will see the Bar Enosh Moshiach and his Bias, his Coming, on the ananim of Shomayim (clouds of glory of Heaven) with gevurah (power) and great kvod (glory).

[31] Moshiach will send his malachim with a loud blast of the Shofar, and the malachim will gather together Moshiach's Bechirim from the four winds, from one end of Shomayim to the other.

[32] And from the etx teenah (fig tree), learn its parabolic lesson: when its branch has become tender already and sprouts leaves, you know that Kayitz (Summer) is near;

[33] thus also you, when you see all these things, know that it is near, at the very doors.

[34] Omein, I say to you, that this dor (generation) will by no means pass away until all these things come about.

[35] Shomayim vHaAretz will pass away, but my Dvar will by no means pass away.

[36] But concerning that day and hour, no one has daas, not the malachim of Shomayim, but only HaAv (the Father) of me.

[37] For as in the days of Noach, thus will be the Bias HaMoshiach, the Coming of the Bar Enosh.

[38] For as they were in those days before HaMabbul (the Flood), eating and drinking, marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noach entered the Tevah,

[39] and they did not have daas until HaMabbul came and took away everything--thus also will be the Bias HaMoshiach, the Coming of the Bar Enosh.

[40] Then two men will be in the field, one is snatched away, and one is left behind (not retained).
Two women are grinding in the mill house, one is snatched away, one is left behind.

So be shomer, be on your guard, because you do not have daas on which day will be the Bias of Moshiach Adoneichem (your L-rd).

But understand this: if the Baal Bayit had known in which watch the ganav is coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed his bais to be dug through.

For this reason also you be shomer, for in the hour when you do not think, then will be the Bias HaMoshiach (coming).

Who then is the faithful and wise eved (servant), whom the Adon appointed over the household servants to give the other servants their okhel at the prescribed time?

Ashrey (happy) is that eved whom, when his Adon comes, finds him so doing.

Omein, I say to you, the Adon will ordain him to oversee all his possessions.

But if that wicked slave says in his heart, Adoni (My Master) is dragging his feet, and that slave begins to beat his fellow avadim (slaves), and he eats and drinks with the ones getting drunk,

the Adon of that slave will come on a day which he does not expect and at an hour of which he does not have daas.

And the Adon will cut in two that slave, and the slave’s portion he will put with the tzevuim (hypocrites). There will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

Then the Malchut HaShomayim will be compared to ten alamot (young unmarried virgins), who, having taken their menorahs, went out to meet the Choson (Bridegroom).

Now five of them were foolish and five were wise.

When the foolish took their menorahs, they neglected to take shemen (oil).

But the wise took shemen in containers with their menorahs.

Now the Choson, being delayed, here is what happened: all the alamot became drowsy and were sleeping.

And at chatsot halailah (midnight) there was a shout, Hinei! The Choson (Bridegroom)! Go out to meet him!

Then all the ten alamot awakened and they trimmed their menorahs.

But the foolish said to the wise, Give us from your shemen (oil), for our menorahs are going out.

But the wise answered, saying, Perhaps there might not be enough for us and for you. Instead, you go to the ones selling and buy for yourselves.

And as they were going away to buy, the Bias of the Choson (Bridegroom) occurred! The ones prepared entered with him into the Chasunoh (Wedding) feast and the door was shut.

And later, here comes also the other alamot, saying, Adoneinu, Adoneinu, open the door for us.

But he, in reply, said, Omein, I say to you, I do not know you.
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[23] His Adon said to him, Shkoysim (well done), evev tov neeman! A few things you were faithful over, over many things I will ordain you. Enter into the simcha of your Adon.
[24] And also the one who had received one talent stepped forward. He said, Adoni, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering from that which you did not scatter seed.
[25] And having been afraid and having gone away, I hid your talent by burying it in the ground. Here, see, you have that which belongs to you.
[26] And, in reply, his Adon said to him, You farbissener (mean) eved rah vatzel (wicked slave), so you had nothig that you did not scatter seed.
[27] Then why was it not necessary for you to deposit my gelt with the bankers, and having returned, I would have received back that which was mine with interest?
[28] Take, therefore, from him the talent and give it to the one having the ten talents.
[29] For to every one having, it will be given and he will have abundance; but from the one not having, even what he has will be taken from him.
[30] And as for the useless slave, throw him into the outer chooshch, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
[31] And when the Bar Enosh (Daniel 7:13) comes, in his kavod and all his malachim with him, then he will sit upon his Kissei Kavod (Glorious Throne).
[32] And there will be assembled all the Goyim, and he will separate them from each other as the Roeh (the Shepherd) separates the Kevasim (Sheep) from the Izzim (Goats).
[33] And he will put the Kevasim on the right of him, but the Izzim on his left.
[34] Then he will say to the ones on his right, Come! Baruchei Avi (Blessed of my Father), receive the bechorah (inheritance), the Malchut prepared for you from before Hivvased HaOlam (the establishing of the world).
[35] For I hungered and you gave me something to eat. I thirsted and you gave drink to me. I was a sojourner, and you extended hachnosas orchim (hospitality) to me.
[36] I was naked and you gave me malbish arumim (clothing the naked). I was ill; with bikkur cholim (visiting the sick) you ministered to me. I was in the beit hasohar (prison); you came to me.  
[37] Then the tzaddikim will answer him, Moshiach Adoneinu, when did we see you hungering or thirsting or a sojourner or naked or sick or in the beit hasohar and we did not minister to you?
[38] Then he will answer them, saying, Omein, I say to you, in as much as you did not do it for one of these least ones, neither did you do it for me.
[39] And these will go away into Onesh Olam (Eternal Punishment), but the tzaddikim into Chayyei Olam (Eternal Life). YESHAYAYAH 66:24; DANIEL 12:2

And it came about when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach completed all these divrei torah, he said to his talmidim,
[2] You know, that after two days, there is Pesach, and the Bar Enosh is handed over for talui al HaEtz [DEVARIM 21:23; DANIEL 7:13].
[3] Then the Rashei Hakohanim and the Ziknei haAm (Elders of the People) were assembled in the courtyard of the residence of the Kohen Gadol (High Priest), the one being called Caiapha.
[5] But they were saying, Not during the Chag (Feast), lest a riot break out among the am haaretz.

T.N. A careful reading of this book shows that the Moshiach pointed to the One in Ps 110:1, Dan 7:13, and Isa 53 and Ps 118:22 and declared that the same person is being referred to in all these Scriptures: Moshiach Adoneinu.
[6] And, while Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was in Beit-Anyah in the bais of Shimon the leper,
[7] An isha approached him with an alabaster flask of costly perfume, and she poured it out on Moshiach’s rosh, as he sat bimesibba (reclining at tish [table]).
[8] And having seen this, Moshiach’s talmidim were angry, saying, For what is this waste?
[9] For it would have been possible to sell this for a generous sum and give to the aynim (poor ones).
[10] Aware of this, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Why are you bringing about difficulty for the isha for the ma’aseh tov (good deed) she does to me.
[11] For the aynim you have with you always, but you do not always have me.
[12] For this isha (woman) has poured this ointment on my basar (body) in order to prepare me for kevurah (burial). [Isa 53:9 Ps 16:9-10]
[13] Omein, I say to you, wherever this Besuras HaGeulah is preached bchol HaOlam (in all the world), in her memory it will be spoken also what was done by her.
[14] Then, one of the Shneym Asar (Twelve), Yehudah from Kriot, went to the Rashei Hakohanim
[15] and said, What are you willing to give me? And I will hand him over to you. And they weighed out for him sheloshim shiklei kesef (thirty pieces of silver).
[16] And from then on he was seeking an opportunity that he might hand Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach over.
[17] But at the onset of Chag HaMatzot, Moshiach’s talmidim approached him, saying, Where do you wish we should prepare for you your Seder?
[18] And he said, Go into the city to such and such person and say to him, Our Rebbe says, My time is at hand. With you I am observing Pesach with my talmidim.
[19] And the talmidim did as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach commanded them, and they prepared the Seder.
[20] When erev came, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was sitting bimesibba (reclining) at tish with the Shneym Asar Talmidim.
[21] And as they were eating with their Rebbe, he said, Omein, I say to you that one of you will be my betrayer.
[22] And much distressed, each one began to say to him, Surely I am not the one, Adoni?
[23] But, in reply, he said, The one having dipped the hand into the bowl [SHEMOT 12:8] with me, this one is my betrayer.
[24] Indeed the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] goes as it was written concerning him, but oy to that man through whom the Bar Enosh is betrayed. It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.
[25] And, in reply, Yehudah the betrayer of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, said, Surely I am not the one, Rabbi? Moshiach says to Yehudah, You have said it.
[26] And at the Seudah, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having taken matzah, having made HaMotzi, he broke the [middle] matzah, giving the afikoman to the talmidim, and said, Take and eat, this is my basar.
[27] And having taken the Cup of Redemption and having made the bracha, he gave it to them, saying, Drink from it, all of you.
[28] For this is my [Moshiach’s, see Isa 53:7-8] Dahm HaBrit HaChadasha [Isa 42:6; Jer 31:31-34], which is poured out LARABBIM (for many YESHAYAH 53:11-12) for the selicha (forgiveness) of chattaim (sins).
[29] And I say to you, I will by no means drink from now on of this pri hagefen (fruit of the vine) until that Day when I drink it with you chadash (new) in the Malchut Avi.
[30] And having sung the Hallel, they went out to the Har HaZeytim.
[31] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, All of you will be offended at me [Moshiach] during this night, for it has been written, HACH ES HAROEH UTEFUTSEN HATSON (Strike the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered ZECHARIAH 13:7).
[32] But after I undergo Techiyas HaMoshiach I will go ahead of you to the Galil. [Mt 28:7]
[33] And, in reply, Kefa said to him, If everyone will be offended at you, I never will be offended.
[34] He said to him, Omein, I say to you that balailah hazeh (during this night), before a tarnegol (cock) crows, you will make hakhchashah (denial) of me [as Moshiach] shalosh paamim (three times).
[35] Kefa says to him, Even if it is necessary for me to die ad kiddush ha-Shem with you, by no means will I deny you. Likewise all the talmidim spoke also.
[36] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach comes with them to a place being called Gat-Shmanim, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to the talmidim, Sit here until I go over there and daven.
[37] And having taken Kefa and the two sons of Zavdi, Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach began to be sorrowful and distressed with agnat nefesh (grief).

[38] Then he says to them, My nefesh is deadly grieved, even to the point of mavet. Remain here and stay awake with me.

[39] And having gone forward a short distance, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach fell upon his face, davening and saying, Avi, if it is possible, let this Kos pass from me. But not as I will, but as you will (Mt 6:10; 12:50).

[40] Then he comes to the talmidim and finds them sleeping, and he says to Kefa, So were you not strong enough to be awake for one hour with me?

[41] Stay awake and offer tefilos, lest you enter lidey nefesh. Hinei! The hour is at hand. Stay awake now and take your rest. Hinei! My betrayer has drawn near.

[42] Again, for a second time, saying the same words.

[43] And having come again, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach found the talmidim sleeping, for their eyes were too heavy to stay open.

[44] And having left them again and having gone away, he was davening for the shlishit (third) time, saying the same words.

[45] Then he comes to the talmidim and says to them, Sleep on now and take your rest. Hinei! The hour is at hand, and the [Daniel 7:13] Bar Enosh is being betrayed into the hands of choteim (sinners).

[46] Arise, and let us go. Hinei! My betrayer has drawn near.

[47] And while he was still speaking hinei! Yehudah, one of the Shneym Asar, came and with him came a great multitude with swords and clubs from the Rashei Hakohanim (Chief Priests) and the Ziknei HaAm (the Elders of the People).

[48] Now the betrayer had given them a signal, saying, Whomever I may give the neshikah (kiss), he is the one. Chap [grab] him!

[49] And immediately, he approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and said, Shalom, Rebbe. And he gave him the neshikah.

[50] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Chaver, do what you came for. Then, having approached, they laid hands on Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and arrested him.

[51] And hinei! One of the ones with him stretched out his hand, drew his cherev, and struck the servant of the Kohen Gadol, cutting off his ear.

[52] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Return your cherev into its place; for all who take the sword will die by the sword.

[53] Or do you think that I am not able to call upon Avi, and He will provide me now more than Shneym Asar legions of malachim?

[54] But how then may the Kitvei Hakodesh he fulfilled that say it must happen thus?

[55] At that moment, he said to the crowd, Do you have the chutzpah (nerve) to come out, as against a revolutionary, with swords and clubs to arrest me? Daily in the Beis Hamikdash I was sitting saying my shiurim and you did not arrest me.

[56] But this all happened that the Kitvei Hakodesh of the Neviiim might be fulfilled. Then the talmidim deserted Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and fled.

[57] But the ones having arrested Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach led him away to Caiapha the Kohen Gadol, where the Sofrim and the Zekenim (Elders) were gathered together.

[58] And Kefa was following Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach from far away. He followed him as far as the courtyard of the Kohen Gadol and, having gone inside it, Kefa was sitting down with the servants to see the maskana (outcome).

[59] And the Rashei Hakohanim and the Sanhedrin all were seeking edut sheker (false testimony of false witnesses) against Yehoshua so that they might put him to death.

[60] And they found none, though many shakranim (liars) came forward. At last, two came forward

[61] and said, This one said, I am able to bring about a churban (destruction) of the Beis Hamikdash of Hashem and within shloshah yamim to rebuild it.

[62] And having got up, the Kohen Gadol said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Do you answer nothing? For what do these men give edut (testimony) against you?

[63] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was silent. And the Kohen Gadol said to him, I adjure you by Hashem, Elohim Chayyim, to tell us if you are the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Ben HaElohim.

[64] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, You said it. But I say to you, From now on you will see the Bar Enosh (Moshiach) sitting at the right hand of Gevurah (Power) and his Bias (Coming) will be with ANE'EI HASHOMAYIM (clouds of Heaven, DANIEL 7:13-14).

[65] Then the Kohen Gadol made the keriah (rendering, tearing of his
Now when boker had come, all the Rashei Hakohenim and the Ziknei HaAm took counsel together against Yehoshua to put him to death. And having performed the akedah (binding), they led him away, and delivered him up to Pilate the Governor.

Then when Yehudah, who had betrayed Moshiach, saw that Yehoshua had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the sheloshim shiklei kesef (thirty pieces of silver) to the Rashei Hakohanim and the Zekenim, saying Chatati (I have sinned). I have betrayed dam naki (innocent blood). But they said, What is that to us? See to that yourself!

And Yehudah threw the shiklei kesef (pieces of silver) into the Beis Hamikdash and departed; and, having gone away, Yehudah hanged himself.

And the Rashei Hakohenim took the shiklei kesef and said, It is asur (forbidden) to put these into the Beis Hamikdash otzar (treasury), vi-bahlt (since) it is blood money.

And they took counsel to buy the shiklei kesef for the potter's field as a beis hakevoros (cemetery) for zarim (foreigners).

For this reason that field has been called the Sadeh HaDahm (Field of Blood) to this day.

Now Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach stood before the Governor, and the Governor questioned Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saying, Are you the Melech HaYehudim? And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, It is as you say.

And while Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was being accused by the Rashei Hakohanim and the Zekenim, he answered nothing.

Do you not hear how many things they give edut against you?

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not answer him with even one word, so that the Governor was quite amazed.

Now at the Chag (Festival, Pesach) the Governor was accustomed to release for the multitude any one prisoner they wanted.

And they were holding at the time a notorious prisoner, called [Yeshua] Bar-Abba [son of the father].

For Pilate knew that because of kinah (envy) they had delivered Yehoshua up.

However, the Rashei Hakohenim and the Zekenim persuaded the multitudes to ask for Bar-Abba, but Yehoshua they should destroy.
[21] But the Governor answered, saying to them, Which of the two do you want me to release for you? And they said, Bar-Abba.
[22] In reply, Pilate says to them, What, therefore, may I do with Yehoshua, the one called the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach? Everyone says, Let him be made TALUI AL HAETZ (being hanged on the Tree)! Be hanged on HAETZ! [DEVARIM 21:23]
[23] But Pilate said, Why? What rah (evil) has he done? But they kept shouting all the more, saying, Let him be hanged on HAETZ!
[24] And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to that yourselves.
[25] And, in reply, all the people said, His dahm be on us and on our yeladim.
[26] Then Pilate released Bar-Abba to them. But after having Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach scourged, he handed him over to be hanged on HAETZ [DEVARIM 21:23].
[27] Then the soldiers of the Governor took him into the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort against Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
[TEHILLIM 2:1]
[28] And they stripped him and put a royal scarlet robe on him, and,
[29] After weaving a keter of thorns, they placed it on his head and put a reed in his right hand, and they fell down before him and mocked him saying, Hail, Melech HaYehudim!
[30] And they spat on Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and took the reed and began to beat him on the head.
[31] And after they had made leitzonus (mockery) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, they took off his robe and put his garments on him, and led him away to hang him on HAETZ.
[32] And as they were coming out, they found a man from Cyrene named Shimon, whom they pressed into service to bear Moshiach’s Etz.
[33] And when they had come to a place called Gulgolta, which means place of a skull, they put up above his head the charge against him which read, THIS IS YEHOSHUA, MELECH HAYEHUDIM.
[34] They gave him wine to drink mingled with gall. And, after tasting it, he was unwilling to drink.
[35] When they had hanged Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on HAETZ, they divided up Moshiach’s garments among themselves, casting lots;
[36] And, sitting down, they began to keep watch over him there.
[37] They put up above his head the charge against him which read, THIS IS YEHOSHUA, MELECH HAYEHUDIM.
[38] At that time, two shodedim were each hanged on his own etz with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, one on the right and one on the left.
[39] And those passing by were hurling insults at Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, wagging their heads,
[40] And saying, You who are going to cause the churban (destruction) of the Beis Hamikdash and rebuild it in shloshah yamim (three days), save yourself! If you are the Ben HaElohim, come down on HAETZ, they divided up Moshiach’s garments among themselves, casting lots;
[41] Likewise, also the Rashei Hakohanim along with the Sofrim and Zekenim, were mocking him, and saying,
[42] He saved others; yet himself he is not able to save. He is Melech Yisroel? Everyone says, This is Melech HaMoshiach! And they spat on Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and took the reed and began to beat him on the head.
[43] He trusts in Hashem; let Hashem be his Moshi’a (Deliverer) and deliver him now, if Hashem takes pleasure in him, for this one said, Ben HaElohim Ani!
[44] And the shodedim (robbers), hanging, each on his etz, with him, were casting similar insults at Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, reproaching him.
[45] Now, from the sixth hour, choshech fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.
[46] And about the ninth hour, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out with a kol gadol, saying Eli, Eli, lemah sabachthani! (that is, My G-d, my G-d, why hast thou forsaken me? TEHILLIM 22:2[1]).
[47] And some of those who were standing there, when they heard, began saying, This one calls for Eliyahu HaNavi. And immediately one of them ran and, taking a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed and gave him a drink.
[49] But the rest of them said, Wait. We will see whether Eliyahu HaNavi will come to save him.
[50] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out again with a loud voice, and dismissed his ruach.
[51] And hinei! The parochet (curtain) of the Beis Hamikdash was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,
[52] And the kevarim (graves) were opened, and many gufot (bodies) of the kedoshim who had fallen asleep were made to stand up alive.
[53] And coming out of the kevarim after the Tchiyias HaMoshiach, they entered the Ir Hakodesh (Holy City) and appeared to many.
[54] Now when the centurion, and those who
were with him keeping shomer (guard) over Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, they became very frightened and said, Truly this was the Ben HaElohim.

| 55 | And many nashim were there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach from the Galil and had ministered to him. |
| 56 | Among them was Miryam of Magdala, Miryam the Em of Yaakov and Yosef, and the Em of Zavdai’s sons. |
| 57 | And when it was erev, there came an oisher (rich man) from Ramatayim named Yosef who himself had also become a talmid of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. |
| 58 | This man went to Pilate and asked for the gufat Yehoshua [TEHILLIM 16:9-10]. Then Pilate ordered it to be given over to Yosef. |
| 59 | And Yosef took the gufat Yehoshua, and wrapped it in the tachrichim, |
| 60 | and laid it in Yosef’s own new kever, which he had hewn out in the rock; and he rolled a large stone against the entrance of the kever (tomb) and went away [Isa 53:9]. |
| 61 | And Miryam of Magdala, and the other Miryam, stayed there, sitting opposite the kever. |
| 62 | Now on the next day [i.e., Motzoei Shabbos], which is the one after the Preparation, the Rashei Hakohanim gathered together with Pilate |
| 63 | and said, Sir, we remember that when he was still alive that mateh (deceiver) said, After shloshah yamim I am to stand up alive. |
| 64 | Therefore, give orders for the kever to be made secure until the Yom HaShlishi (the Third Day), lest his talmidim come and steal him away and say to the people, He has stood up alive from the mesim. And the last deception will be worse than the first. |
| 65 | Pilate said to them, You have a guard, go make the kever as secure as you know how. |
| 66 | And they went and made the kever secure, and, along with the guard, they set a seal on the stone. |

28 Now after Shabbos, at the time of Shacharis on Yom Rishon (the first day of the week), Miryam of Magdala and the other Miryam came to look at the kever. 

| 2 | And hinei! a great earthquake had occurred, for a malach Adonoi (an angel of Hashem) descended from Shomayim and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. |
| 3 | And his appearance was like lightning and his garment as white as snow. |
| 4 | And the shomrim (guards) shook for fear of him and became like dead men. |
| 5 | And the malach, in reply, said to the nashim, Do not be afraid, for I know that you are seeking Yehoshua, who has been hanged on HaEtz. |
| 6 | He is not here. To him has come the Techiyas HaMesim, just as he said. Come, see the place where HaAdon was lying. |
| 7 | And go quickly, tell his talmidim about the Techiyas HaMoshiach from HaMesim. And, hinei! He is going ahead of you into the Galil. There you will see him. Hinei! I have told you! |
| 8 | And they departed quickly from the kever with fear and great simcha and ran to report everything to Moshiaf’s talmidim. |
| 9 | And hinei! Moshiaf met them, saying Shalom Aleichem. And they came up and took hold of his feet and fell prostrate before him. |
| 10 | Then he said to them, Do not be afraid; go and take word to my Achim that they may go away to the Galil, and there they shall see me. |
| 11 | Now while they were on their way, hinei! Some of the shomrim came into the city and reported to the Rashei Hakohanim all the things that had happened. |
| 12 | And when they had assembled with the Zekenim and counseled together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, |
| 13 | And said, You to say, His talmidim came by night and stole him away while we were asleep. |
| 14 | And if this should come to the Governor’s ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble. |
| 15 | And the ones who took the kesef did as they had been instructed and this story was widely spread among the Yehudim to this day. |
| 16 | But the Achad Asar Talmidim proceeded to the Galil, to the mountain which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had designated. |
| 17 | And when they saw him, they prostrated themselves before him, but some were doubtful. |
| 18 | And he came up and spoke to them, saying, All samchut (authority) has been given to me in Shomayim and on HaAretz. |
| 19 | Go, therefore, make talmidim for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach of all the nations, giving them a tevilah in a mikveh mayim in Hashem, in the Name of HaAv, and HaBen, and HaRuach Hakodesh, |
| 20 | Teaching them to observe all that I have
commanded you. And hinei! I [Moshiach] am with you always, even unto the Ketz HaOlom Hazeh.

The Beginning of the Besuras HaGeulah (the Good News of Redemption) of Yehoshua, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach [the] Ben HaElohim.

[1] Just as it has been written in Yeshayah HaNavi, HINNENI SHOLEIACH MALACHI (Behold, I send my messenger) before your face, UPINNAH DERECH LEFANAI (and he will prepare the way before me, SHEMOT 23:20; MALACHI 3:1), he will prepare your way.


[3] Yochanan came with a mikveh mayim in the midbar, preaching a tevilah of teshuva for the selichat avon.

[4] And all Yehudah and all Yerushalayim were going out to him, and they were submitted to a tevilah using the Yarden River as a mikveh mayim, making vidduy to Hashem of their averos (sins).

[5] And Yochanan had camel hair clothing and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was arbe and devash. [MELACHIM BAIS 1:8; VAYIKRA 11:22]

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[7] And he was preaching, crying out as a maggid [for the Moshiaich], saying, Hu Habah (He who Comes, i.e. Moshiaich) after me has more chozek (strength) than me. I am not worthy to stoop down and remove his sandals.

[8] I give you a tevilah in a mikveh mayim, but he [Moshiaich] will give you a tevilah in the Ruach Hakodesh.

[9] And it was during that period that Yehoshua from Natzeret of the Galil came and submitted to Yochanan's tevilah in the mikveh mayim of the Yarden.

[10] And ofen ort Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came up out of the mikveh mayim, and he saw Shomayim being torn open, the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem descending like a yonah on him.

[11] And there was a bat kol out of Shomayim, ATAH BNI AHUVI ASHER BCHA CHAFATSTI (You are my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased).

[12] Then the Ruach Hakodesh ofen ort thrusts him out into the midbar.

[13] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was in the midbar arbaim yom varbaim lailah, undergoing nisyonos by Hasatan; and he was with the chayyat hassadeh (wild beasts, IYOV 5:23), and the malachim were the meshartei Hashem ministering to Moshiach.

[14] Now after Yochanan was arrested, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came to the Galil, proclaiming the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem.

[15] And saying, The appointed time has been fulfilled and the Malchut Hashem has come near. Make teshuva, and have emunah in the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem.

[16] And passing along beside Lake Kinneret, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw Shimon and Andrew, the brother of Shimon, casting a reshet into the sea, for they were daiyagim (fishermen).

[17] And he said to them, Come, follow me [as my talmidim], and I will make you to become daiyagei adam followed Moshiach.

[18] And ofen ort, leaving their nets, they followed Moshiach.

[19] And going on a little, he saw Yaakov Ben Zavdai and Yochanan his brother, who were also in the sirah (boat) repairing the nets.

[20] And ofen ort he summoned them; and, leaving Zavdai their father in the sirah with the sachirim (hired workers), they went away to follow Moshiach.

[21] And they enter into Kfar Nachum, and ofen ort on Shabbos, entering into the shul, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach exercised the ministry of moreh (teacher).

[22] And they were astounded at Moshiach's torah (teaching), for he was teaching them as one having samchut, and not as the Sofrim.

[23] And, ofen ort, there was in their shul a man with a ruach hatumah, and he shouted,

[24] Saying, Yehoshua of Natzeret, mah lanu vlach? (What to us and to you?) Have you come to bring us churban (destruction)? I have daas [of the raz, secret, mystery of who you are, HaKadosh of Hashem (the Holy One of G-d).

[25] But he rebuked the shed, saying, Shekit! Gey zich! And come out of him.

[26] And, the ruach hatumah, throwing him into convulsions, let out a shrai and came out of him.

[27] And all were astounded so that they began to discuss with each other, saying, What is this? Torah Chadasha with samchut? He gives orders to the shedim and they obey him?

[28] And the besuroh (news) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach ofen ort (immediately) went forth everywhere into the surrounding region of the Galil.
And ofen ort (immediately), coming out of shul, they went into the bais (house) of Shimon and Andrew with Yaakov and Yochanan.

And the chamot (shviger, mother-in-law) of Shimon was bedridden and fever-stricken, and ofen ort (immediately) they tell Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach about her.

And approaching, holding her hand, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach lifted her up, and the kaddachat (fever, DEVARIM 28:22) left her, and she then began functioning as their mesharetet (servant, keli kodesh, lady minister), waiting on them.

When erev (evening) came, with the setting of the shemesh (sun), they brought to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach all the cholim (sick persons) and all those possessed by shedim (demons).

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach administered refuah (healing) to many cholim (sick persons) suffering from various machlot (illnesses), and he cast out many shedim (demons). And he did not permit the shedim to give utterance, for the shedim knew the raz (mystery, secret) of his identity, that he was the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

And very early, while it was still dark, having got up, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went out and away to a desolate place, and was davening shacharis there.

And Shimon and those with him searched for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

And they found Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and they say to him, Everyone is seeking you [SHIR HASHIRIM 1:4; CHAGGAI 2:7].

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Let us go elsewhere into the neighboring shetlach, so that also there I may preach. For it was for this [purpose, tachlis] I came. [YESHAYAH 61:1]

And he came preaching in their shuls (synagogues) and casting out shedim in [the] whole [region of] the Galil.

And an ish metzorah (leper) comes to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach begging him and kneeling down and saying, If you are willing, you are able to make me tahor (clean).

And being filled with rachmei Shomayim [and] stretching out his hand, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach touched [the man] and says to him, I am willing. Be made tahor.

And ofen ort (immediately) the ish metzorah (leper) went away from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and he was made tahor.

And having sternly warned him, ofen ort (immediately) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sent him away.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, See that you say nothing to anyone, but rather go show yourself to the kohen and offer [the korban] for the tohorah (purification) of you which Moshe (Rabbeinu) gave mitzvah, for an edut (testimony) to them. [VAYIKRA 13:49, 14:1-32]

But the one having gone out began to preach many things and to spread the dvar Hashem, so that no longer was Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach able to openly enter into [the] shetl, but he was outside in desolate places. And they were coming to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach from every direction. [T.N. Ac 12:12,25;15:37,39; Co 4:10; PM 24; 2Ti4:11 1K5:13 attest to Markos' authorship credentials.]

And having entered again into Kfar-Nachum after [many] yamim, it was heard that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is at home.

And many were gathered together so that there was no longer any room at the delet, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking the dvar Hashem to them.

And they come bringing to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach a paralytic being carried along by arba’a anashim (four men).

And not being able to bring [the paralytic] to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on account of the multitude, they removed the roof where Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was, and having made an opening, they lowered the mat upon which the paralytic was lying.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having seen the emunah of them, says to the paralytic, Beni, your averos (sins) are granted selicha.

And there were some of the Sofrim (Scribes) sitting there and thinking about these things in their levavot (hearts),

Why is this one speaking thus? He is guilty of Chillul Hashem gidduf (Desecration of the Name, blasphemy). Who is able to grant selicha (forgiveness) to averos (sins) except Hashem? [YESHAYAH 43:25]

And, ofen ort (immediately), having had daas in his ruach that in this way they were thinking, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Why are you considering such things in your levavot?
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[9] Which is easier? To say to the paralytic, Your averos are granted selicha, or to say, Stand and pick up your mat and walk?

[10] But in order that you may have daas that the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] has samchut (authority) on haaretz to grant that averos receive selicha, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to the paralytic

[11] To you I say, Stand, pick up your mat, and go to your bais.

[12] And the man arose, and, ofen ort (immediately), in front of everyone, taking the mat, he went outside. So everyone was astonished and gave kavod to Hashem saying, Never have we seen anything like this!

[13] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went out again beside the lake; and all the multitude was coming to him, and he was teaching them torah.

[14] And as he was passing by, he saw Levi Ben Chalfai sitting in the tax office, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Follow me. And, getting up, Levi [Mattityahu] followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[15] And it came to pass that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach reclined at tish in Levi’s house, and many mochesim (tax collectors) and choteim (sinners) were reclining at tish with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and with his talmidim. For there were many, and they were following him.

[16] And the Sofrim (scribes) of the Perushim, seeing that Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach eats with choteim (sinners) and mochesim (tax collectors), were saying to his talmidim, With mochesim (tax collectors) and choteim (sinners) does he eat?

[17] And having heard this, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, It’s not the strong ones that have need of a rofeh (physician) but rather the cholim (sick persons). I did not come to call [the] tzaddikim (righteous ones) but the choteim (sinners) [to teshuva].

[18] And the talmidim of Yochanan and the Perushim came with tzomot (fasts). And they come and say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Why do the talmidim of the Perushim and the talmidim of Yochanan come with tzomot, but your talmidim do not?

[19] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, said to them, Surely the Bnei HaChuppah (bridegroom) are not able to undergo tzomot as long as they have the Choson with them, nu? As long as they have the Choson with them, they are not able to undergo tzomot.

[20] But yamim (days) will come when the Choson is taken away from them, and then they will undergo tzomot HaYom HaHu.

[21] No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise, the patch will pull away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.

[22] And no one puts yayin chadash (new wine) into old wineskins; otherwise, the yayin will burst the wineskins and the yayin is lost and so are the wineskins. Instead yayin chadash (new wine) [is put] into new wineskins.

[23] And it came about [that] on Shabbos, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was passing through the grainfields, and his talmidim began to make [their] way picking the heads of grain. [DEVARIM 23:25]

[24] And the Perushim said to him, Look, why are they engaging in what is not mutar (permissible) in the Torah on Shabbos?

[25] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Have you never read in the Tanakh what Dovid HaMelech did when he was in need and he was hungry, and he and the ones with him?

[26] How he entered into the Beis Hashem during the yamim of Evyatar the Kohen Gadol and the Lechem HaPanim he ate, which to be eaten it is not mutar (permissible) except by the Kohanim, and he gave [some] also to the ones with him.

[DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 24:6, SHMUUEL BAIS 8:17, VAYIKRA 24:5 9, SHMUUEL ALEF 21:1-6]

[27] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Shabbos was created for the sake of man and not man for the sake of Shabbos.

[SHEMOT 23:12, DEVARIM 5:14]

[28] Therefore, the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13, 14] is even Adon HaShabbos.

[7 N. This book, which depends heavily on the preaching of Kefa from earliest times has been dated in the late forties or fifties, C.E.]

3 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered again into the shul. And there was there a man having a withered hand.

[2] And they were watching Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [to see] if on Shabbos he will heal him, in order that they might accuse him.

[3] And he says to the man, the one with the withered hand, Stand up here in the center.

[4] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Is it mutar
(permissible) on Shabbos to do tov or rah, to restore nefesh or to destroy [it]? But they were silent.

5 And having looked [at] them with ka’as and having agmat nefesh (grief) at the stubborn hardness of their levavot, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to the man, Stretch out your hand. And the man stretched it out, and his hand was restored.

6 And ofen ort (immediately) the Perushim went out and held consultation with the party of Herod against him, as to how they might destroy him.

7 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach with his talmidim went away to the lake, and a great multitude from the Galil and also from Yehudah followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

8 And from Yerushalayim and from Idumea and from the other side of the Yarden and from around Tzor-Tzidon area, a great multitude followed, hearing everything that he was doing, and they came to Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

9 And he said to his talmidim that a sirah (boat) should stand ready for him, lest the multitude might crush him.

10 For he had brought refuah to many, with the result that as many as had afflictions pressed in on him in order to touch him.

11 And the ruchot hatemeiot (unclean spirits), whenever they saw Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, were falling before him and were crying out, saying, You are the Ben HaElohim!

12 And he sternly rebuked them, lest they should make him known.

13 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach goes up to the mountain and summons those whom he wanted, and they came to him.

14 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach appointed and gave smichah to Shneym Asar (Twelve), whom also he designated Shlichim, that they might be with him [be mishtatef in Moshiach’s chavurah], and that he might send them out as his Shlichim to preach,

15 and to have samchut (authority) to cast out shedim.

16 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach appointed the Shneym Asar: Shimon, to whom he gave the name Kefa, Yaakov Ben Zavdai and Yochanan, Yaakov’s brother. He gave to them the name Bnei Regesh, (Sons of Thunder).

17 And Andrew and Philippos and Bar-Talmai, and Mattityahu, and Yaakov Ben Chalfai, and Taddai, and Shimon the Zealot,

18 And Yehudah from Kriot, the one who betrayed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

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24 And when his own mishpochah heard of this, they went out to constrain him. For they were saying, He is meshuga.

25 And the Sofrim (Scribes), the ones coming down from Yerushalayim, were saying, He has a ruach hatumah (an unclean spirit).

26 And the Em (Mother) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and his achim come and stand outside and they sent word to him.

27 And a multitude was sitting around him, and they are saying to him, Hinei! Your Em (Mother)! And your achim (brothers)! And your achayot (sisters) are outside looking for you.

28 And in reply to them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, Who is immi? And my achim (brothers)? And your achayot (sisters) are outside looking for you.

29 And in reply to them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, Who is immi? And my achim (brothers)?

30 And having looked around at the ones sitting around him, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, Hinei! Imm and my achim!

31 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach goes to his home shtetl; and again the multitude assembles, with the result that they were not able to have okhel (food).

32 And when his own mishpochah heard of this, they went out to constrain him. For they were saying, He is meshuga.

33 And the Sofrim (Scribes), the ones coming down from Yerushalayim, were saying, He is possessed by Baal-zibbul and by the Sar HaShedim he casts out shedim.

34 And And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, But having called them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking to them in meshulim: How can Hasatan cast out Hasatan?

35 And if a mulchut is divided against itself, it is not possible for that mulchut to stand.

36 And if a bais is divided against itself, it will not be possible for that bais to stand.

37 And if Hasatan has risen up against himself and is divided, it is not possible for him to stand, but his end has arrived.

38 But no one is able, having entered into the house of the Gibbor to plunder his possessions, unless first, he binds HaGibbor, and then he will plunder the Bayit HaGibbor.

39 Omein, I say to you that for everything—for the averos (sins) and the Chillul Hashem (Desecration of the Name), whatever blasphemies they may utter—the Bnei Adam will be granted selicha.

40 But whoever commits Chillul Hashem gidduf against the Ruach Hakodesh, can never have selicha, but is guilty of a Chet Olam.

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44 And in reply to them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, Who is immi? And my achim (brothers)?

45 And having looked around at the ones sitting around him, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, Hinei! Imm and my achim!

46 For whoever does the ratzon Hashem, this one is my brother and my sister and mother.
And again Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach began to say shiurim (Torah talks) beside the lake. And a huge multitude gathered together to him so that he got into a sirah (boat) on the lake and sat down. The whole multitude was by the lake on the shore.

[2] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was giving them torah with many meshalim (parables) and in the shiurim he said, he was saying to them:

[3] Listen. Hinei! The Sower was saying to them, To you the raz (secret) of the meshalim (parables). And he was saying to him for a hezber (explanation) the Shneym Asar were asking.

[4] And it came about that when he went to sow, that some [seeds] fell beside the road. And the birds came and devoured it.

[5] And other [seeds] fell upon the rocky places where it did not have much soil, and ofen ort (immediately) it withered.

[6] And when the shemesh rose, it was scorched and, because it did not have a shoresh (root), it withered.

[7] And other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them, and it did not yield pri.

[8] And other seed fell into the adamah tovah (good ground) and it was giving pri (fruit), rising up and growing, thirty, sixty, and one hundredfold.

[9] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying, He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

[10] And when he was alone, the Shneym Asar were asking him for a hezber (explanation) of the meshalim (parables).

[11] And he was saying to them, To you the raz (secret) of the Malchut Hashem has been given. But to the outsiders, everything remains in meshalim,

[12] In order that YIRU they may see and not have daas

VSHIMU they may hear and not have binah, lest they should turn and they should receive refuah and selicha. (YESHAYAH 6:9-10, TARGUM HASHIVIM)

[13] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Do you not have daas of the meaning of this mashal? Then how will you have binah of all the meshalim?

[14] The one sowing sows the dvar Hashem.

[15] And these are the ones beside the road where the dvar Hashem is sown. And when they hear it, ofen ort Hasatan comes and takes the dvar that has been sown in them.

[16] And these are the ones sown upon the rocky places: when they hear the dvar, ofen ort with simcha they receive it.

[17] Yet they do not have a shoresh (root) in themselves but are transitory; then when ES TZARAH comes or redifah (persecution) on account of the dvar, ofen ort they fall away, they become shmad.

[18] And others are the ones sown among thorns. These are the ones having heard the dvar, and the desires for other things come in and choke the dvar Hashem and it does not bear pri.

[19] And the worries of the Olam Hazeh and the seduction of ashires (riches) and the desires for other things come in and choke the dvar Hashem and it does not bear pri.

[20] And these are the ones sown upon adamah tovah: they hear the dvar Hashem and are mekabel (receive) the dvar Hashem and bear pri, thirty, sixty and one hundredfold.

[21] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, Surely a menorah is not brought out in order that it may be put under a measuring bucket or under the couch? Rather, is it not brought out that it may be placed on the shulchan?

[22] For there is not [anything] nistar except that it may be made nikar nor has it been concealed but that it may come into [the] open. (YIRMEYAH 16:17)

[23] If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.

[24] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, Pay attention! By what measure you measure, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.

[25] For whoever has, it will be given to him, and whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.

[26] And he was saying, Thus is the Malchut Hashem: like a man who casts seed upon the soil,

[27] And goes to sleep blailah (at night) and arises byom (at day), and the seed sprouts up and grows in such a way that he does not have daas of how it does so.

[28] On its own, the soil bears pri: first the blade, then a head of grain, then full wheat in the head.

[29] But when the crop is ripe, ofen ort (immediately) he puts forth the MAGGAL, KI VASHAL KATZIR (sickle, for the harvest is ripe). (YOEL 3:13)

[30] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying, To what should we compare the Malchut Hashem or by what mashal (parable) may we present it?

[31] The Malchut Hashem is like a mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the soil, is smaller [than] all the seeds on the earth:

[32] But when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater [than] all the plants of the garden and puts forth
large branches, so that the OPH HASHOMAYIM can nest under its shade.

[33] And with many such meshalim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking to them the dvar Hashem as they were able to hear.

[34] But apart from meshalim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was not speaking to them. Only privately, in a yechidus, was Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach explaining everything to his own talmidim.

[35] And on that day, when erev had come, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake.

[36] And leaving the multitude, they took Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, just as he was, in the sirah (boat), and other sirot (boats) were with him.

[37] And there arose a fierce gale of wind and the waves were beating against the sirah (boat), so that it was already filling up.

[38] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was in the stern on the cushion sleeping, and they woke him up, and they say to him, Rebbe, does it not matter to you that we are perishing?

[39] And having been awakened, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach rebuked the wind, and he spoke to the lake, Sha! Be still! And there was a great calm.

[40] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Why do you have morech lev (cowardliness)? Do you still not have emunah?

[41] And they were afraid with a terrible pachad (terror), and they were saying to one another, Who then is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?
everyone was amazed.
[21] And when he had crossed over again in the sirah (boat) to the other side, a large multitude gathered together to him, and he was beside the lake.
[22] And one of the Roshei Beit HaKnesset comes name of Yair and, having seen Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, he falls down at his feet, and he begs him earnestly saying, Biti (my daughter) is at the point of mavet. Come and put your hand on her that she may receive refuah and may live.
[23] And Moshiach went with Yair. And a large multitude were following him and they were pressing against Moshiach.
[24] And [there was] an isha having a flow of dahm for twelve years. VAYIKRA 15:25-30
[25] And having suffered much by many rofim (physicians) and having spent everything she had, instead of recovering, her condition deteriorated.
[26] And having heard about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, she came up behind him in the multitude, and touched his garment.
[27] For she was saying, If I may touch even the garment of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I will receive refuah.
[28] And ofen ort the flow of her dahm was dried up and she felt in (her) basar that she has been given refuah from the shrekliche (terrible) machla (illness).
[29] And ofen ort she was saying, If I may touch even the garment of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I will receive refuah.
[30] And ofen ort Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having perceived within himself that gevurah (miraculous power) had gone forth from him, turned around in the crowd and said, Who touched my garments? And the talmidim of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach were saying to him, You see the multitude pressing against you, and you say, Who touched me?
[31] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was looking around to see the one having done this.
[32] Now the isha, BYIRAH (with fear) and BIRADAH (trembling), aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before him and told him the emes (truth).
[33] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to her, Bat (Daughter), your emunah has brought you refuah (healing). Go in shalom and receive refuah from your machla.
[34] While Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was still speaking, some came from the Rosh Beit HaKnesset, saying, Your yaldah is a nifteret (deceased person); are you still causing a shter (bother) for the rabbi?
[35] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not permit anyone to follow after him, except Kefa and Yaakov and Yochanan, the brother of Yaakov.
[36] And they come into the bais of the Rosh Beit HaKnesset, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach beheld much commotion and weeping and loud wailing.
[37] And having entered, he says to them, Why are you distressed and weeping? The yaldah is not a nifteret but is only sleeping.
[38] And they came into the bais of the Rosh Beit HaKnesset, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach beheld much commotion and weeping and loud wailing.
[39] And having entered, he says to them, Why are you distressed and weeping? The yaldah is not a nifteret but is only sleeping.
[40] And they began making leitzonus (mockery, fun) of him. But having put everyone out, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach takes the Abba of the naarah (girl) and the Em and the ones with him, and goes into where the naarah was.
[41] And having grasped the hand of the naarah, Moshiach says to her, Talitha Koum, which, being translated, means Little girl, to you I say, arise!
[42] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to give her some okhel (food).

6 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came out from there and comes into his shtetl and his talmidim follow him. And Shabbos having come, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach began to say shiurim in the shul, and many, listening, were amazed, saying, From where [did] this one get lernen (Torah learning), and what [is] the chochmah (wisdom) that has been given to this one? And what gevurot (mighty deeds) are being done by his hands? Is not this one the Naggar (Carpenter), Ben Miryam? The brother of Yaakov*, Yosef, Yehuda and Shimon? And, are not his achayot here with us? And they were taking offense at Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
[4] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, A navi is not without his kavod, except in his own shtetl and among his own mishpochah and in his own bais. *T.N. See page 848
And he was not able there to do many nissim (miracles), except on a few cholim (sick people) he laid (his) hands and administered refuah (healing) to them.

And he wondered on account of their lack of emunah. And he was going around the shtetlach in a circuit, saying shiurim.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach summons the Shneym Asar, and he began to send them out two by two, and he was giving to them samchut [over] the ruchot hatumah.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave directives to them that they should take nothing on [the] derech except on a few cholim (sick people) he laid (his) hands and administered refuah (healing) to them.

But instead, to wear sandals, and not to take an extra kaftan.

And he was saying to Herod, It is not mutar according to the Torah for you to have your brother's wife. [VAYIKRA 18:16, 20:21]

And Herodias bore a grudge against Yochanan and desired to kill him. But she could not.

For Herod feared Yochanan, knowing him [to be] a tzaddik and kadosh, and Herod was protecting Yochanan. And when Herod heard Yochanan, he was greatly disturbed, and [yet] gladly Herod was listening to Yochanan.

And, an opportune day having come, when Herod, on his yom huledet (birthday), having come, when Herod, on account of their lack of emunah. And he was going around the shtetlach in a circuit, saying shiurim.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gathered together with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and reported to him everything which they did and the torah which they had taught.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Come away a while, you yourselves, for a yechidus in a quiet place for a Shabbaton (rest from work). For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time for okhel (food).

And the people, recognizing them, saw them departing, and from all the shtetlach they ran there and arrived.
 ahead of them.  

|34| And having gotten out of the sirah (boat), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw a large multitude and he had rachmei shomayim (heavenly mercy) on them, for they were KATSON ASHER AIN LAHEM ROEH (like sheep without a shepherd), and he began with his torah to teach them many things.  

|35| And when it was already a late hour, his talmidim came up to him and were saying, This place is desolate and already [it is] late. Send them away, that, having departed to the surrounding farms and shtetlach, they may buy for themselves okhel (food) they may eat.  

|36| But in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, You yourselves give them [something] to eat. And they say to him, Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii for lechem and give to them to eat? [MELACHIM BAIS 4:42-44]  

|37| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, How much lechem do you have? Go [and] see. And knowing, the talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach say, Chamesh (five), and dagim, shenayim (two).  

|38| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach commanded them to recline at tish, as it were, everyone group by group, on the green grass. And they reclined, group by group, in hundreds and in fifties.  

|39| And, having taken the chamish loaves and the shnei hadagim (two fish) and looking up to Shomayim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said a bracha. And having offered the betziat halechem, Moshiach was giving to his talmidim in order that they might set them before the people. And Moshiach divided the shnei hadagim (two fish) among them all.  

|40| And everyone ate, and they were satisfied. And they picked up shirayim (Rebbe’s remainders), shneym asar (twelve) baskets full, and from the dagim.  

|41| And everyone who had eaten the loaves numbered chamesh elafim (five thousand).  

|42| And with a Shalom farewell to them, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach departed to the mountain to daven. And having crossed over onto the land, they came to Gennesaret and anchored. And when they disembark from the sirah (boat), the people often recognized Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.  

|43| And they rushed everywhere in that region, and they began carrying about on their mats cholim where they heard he was.  

|44| And wherever Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was entering into the shtetlach or into towns or into the countryside, thy laid the cholim in the marketplaces, entreating him that they might just touch Moshiach’s tzitzit. And as many as touched it were receiving refuah (healing). [BAMIDBAR 15:38-41; DEVARIM 22:12]  

|45| And, when they had come down from Yerushalayim, the Perushim and some of the Sofrim come together around Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and they had observed that some of his talmidim were eating their lechem with yadayim temeiot, that is, hands ritually unclean. And indeed this was the Jewish minhag, do not eat without doing netilat yadayim (ritual of the washing of the hands) and also observing the Masoret HaZekenim (the Torah Shebal peh, Oral Torah, see Ga 1:14).  

|46| And Moshiach says to them, Chazak! (Be strong!) Ani hu. (I am He) Do not be afraid.  

|47| But having seen him on the lake, they thought that it is a ruach refaim (an apparition). And they cried out; And having seen them laboring at the oars, for the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of halailah, he comes to them, walking on the lake. And he wanted to go by them.  

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|50| For everyone saw him. And ofen ort he spoke with them, and they were filled with pachad (terror). Moshiach says to them, Chazak! (Be strong!) Ani hu. (I am He) Do not be afraid.  

|51| And he got into the sirah (boat) with them. And the wind died down. And in themselves they were exceedingly amazed.
and copper pots.

[5] And the Perushim and the Sofrim question Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Why do your talmidim not follow the halakhah according to the Masoret HaZekenim, but eat their lechem with yadayim temeiot?

[6] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Yeshayah rightly gave a dvar nevuah of you tzevuim, as it has been written, HAAM HAZEH BISFATAV KIBDUNI VLIBO Rikhak Mitemni Vatehi Yiratam OtI MITZVAT ANASHIM MELUmmadah (This people with [their] lips honor me, but their heart is removed far away from me. [YESHAYAH 29:13])

[7] And in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the mitzvot of men.) [YESHAYAH 29:13]

[8] Abandoning the mitzvat Hashem, you are holding to the Masoret HaBnei Adam.

[9] And he was saying to them, You have a fine knack for setting aside the mitzvat Hashem in order that your own Masorot might stand undisturbed.

[10] For Moshe [Rabbeinu] said, KABED ES AVICHA VES IMMECHA (Honor your father and your mother), and, The one reviling AVIV VIMMO MOT YUMAT (father or mother let him be put to death. [SHEMOT 20:12, DEVARIM 5:16, SHEMOT 21:17, VAYIKRA 20:9])

[11] But you say, If a man says to his Abba or to his Em, whatever by me you might have benefited is Korban [that is, the taish (translation) of korban is an offering to Hashem].

[12] Then no longer do you permit him to do anything for his Abba or his Em.

[13] You nullify and make void the dvar Hashem by means of your Masoret you received. And you do many similar things.

[14] And having summoned again the multitude, he was saying to them, Give ear to me and have binah (understanding).

[15] There is nothing outside of a ben Adam (human being) entering into him which is able to make him tameh, but it is the things coming out from the ben Adam that make him tameh.

[16] He who has ozniyim to hear, let him hear.

[17] And when he left the multitude and entered a bais, his talmidim were asking him [about] the mashal.

[18] And he says to them, Are you so lacking in binah also? Do you not have binah that it is not what is outside and entering into the ben Adam that is able to make him tameh (unclean)?

[19] Because it does not enter into his lev, but into his stomach and goes out into the latrine, making all the okhel tohar [T.N. See Ro 14:14-23].

[20] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying, It is the thing proceeding out of the ben Adam that makes him tameh.

[21] For from within the lev of the ben Adam comes evil cravings and machshavot: then zenunim (fornications), gneyvot (thefts), retzichot (murders),

[22] Niufim (adulteries), chamdanut (greediness), rishah (wickedness), nechalim (scheming deceitfulness), zimmah (lewdness, sensuality), an ayin horo or roah ayin (an envious evil eye), lashon hora, gaavah (pride), and ivvelet (foolishness).

[23] All these evil things proceed from within and make the ben Adam tameh.

[24] And from there he got up and departed to the district of Tzor and Tzidon. And having entered into a bais he wanted no one to know, [yet] he was not able to escape notice.

[25] But, after hearing about him, ofen ort, an isha, whose yaldah was having a ruach temeiah, came and fell down at his feet.

[26] Now the woman was a Yevanit (Greek), by birth a Syrophoenician, and she was asking him to cast the shed out of her bat (daughter).

[27] And he was saying to her, Rishonah allow the banim to be satisfied, for it is not tov to take the lechem of the yeladim and throw it to kelevim (dogs).

[28] But she replied, saying, Ken, Adoni, but even the kelevim under the shulchan eat from the crumbs of the yeladim.

[29] And he said to her, Because of this answer, go your way, the shed has gone out from the bat of you.

[30] And having departed to her bais, she found the yaldah lying on the bed, the shed having gone out.

[31] When he returned from the region of Tzor, and then went through Tzidon to Lake Kinneret within the region of the Decapolis,

[32] They bring to him [a man who was cheresh illem (deaf and mute)] and they entreated him to lay hands on him.

[33] And he took him aside from the multitude by himself and put his fingers into his ears, and spat, and with that touched the tongue of the mute man;

[34] And, looking up to Shomayim with a deep sigh, he says to him, Ephphatha, which means, Be opened!)

[35] Ifen ort his ears were opened, and the impediment of his lashon
(tongue) was loosed and he was speaking properly.

36 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was directing them not to tell anyone. But as much as he ordered them, they were proclaiming [it] all the more.

37 And they were all astonished beyond all measure, saying, He has done all things tov meod (very well), and he makes even the chereshim (deaf people) to hear and the illemim (mute) to speak. [YESHAYAH 35:5,6]

In yamim hahem (those days), again, when there was a great multitude and they had no okhel (food), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach called his talmidim, and says to them,

2 I have rachmei shomayim (heavenly mercy, compassion) on the multitude, because they already shlosha yamim (three days) have remained with me and they do not have anything they may eat;

3 And if I send them away hungry to their batim (houses), they will give out on the way; and some of them have come from far away.

4 And his talmidim answered him, From where will anyone be able to find enough lechem to feed these ones here in the midbar?

5 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was asking them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Shevah.

6 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach directed the multitude to recline at tish, as it were, on the ground. And having taken the sheva kikrot (loaves), he made a bracha, saying the ha-Motzi, and offered the betziat halechem (the breaking of the bread) and was giving [them] to his talmidim to serve to them, and they served the multitude.

7 And also had a few small dagim. And after he had made the bracha over them, he directed these to be served as well.

8 And they ate and were satisfied. And there was an abundance of shirayim (Rebbe’s remainders), sheva baskets [full].

9 And there were approximately arbaat elafim (four thousand [people]). And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sent them away.

10 And ofen ort (immediately), having embarked onto the sirah (boat) with his talmidim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came into the region of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Perushim came out and began to argue with him, seeking from him an ot min HaShomayim (a sign from heaven), testing him.

12 And sighing deeply in his ruach, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Why does hador hazeh (this generation) seek for an ot? Omein, I say to you, no ot shall be given to hador hazeh (this generation).

13 And having left them, Moshiach again embarked and departed to the other side.

14 And his talmidim had forgotten to take lechem and did not have anything except one kikar (loaf) in the sirah (boat) with them.

15 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was giving orders to them, saying, Take care! Beware of the chametz (leaven) of the Perushim and the chametz of Herod.

16 And the talmidim were beginning to discuss among themselves that they do not have [any] kikrot (loaves).

17 And aware of this, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Why are you discussing that you do not have kikrot? Do you not yet have binah (understanding) nor comprehend? Have your levavot fallen into timtum halev (hardening of the heart), KESHI (hardness, stubbornness, DEVARIM 9:27)? [YESHAYAH 6:9,10]

18 EINAYIM LAKHEM VLO TIRU VOZNAYIM LAKHEM VLO TISHMAU (Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? YIRMEYAH 5:21; YECEHZKEL 12:2) And do you not remember.

19 When I offered the beziat halechem with the chamesh kikrot (five loaves) for the chameshet elafim (five thousand), how many baskets of shirayim did you pick up? And they say to him, Shneym Asar.

20 When I offered the beziat halechem over the shevah (seven) for the arbaat haalafim (four thousand), how many baskets full of shirayim did you pick up? And they say to him, Shiva.

21 And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, Do you not yet have binah?

22 And they come to Beit-Tzaidah. And they bring to him an ivver (blind man), and entreated him to touch him.

23 And having grasped the hand of the ivver, he took him outside the shtetl; and, having put spittle on his eyes, and having laid hands upon him, he was questioning him, Do you see anything?

24 And after looking up, the ivver was saying, I see bnei Adam-- they look like trees walking!

25 Then again Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach placed his hands upon his eyes; and the man looked intently and was restored, and was seeing everything clearly.
And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sent the man to his bais, saying, Do not even enter the shtetl.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went out along with his talmidim, to the shetlach of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he was questioning his talmidim, saying to them, Who do Bnei Adam say that I am?

And having summoned Adam. [cf Mk 7:9]

Hashem but on that of Bnei (thoughts) on the interests of Hasatan; for you are not putting your machshavot (thoughts) on the Interests of HaMoshiach. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach rebuked Kefa, his talmidim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and began to rebuke him. HaMoshiach took him aside and began to rebuke him.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking to them. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, Omein, I say to you, there are some of those standing here who shall not taste mavet (death) until they see that the Malchut Hashem has come in gevurah. And after shishah yamim (Three Days) to undergo the Techiyas HaMoshiach.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, If anyone wishes to follow after me, let him make denial of himself, and take up his etz mesiros nefesh (tree of self-sacrifice), and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his nefesh will lose it; but whoever loses his nefesh for my sake and for the sake of the Besuras HaGeulah will save it.

For what shall a ben Adam (human being) benefited if he gain the kol haOlam, and forfeit his neshamah?

For whoever feels bashah (shame) regarding me and my dvarim in this dor rah ummaef (evil and adulterous generation), the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] will also be ashamed of him, when Moshiach comes in the kavod of his Av with the malachim hakedoshim.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking about the matter plainly. And Shimon Kefa took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But having turned around and having looked at his talmidim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach rebuked Kefa, and says, Get behind me, Hasatan; for you are not putting your machshavot (thoughts) on the Interests of Hashem but on that of Bnei Adam. [cf Mk 7:9]

And having summoned the multitude along with his talmidim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, If anyone wishes to follow after me, let him make denial of himself, and take up his etz mesiros nefesh (tree of self-sacrifice), and follow me.

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And he said, From kinder-This been happening to him? Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has indeed come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, just as it has been written concerning him. [MELACHIM ALEF 19:2, 10; MALACHI 3:23f (4.5f)]

And when they returned to the talmidim, they saw a great multitude around them and [the] Sofrim (Scribes) arguing with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach's talmidim. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach questioned them, About what are you arguing with them? And one of the multitude answered Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach: Rabbi, I brought beni (my son) to you, because he has a shed that makes him illem (mute).

And whenever it seizes him, it throws him into convulsions and he foams at the mouth, and grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. And I told your talmidim in order that they might cast it out, and they did not have the koach. In reply to them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, O dor without emunah, how long will I be with you? How long will I put up with you? Bring the bocher to me! They brought the bocher to him. And when the shed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, it threw the bocher into convulsions, and, falling to the ground, the bocher began rolling around foam at the mouth. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach questioned the bocher's abba, How long has this been happening to him? And he said, From kinder-yoren.

And it has often thrown him into the eish and into the mayim that it might destroy him. But if you can do anything, grant rachmei shomayim upon us and help us! Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, If you can?! All things are possible to him who has emunah! Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having seen that a multitude was gathering, rebuked the ruach hatumeiah (unclean spirit), saying to it, You cheresh-illem (deaf and mute) ruach hatumah, I command you, come out from him and do not ever enter into him again!

And after shrieking a shrai (scream) and throwing the bocher into violent seizures, the ruach hatumeiah came out. And the bocher was so like a geviyah (corpse) that many exclaimed he was niftar. But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having grasped the hand of the bocher, lifted him up; and the bocher stood up.

And, having entered into a bais, his talmidim began questioning Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in a yechidus: Why were we not able to perform the gerush shedim (exorcism)? Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, This kind of gerush shedim is accomplished only by davening with tzomot.

And from there they went forth and were passing through the Galil, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not want anyone to have daas. For Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was teaching his talmidim and was saying to them, The Bar Enosh.

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For the one who is not our mitnagged is for us.

For whoever gives you to drink a kos of mayim (cup of water) biShmi (in my Name) because you are talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, omein, I say to you, he shall not lose his sachar (reward).

And whoever causes a michshol (stumbling block) for one of these little ones, the maaminim b'Moshiach who have emunah in me, it would be better for him if a heavy millstone, one turned by a donkey, were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea.

And if your yad causes you a michshol, cut off your yad; for it is better for you if you enter Chayyei Olam as an amputee, than, having both yadayim, you go away into Gehinnom, Where their TOLAAT LO TAMUT (worm does not die YESHAYAH 66:24) and EISH LO TIKHBEH (the fire not [ever] extinguished YESHAYAH 66:24).

And if your regel (foot) causes you a michshol, cut off your regel; it is better for you to enter the Malchut Hashem one-eyed, than, having both eynayim, to be cast into Gehinnom.

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[19] You have daas of the mitzvot, the Aseres HaDibros (The Decalogue), LO TIRTZACH, LO TINAF, LO TIGNOV, LO TAANEH VREIACHA ED SHAKER, KABEID ES AVICA VES IMMECHAH (Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness (do not defraud), honor your father and mother.) [SHEMOT 20:12-16; DEVARIM 5:16-20]  
[20] And the man was saying to him, Rabbi, from kinder- yoren I have been frum and shomer mitzvot, keeping all these things.  
[21] And looking at him and having ahavah for his neshamah, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, One thing you lack: go and sell all thing you lack: go and sell all that you have, and give to the aniyim, and you will have ochel (treasure) in Shomayim; and in Olam Hazeh, batim (houses) and achim and achayot and imahot and banim and sadot for the sake of me and for the sake of the Besuras HaGeulah,  
[22] But at the dvar HaMoshiach, his face turned gloomy and he departed with agram nefesh (grief), for he had many possessions.  
[23] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, looking around, says to his talmidim, How difficult it will be for the HaMoshiach to enter into the Malchut HaMoshiach.  
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[25] It is easier [for] a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an oisher (rich person) to enter the Malchut HaMoshiach.  
[26] And they were even more amazed, saying to one another, Then who with the Yeshuat Eloheinu is able to be saved?  
[27] Having looked at them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, With Bnei Adam [this is] impossible, but not with Hashem. For all things are possible with Hashem.  
[28] Shimon Kefa began to say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Hinei! We left many possessions.  
[29] Yehoshua said, Omein, I say to you, there is no one who has left bais or achim or achayot or em or abba or banim or sadot (fields) for the sake of me and for the sake of the Besuras HaGeulah,  
[30] But that he shall receive a hundredfold now in the Olam Hazeh, hatim (houses) and achim and achayot and imahot and banim and sadot with redifot (persecutions); and in Olam Habah, Chayyei Olam.  
[31] And many Rishonim (First Ones) will be Acharonim (Last Ones); and the Acharonim, will be Rishonim.  
[32] And they were on the derech making aliyah leregel to Yerushalayim, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was leading out, walking ahead of them, and they were astounded, and the ones following were afraid.  
[33] Saying, Hinei, we are making aliyah leregel to Yerushalayim, and the Bar Enosh will be betrayed to the Rashei Hakohanim and the Sofrim and they will condemn him with onesh mavet (death penalty) and will hand him over to the Goyim.  
[34] And they will mock him and spit on him and scourge him and will kill [him], and after his histalkus (passing), on Yom HaShishi, he in his Techiyas HaMoshiach from HaMesim will stand up alive again.  
[35] And Yaakov and Yochanan, the banim of Zavdai, approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying to him, Rebbe, we wish that whatever bakosha we may ask you, you may do for us.  
[36] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, What do you wish me to do for you?  
[37] And they said to him, Grant to us that one may sit limin (at the right hand) of you and one lisol (at the left hand) in your kavod.  
[38] But he said to them, You do not have daas of what you ask. Are you able to drink the kos which I drink or to under- go my tevilah? [YOV 38:2]  
[39] And they said to him, We are able. And he said to them, The kos which I drink you shall drink; and you shall have the tevilah in which I am submerged.  
[40] But to sit limin or lisol of me is not mine to grant, but for the ones for whom it has been prepared.  
[41] And hearing this, the Asarah (Ten) became indignant with Yaakov and Yochanan.  
[42] And having summoned them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, You have daas that among the Goyim those whom they recognize as their mishlim (rulers) domineer them and their Gedolim exercise authority over them.  
[43] However, it is not so among you. He who wishes to become gadol among you must be your mesharet.
And whoever wishes to be first among you must be eved of all.

For even the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) did not come to be served but to serve and to give his NEFESH as a kofer (ransom, pedut) LARABBIM (for many, for the Geulah Redemption of many).

Began following Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was going forth from Yericho with his talmidim and a great multitude, Bar-Timai [son of Timai], an iver, a poor betler (beggar), was sitting beside the road.

And when he heard that it was Yehoshua from Natzeret coming, he began to cry out and to shout, Ben Dovid Yehoshua, chaneini! Many were rebuking him that he should shekit, but he kept crying out all the more, Ben Dovid, chaneini!

Having stopped, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Summon him here. And they come to Bar-Timai, saying to him, Chazak! Cheer up! He is calling you! In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach approached it to see whether he might find pri (fruit) on it. But when he came to it, he found nothing except leaves. For it was not the te'elim season. And in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to it, May no one ever be nourished from pri from you again! And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach's talmidim were listening.

Then they came to Yerushalayim. And having entered the Beis HaMikdash, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach began to drive out the ones buying and selling in the Beis HaMikdash, and he overturned the shulchanot (tables) of the machalifei (money changers) and the chairs of the ones selling the yonim (doves) and the rashei hakohanim (the Chief Priests) and the Sofrim (Scribes) of the Beis HaMikdash and, having turned over the shulchanot, the House of Prayer [for] all peoples), but you have made it a MEARAT PARITZIM (den of robbers). Has it not been written, “My House shall be called a House of Prayer [for] all peoples”?

And he was teaching through the Beis HaMikdash. Anyone to carry things through the Beis HaMikdash. And he was teaching torah and he was saying to them, Has it not been written, BEITI BEIT TEFILLAH YIKAREI LKHOL HAAMMIM (My House shall be called a House of Prayer [for] all peoples), but you have made it a MEARAT PARITZIM (den of robbers). And he was teaching torah and he was saying to them, Has it not been written, BEITI BEIT TEFILLAH YIKAREI LKHOL HAAMMIM (My House shall be called a House of Prayer [for] all peoples), but you have made it a MEARAT PARITZIM (den of robbers).
and they were seeking how they might destroy him, for they were afraid of him, for all the multitude were amazed at his torah (teaching).

19 And when it became late, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and his talmidim went out of the city.

20 And in the boker (morning), early, as they passed by, they saw the etz teenah (fig tree) having been withered from [the] roots.

21 And, having remembered, Shimon Kefa says to him, Rebbe, look, the etz teenah (fig tree) which you cursed has been withered.

22 And in reply Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Have emunah in Hashem.

23 Omein, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and be thrown into the sea, and does not waver in his lev (heart) but has emunah that what he says happens, so it will be for him.

24 For this reason, I say to you, everything for which you daven (pray), everything you request in tefillos (prayers), have emunah (faith) that you have received it, and so it will be for you.

25 And when you stand davening, grant selicha (forgiveness) if something you hold against someone, in order that your Avinu shbaShomayim may grant you selicha for your peyshaim (transgressions).

26 [But if you do not give mechila (forgiveness) neither will your chattaim receive selicha (forgiveness) from your Av shbaShomayim.]

27 And again they come into Yerushalayim. And in the Beis Hamikdash, [when] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was walking about, the Rashei Hakohanim (the Chief Priests) and the Sofrim (Scribes) and the Zekenim come to him.

28 And they were saying to him, By what kind of samchut do you do these things? Or who gave to you this samchut that you may do these things?

29 But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, I will ask you one dvar, and you answer me and I will tell you by what kind of samchut I do these things:

30 The tevilah [of teshuva] of Yochanan—was it from Shomayim or from Bnei Adam? Answer me!

31 And they were discussing among themselves, saying, If we say, from Shomayim, he will say, Why then did you not believe him?

32 But [if] we say from Bnei Adam, they were afraid of the multitude, for everyone was considering Yochanan beemes (in truth) a navi.

33 And in reply to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, they say, We do not have daas. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Neither will I tell you by what kind of samchut I do these things.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach began to speak to them in meshalim (parables). A man, a Baal Bayit, planted a kerem (vineyard), and he put around [it] a fence and dug a pit for the yekev (winepress) and built a migdal (tower), and he leased it to koremim (vine keepers) and then the man went on a journey.

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[YESHAYAH 5:1-7]

And the kerem (vineyard). 

3 But they seized the eved and they beat him and sent him away empty.

4 And again the Baal Bayit sent to the tenants, the koremim, another eved; and that one they struck on the rosh and insulted.

5 And the Baal Bayit sent another; and that one they killed, and many others, some beating, and others killing.

6 Still he had one BEN AHUV T.N. see 9:7.

Lemaskana (finally), the Baal Bayit sent him to them saying, They will respect BENI.

7 But those koremim said to themselves, This one is the Yoresh (Heir) the Bechor. Come, let us kill him, and the nachalah, the bechorah, will be ours.

8 And having seized [him], they killed him and threw him out of the kerem.

9 What then will the Baal Bayit of the kerem do? He will come and destroy the koremim and will give the kerem to others.

10 Have you not read the Kitvei Hakodesh? EVEN MAASU HABONIM HAYTAH LEROOSH PINAH; MEIET HASHEM HAYTAH ZOT, HI NIFLAT BEINEINU (The stone which the ones building rejected, this one has come to be for [the] chief cornerstone.

11 From Adonoi this came to be and it is wonderful in our eyes? [TEHILLIM 118:22,23]

12 And they were seeking to seize him, and they were afraid of the multitude, for they knew that against them he told the mashal. And leaving him, they went away.

13 And they send to him some of the Perushim (Pharisees) and the Herodians in order that they might catch him in a dvar.
And having come, they say to him: Rabbi, we have daas that you are an ish Emes and you do not show deference toward anyone. Ki ein masso panim (For there is no partiality) with you but rather on the Derech Hashem you give Divrei Torah in Emes. Is it mutar to give a poll tax to Caesar or not? Should we give or should we not give?

But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having seen their tzeviut (hypocrisy), said to them, Why are you testing me? Bring me a denarius that I may look [at it].

And they brought [one]. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Whose demut is this and whose inscription? And they said to him, Caesar's.

The things of Caesar, give to Caesar, and the things of Hashem [give] to Hashem.

Now there were shiva achim. And the first took a wife and, dying, did not leave a descendant.

And the second took her and he died, not having left behind a descendant. And the third likewise.

And the seven did not leave a descendant.

In the Techiyas HaMesim, when they are made to stand up alive, of which of them will she be [the] isha? For seven had her as wife.

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, said to them, Is not this the reason you are in error, having daas neither of the Kitvei Hakodesh nor of the gevurat Hashem?

But concerning the Mesim that are made to stand up alive, they do not marry nor are they given in nisuim, but are like the malachim in Shomayim.

Hashem is not the G-d of the Mesim (Dead ones) but of the Chayyim (Living ones). You are greatly mistaken.

And one of the Sofrim approached and heard them debating, and seeing that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered them well, asked him, Which mitzvah is rishonah of all the mitzvot?

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered, SHEMA YISROEL ADONOI ELOHEINU ADONOI ECHAD is harishonah.

And the Baal Torah said to him, Well spoken, Rabbi, beemes you have said that Hashem is ECHAD (one, DEVARIM 6:4), and EIN OD and there is no other

There is not another mitzvah greater than these.

And the Baal Torah said to him, Well spoken, Rabbi, beemes you have said that Hashem is ECHAD (one, DEVARIM 6:4), and EIN OD and there is no other

and to have ahavah for him BECHOL LVAVCHA (with all your heart) and with all your binah UVECHOL MODECHA (with all your strength DEVARIM 6:5) and LREACHA KAMOCHA (your neighbor as yourself, VAYIKRA 19:18) is greater [than] all of the burnt offerings and sacrifices.

And no one was daring to put a she'elah (question) in front of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach again.

While Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying shiurim (Torah talks) in the Beis Hamikdash, he was saying: How is it that the Sofrim say that Moshiach is [merely] ben Dovid.

Dovid himself said by the Ruach Hakodesh, NEUM HASHEM LADONI: SHEV LIMINI, AD ASHIT OY VECHAT, AD ASHIT OY VECHAT, AD ASHIT OY VECHAT.

Dovid himself calls Moshiach Adon; how then is Moshiach [merely] ben Dovid?

And the large multitude found it a huge oneg (pleasure) to listen to him.
And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was going out from the Beis HaMikdash, one of his talimdim says to him, Hinei! Rebbe, what large stones and impressive binyanim (buildings)!

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Do you see these great binyanim? Not one even (stone) will be left resting on another even (stone). All will be thrown down!

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the Beis HaMikdash having a yechidus (private meeting) with Kefa and Yaakov and Yochanan and Andrew.

Tell us when these things will be and what [will be] the ot (sign) when all these things are about to be consummated?

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach began to say to them, Beware lest anyone deceive you.

For many will come in my name [i.e., arrogating my title and authority as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] saying I am [here]. And they will deceive many. [YIRMEYAH 29:8]

But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. It is necessary for these things to occur, but it is not yet HaKetz (the End [of the Olam Hazeh]).

For there will be an intifada of ethnic group against ethnic group and malchut against malchut, there will be earthquakes in place after place, [and] there will be famines. These things are but the beginning of the Chevelei [Moshiach].

But as for yourselves, take heed and be careful. For they will hand you over to the sanhedrin and in the shuls you will be beaten and before moshlim (governors) and melachim (kings) you will take your stand for the sake of me [Moshiach] as a solemn edut (testimony) to them.

And it is necessary that the Besuras HaGeulah first be proclaimed to all nations.

And when they arraign you and hand you over for trial, do not be worried beforehand about what you might say; but whatever is given to you in that hour, this you shall say, for it is not you yourselves who are the ones speaking, but the Ruach Hakodesh.

And ach will hand over ach to mavet, and Av [his] own yeled, and yeladim will rise up against horim (parents) and cause them to be condemned with onesh mavet (the death penalty). [MICHOH 7:6]

And everyone will hate you with sinas chinom (baseless hatred) because of my Name [Yehoshua, Yeshua]. But the one having endured to HaKetz, this one will receive Yeshuat Eloheinu.

And when you see the SHIKUTS MESHOMEM (the abomination of desolation, the abomination that causes desolation, DANIEL 9:27; 11:31; 12:11) standing where it ought not– let the one reading this, take heed– then let the ones in Yehudah flee to the mountains.

And the one on the roof, let him not come down back inside, and let him not enter his bais to take anything away.

And the one in the sadeh (field) let him not turn back to get his kaftan.

And oy to the ones with child and the ones with nursing infants in those days.

But daven tefillos that it may not occur in khoref (winter).

For in those days will be Tzarah Gedolah (Great Tribulation) of such a kind as has not happened from the Reshit Yedei HaBriah (Beginning of the Days of Creation) which Hashem created until now, and never again will be. [DANIEL 9:26; 12:1; YOEL 2:2]
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[20] And unless Hashem makes those yamim shortened, no one would be delivered in the Yeshuat Eloheinu. But for the sake of the Bechirim, whom Hashem chose, he shortened the yamim.

[21] And, then, if someone says to you, Hinei! Here [is] the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach! Hinei! Here! do not have emunah in what they say.

[22] For meshichei sheker (false moshichos) will arise, and neviev sheker (false prophets), and they will perform oiot and moffim so as to deceive and lead astray, if possible, the Bechirim.

DEVARIM 13:6,7,11,14

[23] But you beware. I have forewarned you concerning all things.

[24] But after the Tzarah [13:19] of yamim hahem, the shemesh will be darkened, and the levana will not give its oh,.

[25] And the kokhavim (stars) will be falling out of Shomayim, and the kokhot (powers), the ones in Shomayim, will be shaken.

YESHAYAH 13:10; 34:4; YECHEZKEL 32:7-8; AMOS 8:9; JOEL 3:16; 2:30f

[26] And then you will see the BAR ENOSSI BA BAANANIM (the Son of Man [Moshiaach] coming in clouds DANIEL 7:13-14) with gevurah rabbah (great power) and kavod (glory).

[27] And then he will send the malachim and he will gather together his Bechirim [13:20] from the four winds, from the ends (extremities) of haaretz to the ends (extremities) of Shomayim.

ZECHARYAH 2:6

[28] And from the etz teenah (fig tree) learn the mashal: when by that time its branch has become tender and it puts forth the leaves, you have daas that Kayitz is near;

[29] So also you, when you see these things happening, have daas that it is near, at the doors.

[30] Omein, I say to you that by no means HaDor HaZeh passes away until all these things take place. [Mk 13:24; Mt 27:45]

[31] Shomayim and haaretz will be shaken. [YEOSHAYAH 40:8]

[32] But concerning HaYom HaAvos [31:6] will pass away, but the dvarim of me [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] will by no means pass away.

YESHAYAH 40:8

[33] Beware, stay shomer (on guard), for you do not have daas when the time is.

[34] It is like a man, when departing on a journey and leaving his bais (house) and, having put his avadim (servants) in charge, each with his assigned avodah (work), gives orders to the gatekeeper to be shomer.

[35] Therefore you be shomer, for you do not have daas when the Baal Bayit comes, either late in the yom or at chatzot halailah or at cockcrow or baboker,.

[36] Lest having come Pittom (suddenly MALACHI 3:1) he finds you sleeping.

[37] And what I say to you, I say to all, be shomer.

14 Now it was two days before Pesach, the Chag HaMatzot. And the Rashei Hakohanim and the Sofrim were seeking how they might by ormah (cunning) do away with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[2] For they were saying, Not at the Chag, for fear that a riot break out among the am haaretz.

[3] And he was in Beit-Ayinah at the bais of Shimon the leper, reclining at tish, and an isha (woman) came, having an alabaster flask of costly perfume, pure nard, and having broken open the alabaster flask, she poured [it on] the head of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[4] Now some were there who in ka’as (anger) said to one another, For what reason has this waste of ointment taken place?

[5] For this was able to be sold for more than three hundred denarii and to be given to the aniyim. And they were reproaching her.

[6] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Leave her alone. Why are you bringing about difficulty for the isha? Has she not performed one of the Gemilut Chasadim on me? [7] For always the aniyim you have with you, and when you wish you are able to do masaim tovim for them, but me you do not always have.

DEVARIM 15:11

[8] With what she had she did all she could. She prepared ahead of time to anoint my basar for the kevurah (burial) TEHILLIM 16:9-10; IYOV 19:25-27; YESHAYAH 53:9.

[9] And, omein, I say to you, wherever the Besuras HaGeulah is proclaimed in kol haaretz, also what this isha did will be spoken in her memory.

[10] And Yehudah from Kriot, one of the Shneyem Asar, went to the Rashei Hakohanim in order that he might betray him to them.

[11] And there was chedvah (joy, gaiety, rejoicing) with the ones having heard and they gave the havtachah (promise) of a matnat kesef (gift of money) to Yehudah.
And he was seeking how he might conveniently betray Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
[12] And at the rishon of the Chag HaMatzot, when it was customary to prepare the Pesach Korban for mo'ed zevach, his talmidim say to him, Where do you wish us to go and make the preparations for you to conduct the Seder? [SHMOT 12:1-11; DEVARIM 16:1-4]

[13] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sends two of his talmidim and he says to them, Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a jar of water; follow him; [14] And wherever he enters, tell the Baal Bayit that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having taken the matzah, having made the HaMotzi, broke the middle matzah, giving the afikoman to Moshiach’s talmidim, and said, Take and eat, this is my BASAR. [SHMOT 12:8]

[23] And having taken the Cup of Redemption [and] having made the bracha, he gave it to Moshiach’s talmidim, and everyone drank of it.
[24] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, HINEI DAHM HABRIT (SHMOT 24:8), the dahm of me [Moshiach, see Isa 53:7], which is being poured out lama’an RABBIM (for the sake of MANY YESHAYAH 53:11).

[25] Omein, I say to you, that no longer will I by any means drink of the p’ri hagefen (fruit of the vine) until Yom HaHu when I drink it chadash (new) in the Malchut Hashem.

[26] And having sung the Hallel, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

[27] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, All of you will fall away, for it has been written, I will strike down ES HAROEIH UTEFUTEN HATZON (the Shepherd and the sheep will be scattered). [ZECHARYAH 13:7]

[28] But after I am made to stand up alive in the Techiyas HaMoshiach, I will go before you into the Galil.

[29] But Shimon Kefa said to him, Even if everyone will fall away, yet I will not.

[30] And he says to him, Omein, I say to you, that you today, balailah hazeh (during this night) before the tarnegol crows twice, you will make hakhshashah (denial) of me shalosh paamim (three times).

[31] But Kefa kept saying with vehemence, If it is necessary for me to die al kiddush ha-Shem for you, by no means will I make hakhshashah of you. And so also everyone declared.

[32] And they come to a place of which the name was Gat Shananim and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to his talmidim, Sit down here while I daven.

[33] And he takes Kefa and Yaakov and Yochanan with him and he began to be distressed and to be troubled. [34] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, My agnat nefesh (grief) is great, even to the point of mavet (death). Remain here and stay awake and shomer (on guard).

[35] And having gone forth a little, he was falling on the ground and was davening that, if it is possible, this shaah (hour) might pass from him.

[36] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying, Abba, Avi, all things [are] possible for you. Take away this KOS [YESHAYAH 51:17; 53:12] from me. But not what I will, but what you [will].

[37] And he comes and finds them sleeping, and he says to Shimon Kefa, Are you sleeping? Did you not have chozek (strength) to stay awake one hour?

[38] Stay shomer and daven that you may not enter into nisayon (trial, temptation). Indeed the ruach [is] ready but the basar [is] weak.

Agmat Nefesh (grief) is great, and, one by one, to say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Surely I am not the one? [20] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, It is one of the Shnem Asar, the one dipping with me into the bowl. [SHMOT 12:8; TEHILLIM 41:10 (9)].

And he will show you a large aliyah having been made and ready. And there prepare for us. [15] And he was seeking how he might conveniently betray Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and he say to them, Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a jar of water; follow him; [16] And the talmidim went out and they came into the city and found things just as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them, and they made preparations for Pesach.

Erev having come, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach arrives with the Shnem Asar. [18] And while they were at tish in a yechidus, reclining and eating, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Omein, I say to you, that you may not enter into nisayon (trial, temptation).

They began to have agmat nefesh (grief), and, one by one, to say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Surely I am not the one? [20] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, It is one of the Shnem Asar, the one dipping with me into the bowl. [SHMOT 12:8; TEHILLIM 41:10 (9)].
Every day I was with you in the Beis HaMikdash teaching Torah and you did not arrest me; but let the Kivei Hakodesh be fulfilled. [YESHAYAH 53:7-12]

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was silent and did not answer anything. [YESHAYAH 53:7-8] Again the Kohen Gadol was questioning him and says to him, Are you the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, HaBen Hamevorakh?

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Ani hu, and you will see the BAR ENOSI [DANIEL 7:13-14] YOSHEV LIMIN HaGevurah [TEHILLIM 110:1] UVA IM ANEENEI HASHOMAYIM (the Bar Enos [Moshiach] sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven).

And the Kohen Gadol, making the keriah (ritual tearing) of his tunic, says, What further need do we have of edim (witnesses)? [VAYIKRA 10:6; 21:10; 24:16; BAMIDBAR 14:6]

You heard him commit Chillul Hashem gidduf (blasphemy). How does it seem to you? And they all condemned Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to be deserving of mishpat mavet. [VAYIKRA 24:16]

And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him and to say to him, Let's hear a dvar nevuah (word of prophecy)! And the shomrim (guards) took custody of him by slapping Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

And Shimon Kefa from a distance followed Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach right into the courtyard of the Kohen Gadol. And Kefa was sitting at the right hand of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach right into the remainder and took your rest. It is enough. The shaah [hour] has come. Hinei, the Bar Enos [Moshiach] is betrayed into the hands of choteinim (sinners).

Get up, let us go. Hinei, the one betraying me has come. Hinei, the Kohen Gadol and cut off his neshikah (kiss). And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and says, Do you come out with swords and clubs as against a shoded (robber) to arrest me?

But the bocher ran away naked, leaving the linen garment behind. And when he came, he ofen ort approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and says, Rebbe. And he gave him the neshikah (kiss).

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered and said to them, Do you come out with swords and clubs as against a shoded (robber) to arrest me?

And, ofen ort, bishas Hakohanim and the Sofrim were seeking edut sheker against Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and the Rashei Hakohanim and the Zekenim and the Sofrim were not in agreement. For many gave edut sheker and they were not finding any. And Shimon Kefa was sitting together with the servants and warming himself near the ohr of mishpat mavet. And the Rashei Hakohanim and [the] whole Sanhedrin were seeking edut against Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in order to have the Kohen Gadol. And Kefa was sitting at the same time and says what they might answer him.

And they laid their hands on Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and arrested him.

But one of those standing by drew his cherev and struck the servant of the Kohen Gadol and cut off his ear.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered and said to them, Do you come out with swords and clubs as against a shoded (robber) to arrest me?
And as soon as it was boker, the Rashei Hakohanim
(the Chief Priests) with the Zeekenim and Sofrim (Scribes) and [the] whole Sanhedrin, having performed the akedah (binding) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, led [him] away and handed [him] over to Pilate. [BERESHIS 22:9]

[2] And Pilate questioned Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Are you the Melech HaYehudim? And, in reply, he says, You say so.

[3] And the Rashei Hakohanim were accusing Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach of [of] many things.


[5] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach no longer answered anything, so Pilate was astounded. [YESHAYAH 53:7]

[6] Now [at] every Chag he was releasing to them one prisoner for whom they were making bakosha (request).

[7] Now there was the one being called Bar-Abba, who had been imprisoned with his fellow insurrectionists and who, at the time of the Mered (Revolt, Uprising), had committed retzach (murder).

[8] So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them just as in the past was his custom.

[9] But Pilate answered them, saying, Do you wish [that] I should release to you the Melech HaYehudim?

[10] For Pilate knew that because of kinah (envy) the Rashei Hakohanim had handed him over.

[11] But the Rashei Hakohanim incited the crowd that Pilate should instead release Bar-Abba to them.

[12] But Pilate, in reply again, was saying to them, What then do you wish [that] I should do with the one whom you call the Melech HaYehudim?

[13] And again they cried out, Let him be talui al HaEtz (being hanged on the Tree)!

[14] But Pilate was saying to them, Why? What ra'ah has he committed? But they all the more cried out, Let him be talui al HaEtz (being hanged on the Tree)! [DEVARIM 21:23]

[15] So Pilate, desiring to placate the crowd, released to them Bar-Abba, and handed over Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to be scourged [with the flagellum] and to be talui al HaEtz (to be hanged on the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23).

[16] And the chaiyalim (soldiers) led away Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach into the courtyard, which is [the] Praetorium, the governor's headquarters, and they called together [the] whole cohort. [TEHILLIM 22:8,17]

[17] And they clothe him in [royal] purple and place upon him a keter (crown) of thorns that they had woven together.

[18] And they began to greet him, Hail, Melech HaYehudim!

[19] And they were striking him [on] the rosh with a staff and they were spitting on him and bending their knees and bowing down before him.


[21] And a certain Shimon from Cyrene was passing by, who was coming in from [the] countryside. He was the father of Alexander and Rufus. The chaiyalim (soldiers) requisition him in order that he carry Moshiahc's Etz. [DEVARIM 21:23; YESHAYAH 53:4-5]

[22] And they bring Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to a place called Gulgotha, which means, being translated, Place of the Skull.

[23] And they were giving to him yayin having been mixed with myrrh, but this one did not take it. [TEHILLIM 69:22 (21); MISHLE 31:6]
24] And they hanged Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on HaEtz and YICHALLEKU VEGADAI (they divide the garments) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and VAPPILU GORAL (they cast lots) for them, to decide what each might take.

[TEHILLIM 22:19 (18)]

25] Now it was [the] third hour when they nailed and hanged Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on HAETZ.

[DEVARIM 21:23]

26] And the inscription of the charge against him was inscribed above his rosh, Melech HaYehudim.

27] And with him they also nailed, each to his own etz, shnei shodedim, one on [the] right, one on [the] left of him.

28] [And the Kitvei Hakodesh was fulfilled, VES POSHEIM NIMNAH (and with lawless persons he was numbered YESHAYAH 53:12).]

29] And the ones passing by were reviling him and shaking their heads and saying, Ha! The one bringing churban on the Beis HaMikdash and rebuilding [it] in shlosha yamim, [TEHILLIM 22:7; 109:25]

30] Save yourself!  Come down from the etz!

31] Likewise, also, the Rashei Hakohanim with the Sofrim were also mocking him, saying, He saved others, but himself he is not able to save. [TEHILLIM 22:7]

32] Let the Moshiahi, let Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach of Yisroel, let [him] come down now from the etz, in order that we may see and have emunah! And the ones having been hanged on the etz on either side of him were reproaching him. [Mk 8:31]

33] And when the sixth hour came [high noon], it became choshech over kol haaretz until [the] ninth hour. [AMOS 8:9]

34] And at the ninth hour, he cried out in a kol gadol (loud voice), Eloi, Eloi lamah sabachthanai? --which means, being translated, ELI ELI LAMAH AZAVTANI? (My G-d, my G-d, why have you forsaken me? [TEHILLIM 22:1])

35] And some of the ones having been standing nearby and having heard, were saying, Hinei!  He calls for Eliyahu HaNavi!

36] And someone having run and having filled a sponge with CHOMETZ (vinegar TEHILLIM 69:21), and having placed it on a staff, gave a drink to him, saying, Leave him alone.  Let us see if Eliyahu Hanavi comes to take him down.

37] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having uttered a kol gadol (loud voice) and having breathed his last, expired.

38] And the Parochet in the Heikhal was torn in two from top to bottom.

39] And the centurion, having stood nearby opposite him, and having seen that he expired this way, said Beemes (actually, in truth), this man was the Ben HaElohim!

40] And there were also nashim (women) looking on from a distance, among whom [were] Miryam from Magdala, and Miryam the Em of the younger Yaakov and of Yosi, and Shlomit. [TEHILLIM 38:11]

41] They were with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in the Galil and they had been following him [as talmidat] and serving him, and there were many other Jewish women who, with Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, had made their aliyah leregel (pilgrimage) up to Yerushalayim.

42] And already, erev (evening) fast approaching, vi-bahlt (since) it was Preparation Day, which is the day before Shabbos,

43] Yosef of Ramatayim, a member of the Sanhedrin and a man of chashivut (prominence) there, a man who was also himself looking forward to the Malchut Hashem, had the bold chozek to go into Pilate and ask for the gufat Yehoshua.

44] And Pilate was amazed that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was already niftar (deceased), and Pilate summoned the centurion to question him whether Yehoshua was niftar already.

45] And having found out from the centurion, he gave the geviyah (body) to Yosef. [BERESHIS 47:18]

46] And having bought linen cloth tachrichim (shrouds) and having taken Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach down, he wrapped him in the tachrichim (shrouds) and placed him in a kever which had been cut from rock, and he rolled a stone against the entrance of the kever.

47] And Miryam of Magdala and Miryam the Em of Yosi were observing [T.N. as chevra kadisha shomrim eyewitnesses] of where Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had been laid.

48] And when Shabbos had ended, Miryam Magdalene and Miryam Em of Yaakov, and Shlomit bought spices in order that they might go and anoint him. [2] And at Shachrit on Yom Rishon, the first day of the shavua (week), the shemesh (sun) just coming up, they came to the kever.

49] And they were saying to themselves, Who will roll away the stone for...
us from the entrance of the kever?

[4] And having looked up they observe that the stone, which was extremely large, had already been rolled aside!

[5] And having entered into the kever, they saw a young man enrobed in white, sitting on the right side, and they were shocked with astonishment.

[6] But he says to them, Do not be alarmed. You seek Yehoshua/Yeshua from Natzaret, who has been made talui al HaEtz (being hanged on the Tree). He has been made to stand up alive. He is not here.

The following verses are an integral portion of the inspired record delivered from early times to the Kehillah of Hashem and should be feared as the canonical, inspired and inerrant Word of G-d.

[7] But go tell his talmidim and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach appeared in another form to two of them walking along into the country.

[8] And having gone out, they fled from the kever, and trembling and amazement seized them. And they told no one anything, for they were afraid.

[9] And now after Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach stood up alive early on Yom Rishon he appeared rishonah (first) to Miryam of Magdala, from whom he had cast out shiva shedim.

[10] She went out and announced to the ones who had been with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach while they were in averut (mourning) and weeping.

[11] And those who heard that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach lives and he was seen by her, refused to have emunah.

[12] And after these things, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach appeared in another form to two of them walking along into the country.

[13] And those went and reported to the rest, but the rest did not have emunah either.

[14] But later Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach appeared to the Achad Asar (The Eleven), themselves reclining at tish, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach reproached them for their lack of emunah and the KESHI [stubbornness, hardness DEVARIM 9:27] of their levavot (hearts), because they had not believed those who saw Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach after he had been made to stand up alive.

[15] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Go into kol haOlam (all the World), and proclaim the Besuras HaGeulah to all HaBriah (the Creation).

[16] The one having had emunah (faith) and having submitted to a tevilah of teshuva (immersion of repentance) will be delivered in the Yeshuat Eloheinu (Salvation of our G-d), but the one not having emunah will come under the gezar din (verdict) of harshaah (condemnation as guilty).

[17] And these otot (signs) will accompany those that have emunah. BiShmi (In my Name) they will cast out shedim (demons); they will speak with leshonot chadashot (new tongues); they will speak with leshonot chadashot (new tongues), Ac 2:4; 10:45–46; [18] And with their hands they will pick up nechashim (snakes, Ac 28:3-5); and, if any deadly poison they drink, it will in no way harm them; upon [the] cholim (sick people) they will lay their hands and they will bring them refuah.

[19] And then Adoneinu Yehoshua, after speaking to them, was taken up into Shomayim and VYASHAV VEHASON (sat down at the right hand of Hashem. [TEHILLIM 110:1])

[20] And those having gone forth preached the Hachrazah (Proclamation, Kerygma) everywhere, [while] Adonoi was working with them, confirming the Besuras HaGeulah through the accompanying otot (signs). Omein.

1 Vi-bahlit (since) many Messianic Sofrim have attempted to compile a sefer, a historical narrative, about the momentous events that have been fulfilled among us, [2] Just as these [massoret haShulchim] have been handed down to us by those who from HaReshit [of the Besuras HaGeulah] were edei reiyah (eyewitnesses) and mesharetim [ministers] of the Dvar Hashem, [3] I thought it expedient also, having done an iyun (investigative research), accurately and carefully being meayen (engaged in research) in every source and making a medakdeke (pain-stakingly thorough) investigation of every aspect from HaReshit (the Beginning), to write for you and to mesader (arrange, place in succession) an orderly account, most noble Theophilus, [4] That you may have daas of HaEmes regarding the Divrei Moshiach about which you took shiurim (lessons). [5] At the time of Herod king of Yehudah, there was a certain kohen by the name Zechariah, who belonged to the Aviyah division. His isha was of the banot Aharon, name of Elisheva. [DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 24:10] [6] And they were both tzaddikim (righteous) before Hashem, walking a derech tamim in all the mitzvos and chukkim of the Torah of Adoneinu. [BERESHIS 6:9; DEVARIM 5:33; MELACHIM ALEF 9:4]

[7] But they had no ben, because Elisheva was barren, and they were
And it came to pass in the performance of his avodas kodesh sherut as a kohen before Hashem in the appointed order of his division, [DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 24:19; DIVREY HAYAMIM BAIS 8:14]

[9] According to the minhag (custom) of the kehunah, Zechariah was chosen by lot to enter the Beis Hamikdash and to offer ketoret (incense). [SHEMOT 30:7, 8; DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 23:13; DIVREY HAYAMIM BAIS 29:11; TEHILLIM 141:2]

[10] And when the hour of the offering of the ketoret came, all the multitude were davening outside. [VAYIKRA 16:17]


[12] And, seeing the malach, Zechariah was terrified, and pachad (fear) fell on him. [SHOFETIM 6:22, 23; 13:22]

[13] But the malach said to him, Do not have pachad (fear), Zechariah. Your tefillah (prayer) was heard and your isha, Elisheva, will bear a ben to you and you will call his shem Yochanan. [BERESHIS 15:8, 17; 17:17]

[14] And he will be a simcha to you and sasson (joy), and there will be sason rav (great joy) at his huledet (birth). [YESHAYAH 4:1]

[15] And he will be gadol (great) before Adonoi in the ruach (spirit) and koach (power) of Elyahu HaNavi, YEHESHIV LEV AVOT AL BANIM (And he will turn the heart of the fathers to the children MALACHI 3:24 +6] and those without mishmaat (obedience) he will turn to the chochmah of the tzedikim to prepare for Adonoi an Am (People) having been made ready. [MALACHI 4:5, 6]

[16] And Zechariah said to the malach, Just how will I have daas that this is so? For I am old and my isha is advanced in her yamim (days). [BERESHIS 15:8; 17:17]

[17] And in reply, the malach said to Zechariah, I am Gavriel, I stand before Hashem. And I was sent to speak to you and to announce these things to you. [DANIEL 8:16, 9:21]

[18] And hinei! You will be illem (mute) and not be able to speak, until the yom (day) when these things come to pass, because you did not have emunah in my dvarim (words), which will be fulfilled in their time. [SHEMOT 4:11; YEGHEZEKEL 3:26]

[19] And the people were expecting Zechariah and they were bewildered at his delay in the Beis HaMikdash. [DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 8:16; 9:21]

[20] And when he came out, he was illem (mute) and not able to speak, and they had daas that he had seen a chazon in the Heikhal. He kept motioning to them and he remained illem. [MALACHI 4:5, 6]

[21] And it came about as the yamim of his sherut (service in the Beis HaMikdash) as a kohen were fulfilled, he went to his bais (house). [YESHAYAH 9:7, YIRMEYAH 33:17; DANIEL 2:44; 7:14, 27; MICHOH 4:7]

[22] And after these yamim, Elisheva, his isha, became with child, and she kept herself in hitbodedut for shamesh chodashim, saying,
Therefore, also, the one being born will be called HaKadosh (The Holy One), Ben HaElohim.

[36] And Elisheva your krovah also has conceived a ben in her old age, and this chodesh is hashishi (the sixth) for her who is called barren.

[37] For nothing will be impossible with Hashem.

[38] And Miryam said, Hinei! I am the shifcha of Hashem. May it be done to me according to your dvar. And the malach departed from her.

[39] And in those yamim, Miryam got up and traveled into the hill country with haste to a shtetl of Yehudah.

[40] And she entered into the bais of Zecharyah and gave Birkat Shalom greetings to Elisheva.

[41] And it came about, when Elisheva heard the Birkat Shalom of Miryam, the yeled leaped in Elisheva's womb, and she was filled with the Ruach Hakodesh.

[42] And Elisheva cried out with a kol gadol (loud voice) and said, Brucha at miNashim (Blessed art thou among women), and baruch (blessed is) the pri (fruit) of your womb! [SHOFETIM 5:24]

[43] And why has this happened to me that the Em Adoni should come to me?

[44] For hinei! When the sound of your Birkat Shalom came into my ears, the yeled leaped with simcha in my womb.

[45] And ashrey is the one having had emunah that there will be a fulfillment to the things having been spoken to Miryam by Hashem.

[46] And Miryam said, My soul doth magnify Hashem [TEHILLIM 34:2,3]

[47] ALATZ LIBI BAHASHEM (My heart rejoices in Hashem SHMUEL ALEF 2:1) and my neshamah exalts in Hashem Yishi (G-d my savior, Moshi’a)

[48] CHABAKUK 3:18, [TEHILLIM 18:46; YESHAYAH 17:10; 61:10]

[49] For Shaddai (the Almighty) did gedolot for me and Kadosh is Shmo, [TEHILLIM 119:9]

[50] And the chosed of Hashem is DOBVDOR [TEHILLIM 100:5] to those with yirat Shomayim.

[51] Hashem has done niflaot (wonders) with his zeroa [arm, YESHAYAH 53:1]. He scattered those who in the machshavot (thoughts) of their levavot are the Gaayonim (the Haughty ones).

[52] He brought down shalitim (rulers) from their kisot (thrones) and lifted up the Anavim (Humble), [TEHILLIM 107:9]

[53] The ones hungering, Hashem made full of tov, and the ashirim he sent away empty. [TEHILLIM 107:9]

[54] Hashem helped his servant Yisroel, in remembrance of his rachamim (mercy), [BERESHIS 39:2]

[55] Just as Hashem spoke to Avoteinu, to Avraham Avinu and his Zera ad Olam. [BERESHIS 39:2]

[56] And Miryam remained with Elisheva about shlosha chodashim, and then Miryam returned to her bais.

[57] Now when the time of Elisheva to give birth was fulfilled, she bore a ben.

[58] And Elisheva’s shchenim (neighbors) and krovim (relatives) heard that Adoneinu greatly demonstrated his rachamim to her, and they had much simcha with her.

[59] And it came about on the yom hashemini (the eighth day) they came for the bris milah of the yeled, and they were calling him by the name of his abba, Zecharyah.

[60] And in reply, his Em said: Lo, but he will be called Yochanan.

[61] And they said to her, There is no one from your krovim who is called by this shem.

[62] And they began motioning to the yeled’s abba to find out what shem he wanted to give him.

[63] And having asked for a luach (tablet), Zecharyah wrote, saying, Yochanan shmo. And everyone was amazed.

[64] And Zecharyah’s mouth was loosed at once and the lashon of him, and he began speaking, saying Baruch Hashem!

[65] And upon all their shchenim (neighbors) came much yirat Shomayim, and in the entire hill country of Yehudah everyone was shmoozing about these matters.

[66] All who heard these things pondered them in their levavot, saying, What then will this yeled become? For, indeed, the yad Hashem was on him. [BERESHIS 39:2]

[67] And Zecharyah, his abba, was filled with the Ruach Hakodesh and brought forth a dvar nevuah, saying, BARUCH HASHEM ELOHEI YISROEL, for Adonoi has visited his Am Berit and accomplished a pedut kofer ransom for the Geulah of his people.

[68] And Hashem raised up a Keren Yeshuah (Horn of Salvation), a mighty Moshia, for us in the
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Beis Dovid, His eved,

[70] Just as Hashem spoke through the mouth of His neviim hakedoshim meOlam (holy prophets from long ago), [YIRMYEHAH 23:5]

[71] That we should have Yeshuat Eloheinu from our oyvim (enemies) and from the hand of all the ones who regard us with sinas chinom (baseless hatred).

[72] Thus Hashem has demonstrated his rachamim (mercy) to Avoteinu (our Fathers) and has remembered his Brit HaKodesh (Holy Covenant), [MICHOH 7:20; TEHILLIM 105:8; 9; 106:45; YEHEZKEL 16:60]

[73] The Brit HaShevuah (the Covenant of the oath) which He swore to Avraham Avinu to grant us, [BERESHIS 22:16-18]

[74] Having been delivered from the yad haoyvim (hand of enemies) of us to serve Hashem fearlessly,

[75] In kedushah (holiness) and tzedek (righteousness) before Him all our yamim (days).

[76] And you also, yeled (child), will be called Navi (holy prophet from long ago), [YIRMEYAH 23:5]

[77] To give daas (knowledge) of Yeshuat Eloheinu (the Salvation of our G-d) to Hashem's Am Berit (People of the Covenant) through the mouth of His neviim, [MALACHI 3:20 (+2)]

[78] Through the rav rachamim of Eloheinu (through the great mercy of our G-d), by which has visited us the rising SHEMESH [Sun, Moshiach] from Shomayim, [MALACHI 3:20 (+2)]

[79] To appear to the ones in CHOSHECH (darkness) and YOSHEVI BERETZ (sitting in the land of the shadow of death), to direct our feet into the Derech Shalom. [Psa 107:14; Isa 9:1-2; 59:9]

[80] And the yeled was growing and was being given chizzuk (strengthening) in the Ruach Hakodesh, and Yochanan was in the desolate places until the day of his hisgalus (revelation, manifestation) to Yisroel.

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And it came about at that time that a dvar malchut (decree) was sent out from Caesar Augustus to register everyone in the entire Roman Empire.

[2] This former mifkad was that taken while Quirinius was ruling in Syria (see Acts 5:37 for latter).

[3] And everyone was traveling to register, each to his own shtetl.

[4] Now Yosef [ben Dovid] also went up from Galil, from the shetl of Natzeret, to Yehudah, to the Ir Dovid (City of David), which is called Beit-Lechem, because he was of the mishpochah and Bais of David.

[5] And Yosef [ben Dovid] went up to register with Miryam, who had been given to him in erosin (betrothal) and who was with child.

[6] And it came about, while they were there, the yamim (days) were fulfilled for Miryam to give birth.

[7] And she bore her ben, her Bechor (firstborn); and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in an evus (animal feeding trough), because there was no place for them in the malon (inn).

[8] And ro'im (shepherds) were in the same region, living outside in the open air, and keeping shomer over their eder (flock) balailah.

[9] And, suddenly, a malach Hashem stood before them, and the kavod Hashem shone around them; and they were afraid with a yirah gedolah (great fear).

[10] And the malach said to them, Do not have pachad (fear, terror); for hinei I announce Besuras HaGeulah to you of great simcha (joy) which will be for kol Am Berit (all the People of the Covenant);

[11] Because hayom, in Ir Dovid, has been born to you a Moshiach (Go’el, Savior, Oisleizer), who is Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach HaAdon.

[12] And this will be HaOt Melech HaMoshiach HaAdon.

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[13] And, suddenly, there was with the malach a multitude of the Tzivos Hashem, the Tzivos HaShomayim (Armies or Hosts of Heaven) praising Hashem, and saying,

[14] Kavod to Hashem in the Highest; and on haaretz shalom among Bnei Adam kavvanah tovah (of good intention). [YESHAYAH 9:5-6; Malachi 3:1]

[15] And it came about when, the malachim withdrew from them to Shomayim, the roim (shepherds) were saying to one another, Let us go now up to Beit-Lechem and let us see this thing that has come about which Hashem has made known to us.

[16] And they came in haste and found both Miryam and Yosef [ben Dovid], and the child was lying in the evus (animal feeding trough, see Isa 53:7 on Moshiach the Seh).
[17] And when the roim saw this, they made known the dvar concerning this yeled which had been told them.
[18] And all who heard it were amazed about the things which were told them by the roim (shepherds).
[19] But Miryam was treasuring up all these things, pondering them in her lev.
[20] And the roim went back, and as they returned, they cried, Baruch Hashem! They gave kavod to G-d for all that they had heard and seen, just as it had been foretold to them.
[21] And when shemonah yamim were completed for his bris milah, YEHOShUA was given as SHMO, which he was called by the malach, before he was conceived in the womb.
[22] As it has been written in the Torat Hashem, SHTEI TORIM O SHEMI BENI YONAH (a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons). [VAYIKRA 12:8; also see NUM 3 on Pidyon haben]
[23] As it has been written in the Torat Hashem, KHOL ZACHAR opening the RECHEM KODESH to Hashem [SHEMOT 13:2;12,15; BAMDIDBAR 3:13]
[24] And to offer a korban according to the thing having been said in the Torat Hashem, SHTEI TORIM O SHEMI BENI YONAH (a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons). [VAYIKRA 12:8]
[25] And there was an ish in Yerushalayim whose shem was Shimon, a tzaddik, a chasid, awaiting the Nechamat Yisroel (Consolation of Israel), and the Ruach Hakodesh was upon him. [YESHAYAH 52:9]
[26] And it had been revealed to him by the Ruach Hakodesh that he was not to see mavet until he had seen Hashem's Moshiach.
[27] And Shimon came in the Ruach Hakodesh into the courts of the Beis HaMikdash; and when the horim (parents) brought in the yeled, Yehoshua, to do concerning him the required mitzvah of the Torah [Le 12:6-8].
[28] Then Shimon took him into his arms, saying, Baruch Hashem, and the following:
[29] And now, Adonoi, dismiss Your eyed in shalom, according to Your dvar (word);
[30] Because my eyneyim have beheld the Yeshu'at Hashem's Moshiach.
[31] Which You prepared in the presence of kol haammim (all the peoples),
[32] An Ohr (Light) to give hisgalus (revelation) to the Nations and the kavod (glory) of Your Am (people), Yisroel. [YESHAYAH 42:6; 49:6]
[33] And the Abba and Em of the yeled were amazed at the things being spoken about him.
[34] And Shimon said a bracha over him, saying, Baruch Adonoi, Hinei this one is destined for the mishchol (stumbling) and tekumah (revival) of RABBIM that will be opposed (against which there will be mitnaggedim, opponents).
[35] And a cherev (sword) will pierce the neshamah of you yourself also so that the machshavot of many levavot (hearts) will be revealed.
[36] And there was a neviah (prophetess) named Chanah Bat Pnuel, of the shevet (tribe) of Asher. This isha (woman) was advanced in age, having lived with her baal (husband) sheva shanim (seven years) from her betulim (virginity),
[37] And then to the age of eighty-four she had lived as an almanah (widow) who was not departing from the Beis HaMikdash, serving yomam valalah (day and night) with tzomot (fastings) and tefillos.
[38] And at that very moment she came and stood nearby, exclaiming, Baruch Hashem. And she continued speaking about him to all the ones anticipating the Geulah (Redemption) of Yerushalayim. [YESHAYAH 40:2; 52:9]
[39] And when they had been shomer mitzvot and completed everything according to the Torat Hashem, they returned to the Galil and to their own shetel of Natzeret.
[40] And the yeled continued growing and was given chohek (strength), being filled with chochmah (wisdom), and the Chen vChesed Hashem was upon him.
[41] And his horim (parents) used to make aliyah lerCegel (pilgrimage) to Yerushalayim shanah bshanah (year by year) for Chag HaPesach (the Feast of Pesach). [SHEMOT 23:15; DEVARIM 16:1-8]
[42] And when he became a bocher of twelve years of age, they made aliyah leregel (pilgrimage), as usual, according to the mitzvah and minhag of the Chag.
[43] And as they were returning, having fulfilled the prescribed number of yamim (days), the bocher Yehoshua stayed behind in Yerushalayim. And his horim (parents) did not have daas (knowledge) of this,
[44] But supposed him to be in the caravan, and went a day's journey. And they began looking for him among the krovim (relatives) and acquaintances.
And, not having found him, they returned to Yerushalayim, looking for him.

And it came about, that after shlosha yamim (three days) they found him in the courts of the Beis HaMikdash, sitting in the midst of the rabbis, both listening to them and asking them she’elot (kashes, questions).

And all the ones listening to him where amazed at his binah and at his teshuvot (answers).

And when his horim (parents) saw him, they were astounded, and his Em (mother) said to him, Beni, why did you do thus to us? Hinei, your abba and I were anxiously looking for you.

And he said to them, Why is it that you were looking for me? Did you not have daas that I must be in the Beis Avi [i.e., dealing with His affairs?]

And they did not have binah of the dvar which he spoke to them.

And he went down with them, and they came to Natzeret; and he continued in mishmaat (obedience) to his horim (parents). And his Em (mother) was treasuring all these things in her lev (heart).

And Yehoshua kept these things in her lev (heart). (mother) was treasuring all horim (parents). And his Em mishmaat (obedience) to his Natzeret; and he continued in them, and they came to Natzeret.

And Yochanan went into the wilderness.

As the Am [Berit] were cut down and is thrown into the storehouse, but the wheat into his threshing floor and to gather his hand to clean out his sandal. He will give you a tevilah worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He has more chozek (strength) than me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He is cut down and is thrown into the storehouse, but the wheat into his threshing floor and to gather his hand to clean out his sandal. He will give you a tevilah with the Ruach Hakodesh and with Eish. Therefore, produce p’ri (fruit) to the multitudes coming out to have the mikveh tevilah supervised by the one having okhel (food) and with the one having none, and let the one having okhel (food) do likewise.

And Yochanan said to him, Collect nothing more than the amount having been commanded you.

And Yochanan answered them, Extort nothing more than the amount having been commanded you.

And Yochanan answered everyone, saying, I give you a tevilah with a mikveh mayim, but Hu HaBah (He Who Comes, i.e., Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach) has more chozek (strength) than me; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will give you a tevilah with the Ruach Hakodesh and with Eish. The winnowing fork is in his hand to clean out his threshold floor and to gather the wheat into his storehouse, but the
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MOTZ (chaff) he will burn up with an EISH LO TIKHBEH (fire not [ever] extinguished).

[18] Therefore, with many other dvarim Yochanan was exhorting them, preaching the Besuras HaGeulah to the Am [Berit].

[19] Now Herod the tetrarch, when he was reproved by Yochanan about Herodias, the wife of his brother, and about all reshaim (evil) which he did,

[20] Herod added this above all: he locked up Yochanan in the beit hasohar (prison).

[21] And it came about while all the Am [Berit] were receiving the tevilah, and when Yehoshua also had been given the tevilah and was davening, Shomayim was opened,

[22] And the Ruach Hakodesh descended in demut gashmit as a yonah upon Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach; and then came a bat kol out of Shomayim, saying, ATAH BNI AHUVI ASHER BCHA CHAFATSTI

[23] And Yehoshua himself was about shaloshim shanah, at the beginning of his avodas kodesh ministry, being the ben (as it was being thought of Yosef) ben Eli,

[24] Ben Mattat, ben Levi, ben Malki, ben Yannai, ben Yosef,

[25] Ben Mattiyahu, ben Amoz, ben Nachum, ben Chesli, ben Nagai,

[26] Ben Machat, ben Mattityahu, ben Shimi, ben Yosef, ben Yodah,

[27] Ben Yochanan, ben Reisha, ben Zerubavel, ben Shealtiel, ben Neri,

[28] Ben Malki, ben Addi, ben Kosam, ben Elmadan, ben Er

[29] Ben Yehoshua, ben Elizer, ben Yorim, ben Mattat, ben Levi,

[30] Ben Shimon, ben Yehudah, ben Yosef, ben Yonam, ben Elyakim,

[31] Ben Malah, ben Manah, ben Mattatah, ben Natun, ben Dovid,

[32] Ben Yishai, ben Oved, ben Boaz, ben Salmon, ben Nachshon,

[33] Ben Amminadav, ben Adin, ben Arni, ben Chetzron, ben Peretz, ben Yehudah,

[34] Ben Yaakov, ben Yitzchak, ben Avraham, ben Terach, ben Nachor,

[35] Ben Serug, ben Reu, ben Peleg, ben Ever, ben Shelah,

[36] Ben Keinan, ben Arpachshad, ben Shem, ben Noah, ben Lemeckh,

[37] Ben Methuselah, ben Chanoch, ben Yered, ben Mahalalel, ben Keinan,

[38] Ben Enosh, ben Shet, ben Adam, ben HaElohim.

4 Now Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, full of the Ruach Hakodesh, returned from the Yarden, and was being led by the Ruach Hakodesh bamidbar [2] Where for ARBAIM YOM Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was undergoing nisayon by Hasatan. And he had no okhel in those yamim. And when the yamim had been completed, he was famished.

[3] And Hasatan said to Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, If you are the Ben HaElohim, command this even (stone) that it become lechem.

[4] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach answered Hasatan, It says, LO TENASSU ES HASHEM ELOHEICHA, (Do not put to the test Hashem your G-d. Dt 6:16)

[5] And after Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach completed all nisyanos, Hasatan went away from him until an opportune time.

[6] And in the gevurat HaRuach Hakodesh, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach returned to the Galil. And a report went out throughout all the surrounding countryside about him.

[7] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was saying shiurim in their shuls and eliciting a peledike response (reaction of...
And he came to Natzeret, the shtetl of his guddal and he entered according to his minhag on Shabbos into the shul and was given an aliyah as the Baal Koreh.

After the Hagbah, he was presented with the megillat sefer Yeshayah and having unrolled the megillah, he found the dvar where it had been written, RUACH ADONAI HASHEM ALAI YAAN MASHACH ADONAI OTI LISHVUYIM DEROR, and to the blind PEKACH KOACH, VSHALACH RETZUTZIM CHAFSHIM, (The Spirit of the Sovereign L-rd is upon me because He anointed me to preach Besuras HaGeulah to the poor, He has sent me to preach to the captives release and to the blind the recovery of sight, to set the oppressed free [YESHAYAH 61:1-2; 58:6].

And to not one of them was Eliyahu HaNavi sent except to Tzarfat of Tzidon to an isha, an almanah. And many metzoraim (lepers) were in Yisroel during the time of Elisha HaNavi, and not one of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.

And hearing these things, all in the shul were filled with ka’as (anger). And they got up and drove Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach outside the shtetl; and they led him up to the top of the hill upon which the shtetl had been built, and they were intending to throw him down. [BAMIDBAR 15:35]

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And everyone was saying them shiurim on the Shabbatot. And they were amazed at his torah, because Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach’s dvar takkanah (from everyone).

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach began to speak to them, Hayom (today) this dvar Torah, for with samchut (authority) and koach (power) he commands the ruchot hatemeiot (unclean spirits) and they come out! [37] And a report was going out about him into every place of the surrounding region.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach got up from the shul and entered into the bais of Shimon. And the chamot (mother-in-law, shviger) of Shimon was fever-stricken, and they asked him about her. [39] And having stood over her, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach rebuked him saying, Sha! Shekit! And come out of him! And right in front of them, when the shed threw him down, the ruach hatameh came out of him and did not do him any harm.

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[41] And also shedim were coming out from many, shrieking a shrai and crying out, You are HaBen HaElohim! And rebuking them, he was not allowing them to speak, because they had daas of his identity as Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

[42] And in the boker, having gone forth, he went out to a desolate place. And the multitudes were seeking him, and when they got to him, they wanted to prevent his departure from them.

[43] But he said to them, It is necessary for me to preach the Malchut Hashem in the other shetlach, because this is the tachlis for which I was sent.

[44] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was preaching in the shuls of Yehudah.

Now it came about that while the multitude was listening to the dvar Hashem and pressing in upon Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, he had been standing beside Lake Kinneret,

[2] And he saw two sirot (boats) having been beside the lake. But the daiyagim (fishermen) had left them and were cleaning the nets.

[3] And embarking into one of the sirot which was Shimon’s, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach asked Shimon to put out from the land a little; and having sat down, from the sirah (boat) to the multitudes Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was saying shiurim.

[4] And when he stopped speaking, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to Shimon, Put out into the deep (water) and let down your nets for a catch.

[5] And in reply, Shimon said, Adoni, throughout the whole lailah we have labored and caught nothing. But on account of your dvar I will let down the nets.

[6] And having done this, they enclosed asach (a lot of) dagim, and their nets were torn.

[7] And they signaled for their shuttafim (partners) in the other sirah to come and help them. And they came and they filled both sirot (boats) so much that they began to sink.

[8] And having seen this, Shimon Kefa fell down before Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Depart from me, Adoni, for an ish choteh (sinful man) am I.

[9] For astonishment seized Shimon Kefa and all the ones with him on account of the catch of dagim which they took;

[10] And likewise also Yaakov and Yochanan the banim of Zavdai, who were business shuttafim (partners) with Shimon. And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to Shimon, Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch bnei Adam.

[11] And having left behind the sirot on the shore, they forsook all, and followed him [as talmidim].

[12] And it came about, while he was in one of the shetlach, hinei, there was an ish metzorah full of leprosy. And having seen Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, and having fallen on his face, he begged him saying, Adoni, if you are willing, you are able to make me tahor (clean).

[13] And having stretched out his hand, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach touched him, saying, I am willing. Be made tahor. And, ofen ort (immediately), the leprosy departed from him.

[14] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave orders to him to tell no one, but go and show yourself to the kohen and make a korban for your tohorah (purification) as Moshe Rabbeinu gave mitzvah; do this for an edut (solemn testimony) to them. [VAYIKRA 14:2-32]

[15] But the man was spreading even more the dvar about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and many multitudes were assembling to listen and to receive refuah (healing) from their machlot (illnesses).

[16] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was withdrawing in hitbodedut (seclusion, aloneness with G-d) into the wilderness places and was davening.

[17] And it came about, on one of the yamim when he was teaching Torah, that the Perushim and Sofrim had come from every shtetl of the Galil and Yehudah and Yerushalayim and were sitting by. And the power of Hashem was with Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach to bring refuah (healing).

[18] And hinei, anashim were carrying on a mat a man who had been paralyzed, and they were seeking to carry in the paralytic and to place him before Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

[19] And not having found by what way they might carry him, because of the multitude, and having gone up onto the roof, they let the man down with the mat through the tiles so that he was right in the center in front of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

[20] And having seen their emunah, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Ben Adam, your chatta’im (sins) have received selicha (forgiveness).

[21] And the Sofrim began to raise kashes (questions), and also the Perushim, saying, Who is this who is speaking Chillul Hashem
And it came about on Shabbos that the Moshiach was passing through grain fields, and his talmidim were plucking and eating the heads of grain and rubbing them in their hands. [DEVARIM 23:25]

Now some of the Perushim said, Why are you doing what is asur (impermissible) on Shabbos?

And in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Have you not read what Dovid HaMelech did when he and those with him were hungry, [SHMUEL ALEF 21:6]

How he entered into the Beit Hashem and took the Lechem HaPanim (the Bread of the Presence), and he ate and gave to the ones with him, which is mutar (permissible) to eat only by the kohanim? [VAYIKRA 24:5,9]

And he was saying to them, The Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] is Adon HaShabbos.

And it came about on another Shabbos that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered into the shul and taught Torah. And there was a man there also whose right hand was withered.

Now the Sofrim and Perushim were watching Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to see if he brings refuah on Shabbos, in order that they might find something to accuse him.

But he knew their machshavot (thoughts), and said to the man having the withered hand, Rise and stand, when the Choson is taken away from them; then, in those yamim, they will undergo tzomot (fasts).

Now Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was telling also a mashal to them: No one tears the new will be torn, and the old garment. Otherwise, both the new will be torn, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

And no one puts yayin match the old.

But he having had daas (knowledge) said to them, follow me.

Which is easier: to say, You are not able to make the Bnei haChuppah undergo tzomot while the Choson is with them, are you?

But yamim will come when the Choson is taken away from them; then, in those yamim, they will undergo tzomot.

And in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, You are not able to make the Bnei haChuppah undergo tzomot while the Choson is with them, are you?

But they said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Yochanan’s talmidim undergo tzomot (fasts) often and offer tefillos; likewise also the ones of the Perushim; but your talmidim eat and drink.

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And it is not the bariim who have need of a rofeh, but the cholim (sick persons);

I have not come to call cholim (sick persons); but to grant selicha to chatta’im.

To you I say, Get up and walk?

But in order that you ask you whether it is mutar (permissible) on Shabbos to do hatov or to say, Get up and stand?

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But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach to the one having been saying, Why are you reasoning (thoughts), said to them in their machshavot (thoughts), and

And at once the man arose in front of them, picked up the mat upon which he was lying, and departed to his bais, shouting, Baruch Hashem!

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[7.5. Lukas wrote this book sometime around 63 B.C.E.]

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[9] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, I ask you whether it is mutar on Shabbos to do hatov or to do harah, to save nefesh or destroy it?
[10] And having looked around at all of them, he said to the man, Stretch out your hand. And he did. And his hand was restored.

[11] But they (the Sofrim and the Perushim) were filled with ka’as (anger), and they were discussing with one another what they might do to him.

[12] Now it came about in those yamim that Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach went forth to the mountain to daven, and he was spending the whole night b’tefillah to Hashem.

[13] And when boker came, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach summoned his talmidim, and a great multitude of the Am Berit came to hear him and to receive refuah (healing) from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And all were seeking to touch Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach because koach (power) was going out from him, and he was giving refuah to everyone.

[14] Shimon, whom also he called Kefa; Andrew his brother; Yaakov, Yochanan, Philippos, Bar-Talmai, Mattityahu, Toma, Yaakov Ben-Chalfai, Shimon, the one being called the Zealot,

[15] Yehudah Ben Yaakov, and Yehudah from Kriot, who became the boged (traitor, betrayer) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[16] And having come down to the region of Tzor and Tzidon and from all Yehudah and Yerushalayim and the coastal place, and a great multitude of his talmidim, and a great multitude of the Am Berit from all Yehudah and Yerushalayim and the coastal region of Tzor and Tzidon

[17] And it came to him and to receive refuah (healing) from their machlot (illnesses), and the ones being troubled by ruchot hatemeiot (unclean spirits, shedim) were given refuah,

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[19] And lifting up his eyes to look at his talmidim, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Ayshrey are the ones showing ahavah to the ones showing ahavah to you, what kind of shvakh (commendation) to you is that? For even the chote’im (sinners) show ahavah to the ones showing ahavah to them. And for even if you do mitzvahs for the ones doing mitzvahs for you, what kind of shvakh to you is that?

[20] But to you I say, to the ones listening, do mitzvahs for you, what kind of shvakh to you is that? For even the chote’im (sinners) show ahavah to you, what kind of shvakh to you is that? Even chote’im lend to chote’im, that they receive in return the same amount.

[21] And it came about in those yamim that Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach went forth to the mountain to daven, and he was spending the whole night b’tefillah to Hashem.

[22] And ashrey are you when Bnei Adam have sinas chinom (baseless hatred) for you, and when they ostracize you and they reproach you and cast out your name as rah (evil) on account of the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14].

[23] Have simcha in that day and leap for chedvah ( rejoicing), for your sachar will be gadol in Shomayim. According to the same their Avot were doing to the Neviim.


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[26] But to you I say, to the ones listening, show ahavah to them.

[27] And to the one hitting you on the cheek, offer also the other, and from the one taking away your kaftan (coat), also the tunic and gartel do not withhold.

[28] And lifting up his eyes to look at his talmidim, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Ayshrey are the ones showing ahavah to you, what kind of shvakh (commendation) to you is that? For even the chote’im (sinners) show ahavah to the ones showing ahavah to them.

[29] And all were seeking to touch Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach because koach (power) was going out from him, and he was giving refuah to everyone.

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[39] Now he told also a mashal to them. Surely an ivver is not able to guide an ivver, is he? Will not both fall into a pit?
[40] A talmid is not above his moreh. But everyone, having been fully trained, will be like his moreh (teacher).
[41] And why do you see the speck in the eye of your ach, but the log in your own eye you do not notice?
[42] How are you able to say to your ach, Ach, let me remove the speck in your eye, while you yourself are not seeing the log in your own eye? Tzeva, remove first the log from your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck from your ach [b’Moshiach].
[43] For there is no etz tov producing pri rah, nor again an etz rah producing pri tov.
[44] For each etz by its own pri will be known. For not from thorns do they gather figs nor from a thorn bush do they pick grapes.
[45] The ish tov from the good storehouse of the lev produces tov, and the ish rah out of the evil storehouse produces rah. For from the abundance of the lev the peh (mouth) speaks.
[46] And why do you call me Adoni and yet you do not do what I say?
[47] Everyone coming to me and hearing my divrei torah and putting them into practice, I will show you to whom he is likened.
[48] He is likened to the man building a bais (house) upon the ground without a yesod (foundation), which the river struck against, and ofen ort (immediately) the bais collapsed, and gadol (great) was the churban of that bais.

7 When he completed all his divrei torah in the oznei haAm (ears of the people), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered into Kfar-Nachum.
[2] Now a certain eved of a centurion, an eved dear to him, was having a machla (illness) and was near mavet.
[3] And having had daas of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, the centurion sent to him Zekenim (Elders) of the Yehudim, asking him to come and to give refuah to his eved.
[4] And when they had come to Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, they were earnestly entreating him, saying, He is a worthy man that you grant this for him.
[5] For he is one of the chasidei ummot haOlam (i.e. non-Jews who treat Jews kindly) who loves our Jewish people and he built for us our shul.
[6] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was starting out on his derech with them; and when he was already not far from the bais, the centurion sent beloved re’im (friends), saying to him, Adoni, do not trouble yourself further, for I am not worthy for you to come under my roof;
[7] Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you. But just say the dvar, and my eved will receive refuah. [TEHILLIM 107:20]
[8] For I too am a man placed under the yad memshalah (the governing authority), having chaiyulim (soldiers) under myself, and I say to this one, Go, and he goes, and to another, Come, and he comes, and to my eved, Do this, and he does it.
[9] And having heard these things, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was mispoyel (deeply impressed) at him, and, having turned to the multitude following him, he said, I say to you, nowhere even in Yisroel have I found such great emunah.
[10] And when the ones having been sent returned to the bais, they found the eved being shalem bguf (healthy).
[11] And it came about on the next day that Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach proceeded to a shetel called Naim, and his talmidim were traveling along with him as well as a great company of people.
[12] Now as Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach approached the shaar of the shetel, hinei, an ish met (dead man) was being carried out for kevurah (burial); he was the ben yachid (only son) of his Em, and she was an almanah (widow), and a considerable crowd from the shetel was with her.
[13] And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu saw her, he had rachmei shomayim (heavenly compassion) on her and said, Do not weep.
[14] And having approached, he touched the aron met (coffin); and the bearers stood still, and he said, Bocher, to you I say, get up.
[15] And the niftar (deceased person) sat up and he began to speak, and Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach gave him to his Em (mother).
[16] And everyone was filled with yirat Shomayim and they were shouting, Baruch Hashem! And they were saying, A navi gadol (great prophet) is among us, and Hashem has visited His people.
[17] And this report about him went out into all Yehudah and into all the surrounding countryside.

[18] And Yochanan's talmidim reported to him about all these things. And when he had summoned a certain two of his talmidim, Yochanan

[19] Sent them to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu, saying, Are you Hu HaBab [Moshiach] or should we be looking for another?

[20] And when the men had come to him, they said, Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva sent us to you, saying, Are you Hu HaBab [Moshiach] or should we be looking for another?

[21] Genoi at that time Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gave refuah to many with machlot and afflictions and ruchot raot and to many ivverim he granted sight.

[22] And in reply he said to them, Go and tell Yochanan what you have seen [as edei reiyah, eyewitnesses]. IVRIM TIRENAH, pisechim (lame persons) walk, the metzorim are cleansed, and chereshim hear, the mesim are restored to life, ANIYIM have the Besuras HaGeulah preached to them. [YESHAYAH 29:18,19; 35:5,6; 61:1,2]

[23] And ashrey is whoever does not find a michshol (stumbling block, obstacle, YESHAYAH 57:14) in me [as Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach].

[24] And when the messengers of Yochanan had departed, he began to say to the multitudes about Yochanan, What did you go out bamidbar to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

[25] But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in a dandy's soft clothing? The ones with glorious apparel are living in luxury as courtiers in the palaces.

[26] But what did you go out to see? A navi? Ken, I say to you, and one more than a navi.

[27] This one is he about whom it has been written, HINENI SHOLEIAH MALAKHI [Behold, I send my messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your derech in front of You [Mal 3:1]].

[28] I say to you, among those born of isha there is no one greater than Yochanan, yet he who is least in the Malchut Hashem is greater than he.

[29] [And when kol haAm [all the People] and the mochesim heard this, they acknowledged the Teizkat Hashem Righteousness of G-d, having been submitted to the tevilah of teshuva of Yochanan.

[30] But the Perushim and the Baalei HaTorah rejected the tachlis [purpose, aim] of Hashem for their lives, refusing the tevilah of teshuva of Yochanan.] And when kol haAm [all the People] and the mochesim heard this, they acknowledged the Teizkat Hashem Righteousness of G-d, having been submitted to the tevilah of teshuva of Yochanan.

[31] Therefore, to what will I compare the people of hador hazeh (this generation) and what are they like?

[32] They are like yeladim sitting in the marketplace and calling out to one another; and they say, We played the chalil (flute) for you and you did not dance; we sang a kina (lament, funeral dirge) and you did not weep.

[33] For Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva has come not eating lechem nor drinking yayin, and you say, He has a shed (demon)!

[34] The Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] has come eating and drinking, and you say, Hinei, a man who is a zolel (glutton) and a shikkor (drunkard), a re’a (friend) of mochesim and chote’im.

[35] Yet chochmah is justified by all of her yeladim.

[36] Now a certain one of the Perushim was requesting Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach at tish, and, he, having entered into the bais of the Parush, reclined to eat.

[37] And an isha (woman) was in the shtetl, an isha chotet (a woman of sin), and, when she had daas that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach reclines at tish in the bais of the Parush, she brought an alabaster flask of costly perfume.

[38] She stood behind him, and then she began weeping at his feet, and with her tears she began to wash the feet of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and she was drying them with her hair, and she was kissing his feet and was anointing them with perfume.

[39] But when the Parush who had invited Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw this, he said to himself, If this one were a navi, he would have had daas who and what sort of isha is touching him, because she is an isha chotet (woman of sin).

[40] And in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Shimon, I have something to say to you. And the Parush said, Speak, Rabbi.

[41] Two persons were debtors to a certain creditor; the one owed a choiv (debt) of chamishim (fifty) denarii and the other a choiv (debt) of chamesh meot (five hundred) denarii.

[42] Not being able to repay, the creditor graciously forgave both debts. Therefore which of them will have more ahavah for him?

[43] In reply, Shimon said, I suppose the one whom the creditor forgave more. And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Your judgment is gantzeh nachon.
And having turned to the isha, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to Shimon, Do you see this isha? I entered your bais, you did not give me mayim for my feet, but she has washed my feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her rosh. [BEREISHIS 18:4; SHOFETIM 19:21]

But he who is mekabel selicha (accepting forgiveness) only a little, has ahavah only a little.

And he said to her, Your averos have been granted selicha.

And the ones reclining at tish with Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach began to say to themselves, Who is this who even grants selicha to averos?

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said these things, he was calling out, The one having oznayim (ears) to hear, let him hear.

Now Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach’s talmidim began questioning him as to what this mashal might be.

As Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said these things, he was calling out, The one having oznayim (ears) to hear, let him hear.

And the Em of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and his achim came to him, and they were not able to get to him because of the multitude.
And it was announced to him, Your Em and your achim have been standing outside waiting to see you.

But in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, My Em and my achim are these: the ones who are shomei dvar Hashem (hearers of the word of Hashem) and also shomrei dvar Hashem (keepers guarding, doing the word of Hashem).

Now it came about on one of those yamim when he and his talmidim embarked into a sirah that he said to them, Let us go over to the other side of the lake. And they launched out.

But as they were sailing, he fell asleep; and a driving storm of wind descended upon the lake, and they began to be swamped and began to be in a situation of pikuach nefesh (a matter of life and death).

And they came and woke him up, saying, Adoneinu, we are perishing! And he rebuked the wind and the sea, and they obeyed him; but the sea and the wind ceased. And all became calm.

And they sailed down to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite the Galil.

And as Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach disembarked upon the shore, he was met from the town by a certain ish possessed by shedim; and the ish had not worn clothing for a long time and was not living in a bais but among the kevarim (graves).

And having seen Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach and having cried out, he fell down before him and said in a kol gadol, Mah li ulchah, Yehoshua Ben El Elyon? (What to me and to you, Yehoshua Son of the Most High G-d?) I beg you, do not torment me.

For Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach had been commanding the ruach hatumah (unclean spirit, shedim) to come out of the ish. For many times it had seized him; and he was restrained with chains and imprisoned by shackles and, breaking apart the bonds, he was being driven by the shedim into the wilderness places.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach questioned him, What is your name? And he said, Legion. For many shedim had entered him.

And the shedim were entreating Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, lest he might command them to depart into the abyss.

Now there was a herd of many chazirim feeding there on the mountain. And the shedim begged him that he might permit them to enter into those chazirim. And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach permitted the shedim.

And the shedim came out from the ish, and entered the chazirim, and the herd of chazirim rushed down the bank into the lake, and were drowned.

And when the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and reported it in the ir (town) and countryside.

And the people went out to see what had happened; and they came to him and found the ish from whom the shedim had gone out, and the ish was clothed and in his right mind, sitting at the feet of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach; and they were afraid.

And the edei reiyah reported to the people how the one possessed with shedim was given refuah.

And all the multitude of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach to depart from them; because they were being filled with pachad gadol. So he embarked into a sirah and returned.

And the ish from whom the shedim had gone out was begging Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach that he might accompany him. But he sent him away, saying, Return to your bais and tell what great things G-d has done for you. And the man went away, preaching throughout the whole town, what great things Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach had done for him.

Now Moshiach returns, and the multitude gave him kabbalat panim, for they had all been expecting him.

And hinei there came an ish named Ya’ir and this one was one of the Roshei Beit HaKnesset, and he fell at the feet of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, pleading with him to come to his bais; For he had a bat yachidah (only daughter) about twelve years in age, and she was dying. But as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went, the multitudes were pressing around him,

And an isha having a flow of dahm for twelve years, and who had spent all she had on rofim (physicians) but could not receive refuah from anyone, [VAYIKRA 15:25-30]

Approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach from behind, and she touched the tzitzit of his garment; and offen ort (immediately) the flow of her dahm stopped.
And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Who is the one who touched me? And while everyone was denying it, Kefa said, Adoneinu, the multitudes surround you and are pressing against you.

But he said, Someone did touch me, for I had daws that koach had gone out from me.

And when the isha saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before him, and declared before the people the reason she touched him, and how ofen ort (immediately) she received refuah.

And he said to her, Biti me. Do not be afraid; only have emunah, for I had daas that she was a deceased person.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach gave to them koach (power) and samchut (authority) over all the shedim and to give refuah (healing) to their illnesses.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach sent them out as his Shlichim to preach the Malchut Hashem and to give refuah to the cholim.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick nor a schnorrer’s (beggar’s) sack nor neither walking stick nor a leitzonus (fun) of him, having realized this, followed Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

Asar, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach to the Shneym Shneym Anashim (five thousand). But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach perplexed because it was said by some that Yochanan had experienced his Techiyah from HaMesim and come back; by some also that Eliyahu Hanavi had appeared; but by others that some navi of the Hanavi had appeared; but by some also that Yochanan had experienced his Techiyah from HaMesim and come back; by some also that Eliyahu Hanavi had appeared; but by others that some navi of the ancients arose.

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And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said a bracha over them, and offered the betziat halechem.
and was giving to the talmidim to set before the multitude.

[17] And they ate and all were satisfied, and they picked up shirayim, shneym asar baskets full.

[18] And it came about while he was davening alone, with only his talmidim with him, he questioned them, saying, Whom do the multitudes declare me to be?

[19] And in reply they said, Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva; but others, Eliyahu Hanavi; and others, that a certain navi of the ancients has come back to life.

[20] And he said to them, And you, who do you declare me to be? And in reply, Kefa said, The Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[21] And having warned them, he gave orders to tell no one this.

[22] Saying, It is necessary for the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] to suffer much and to be rejected by the Ziknei HaAm and Rashei Hakohanim and Sofrim and to be killed, and after his histalkus (passing), on Yom HaShelishi to be killed, and Rashei Hakohanim and the Ziknei HaAm rejected by the Ziknei HaAm, let him deny himself and lift up his etz shel mesiros nefesh yom and let him follow me.

[23] For whoever wishes to save his nefesh will lose it. But whoever loses his nefesh on my account will save it.

[24] For what is the revach (profit) to a ben Adam who has gained the whole of the Olam Hazeh, but has lost his own self, forfeited his neshamah?

[25] For whoever has bushah (shame) toward me and my dvarim, this one the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) will be ashamed of, when Moshiach comes in his Kavod and the Kavod of HaAv of him and of the malachim hakedoshim (holy angels).

[26] But I say to you, Omein, there are some standing here who will by no means taste mavet until they see the Malchut Hashem.

[27] And it came to pass, about a week after these divrei Moshiach, that when he had taken Kefa and Yochanan and Yaakov, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach went up to the har to daven.

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[30] And two men were conversing with Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, and these two men were Moshe Rabbeinu and Eliyahu Hanavi.

[31] Who appeared in kavod and the Kavod of HaAv and the Kavod of the Chosen One, listen to him.

[32] But Kefa and the ones with him had been weighed down with sleep. And having awakened fully, they saw his kavod and the two men standing with him.

[33] And it came about, just as the men departed from Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, Kefa said, Adoni, it is good for us to be here; let us make shalosh sukkot, one for you and one for Moshe Rabbeinu and one for Eliyahu HaNavi.

[34] And while Kefa was saying these things, an anan (cloud) came and was overshadowing them, and while they entered into the anan they were afraid.

[35] And a bat kol came from the anan (cloud), saying ZEH BENI BECHIRI, ELAV TISHMAUN (This is my Son the Chosen One, listen to him.

[36] And when the bat kol became silent, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was found alone. And they were silent, and reported to no one in those yamim anything of what they had seen.

[37] And it came about on the following day, when they had descended from the har (mountain), a large throng met Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

[38] And an ish from the multitude cried out, saying, Rabbi, I beg you to look at beni (my son), for to me he is a ben yachid (only son),

[39] And a shed seizes him and suddenly shrieking and lets out a shrai and throws the bocher into a convulsion with foam at the mouth and it mauls him and will scarcely depart from him.

[40] And I begged your talmidim that they might cast out the shed, and they were not able.

[41] And in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, O perverse dor (generation) without emunah, until when will I be with you, and until when will I put up with you? Bring your ben here.

[42] Even now as the bocher was approaching Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, the shed threw him down and convulsed him. But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach rebuked the shed (the ruach hatumah) and gave refuah to the bocher, and gave him back to his abba.

[43] And all were amazed at the gedulat Hashem.
And while all were beholding the plowlike way he was doing everything, he said to his talmidim,

[44] Let these divrei Hashem lodge in your ears: for the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13] is about to be delivered into the hands of Bnei Adam.

[45] But they had no binah concerning this dvar of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, and it had been nistar from them in order that they might not have binah, and they were afraid to ask him about this dvar.

[46] Now an argument arose among his talmidim, as to who would be the greatest.

[47] And Moshiach, having perceived the machshavah of their levavot, took a yeled into his arms and stood the yeled next to him.

[48] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Whoever receives this yeled in ha-Shem of me [Moshiach], is mekabel (receiving, accepting) of me. And whoever is mekabel of me is mekabel of ha-Shem of me. And whoever is not the least of them, is not against you, is for you.

[49] And in reply Yochanan said, Adoni, we saw someone casting out shedim bShem of you and we were trying to stop him, because he is not following as one of the anshei shlomeinu (men of our fraternity).

[50] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Do not stop him. For whoever is not against you, is for you.

[51] And it came about that as the Yom of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach's aliyah ascent to Shomayim approaches, he set his face bedavka (deliberately) and resolutely to go up to Yerushalayim.

[52] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach sent messengers ahead of him. And having gone, they entered into a village of Shomron in order to make arrangements for him.

[53] And the people of Shomron were not mekabel Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, because his face was set to go to Yerushalayim.

[54] And when Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach's talmidim, Yaakov and Yochanan, witnessed this, they said, Adoneinu, do you want that we should call cish to come down from Shomayim to consume them? [MELACHIM BAIS 1:10,12]

[55] And, having turned around, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach rebuked them.

[56] And they went to another village.

[57] And as they were going baderech (on the road), a certain one said to Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, I will follow you wherever you go.

[58] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Foxes have dens, and the OPH HASHOMAYIM (birds of heaven, YOV 7:13-14) have nests, but the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) does not have a place where he may lay down his head.

[59] And he said to another, Follow me. But the ish said, Adoni, allow me to go first and bury the Av of me.

[60] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Leave the mesim (dead ones, spiritually unregenerate ones without hitkhadshut) to bury their mesim (dead ones), but you go and proclaim the Malchut Hashem.

[61] And another said also, I will follow you, Adoni. But first allow me to say lhitraot to those in my bais.

[62] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, No one having put his hand upon the plow yet looking back to the things behind is fit for the Malchut Hashem. [BERESHIS 19:26]

10 And after these things, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu gave smichah to shivim (seventy) others and sent them on ahead of him shnayim shnayim (two by two) into every shetel and place where he was about to arrive.

[2] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, Indeed the Katzir is plentiful, but the poalim of the Katzir are few; therefore, ask the Adon of the Katzir that he might send out poalim into his Katzir.

[3] Go I send you as kevasim (sheep) into the midst of ze’evim (wolves).

[4] Do not carry a bag for keseif, nor a schnorrer’s sack (beggar’s bag), nor sandals, and, along the derech, dispense with time-consuming Birkat Shalom’s.

[5] Into whatever bais you enter, first say, Shalom to this bais.

[6] And if there is a ben hashalom there, your shalom will rest upon him. Otherwise, on you it will return.

[7] Remain in the same bais that he might send out poalim (workers) of his loin (wages). Do not move from bais to bais.

[8] And into whichever shtetl you enter and they receive you, eat the okhel (food) being set before you.

[9] And give refuah (healing) to the cholim (sick people) and ask the Adon of the Katzir for the Katzir are few; therefore, ask the Katzir.

[10] And into whatever shtetl you enter and they do not receive you,
having gone out into the rekhovot (streets) of that shtetl,
11 Say, Even the [Goyishe undeach] dust from your shtetl,
which clings to us, we shake off from our feet as an omen of
din (judgment) against you.
But have daas of this, that the Malchut Hashem has come near.
12 I [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] say to you, that
for Sdom in Yom HaHu [Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment]
it will be more bearable than it will be for that shtetl.
13 Woe to you, Korazin, oy to you, Beit-Tzaidah,
because if in Tzor and Tzidon had occurred the gevurot that
have happened in you, long ago, they, sitting in sackcloth and
ashes, would have made teshuva.
14 But for Tzor and Tzidon it will be more bearable in the
Yom HaDin than for you.
15 And you, Kfar-
Nachum, surely not up to
Shomayim will you be
exalted?  To Gehinnom you
will descend!
16 The one listening to you
listens to me [Rebbe Melech
HaMoshiach], and the one
rejecting you, rejects me
[Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach].
But the one rejecting me
[Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach],
rejects the One [the G-d of
Yisroel] who sent me.
17 And the Shivim returned
with simcha, saying,
Adoneinu, even the shedim
submit to us bShem of you
[Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach
Yehoshua, Yeshua].
18 And he said to them, I
was seeing Hasatan falling
like lightning from Shomayim.
[YESHAYAH 14:12]
19 Hinei I have given to you
the koach and the samchut to
walk on nechashim (snakes)
and akarim (scorpions), and
on all the koach of HaOyev,
and nothing may by any
means injure you.
20 But in this do not have a
lev sameach, on account of the
ruchot submitting to you, but
have lev sameach that your
shemot have been inscribed in
Shomayim.
21 In the same hour Rebbe
Melech HaMoshiach was full of
simcha from the Ruach
Hakodesh. And he said,
Baruch Hashem, Avi, Adon
HaShomayim vHaAretz, that
You concealed these things
from those with chochmah
and seichel and You revealed
them to yeladim. Ken, Avi, for
thus it was well pleasing in
Your sight.
22 Everything was handed
over to me by Avi, and no one
has daas of HaBen except
HaAv. And no one has daas of
HaAv except HaBen, and
whomever HaBen wishes to
reveal Him.
23 And, having turned to
the talmidim in a yechidus,
Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach
said, Ashrey [are] the eyes
seeing what you see.
24 For I say to you that
many neviim and melachim
wanted to see what you see
and they did not see them,
and to hear what you hear
and they did not hear them.
25 And a certain Talmid
approached, he bandaged the
man's wounds, pouring
shemen and yayin over them;
26 And Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach said to him, In
the Torah what has been
written? How do you read it?
27 And in reply the Baal
Torah said, VAYIKRA 21:1-3
28 And Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach said to him, Your
answer is frum. Richtik. Do
this and you will live.
29 But because the Baal
Torah wanted to justify
himself, to be yitzdak im
Hashem (justified with G-d,
YOV 25:4) on the basis of his
own zokheh (merit, see Ro 3:20)
his being, And who is my REA
(neighbor)?
30 In reply, Rebbe Melech
HaMoshiach said, A certain
ish was coming down from
Yerushalayim to Yericho, and
he encountered shodedim.
They stripped him and
inflicted a klap, more than
one, and they went away and
left him half dead.
31 It so happened that a
certain kohen was coming
down by that derech, and,
having seen him, he passed by
on the other side. [VAYIKRA
21:1-3]
32 And likewise also a Levi
happened upon the place, but
when he came and saw him,
he passed by on the other side.
33 But a certain Shomroni,
traveling along on the derech,
came upon him; and when he
saw him, he was filled with
rachmei shomayim.
34 And when this Shomroni
approached, he bandaged the
man's wounds, pouring
shemen and yayaon over them;
and when he had placed him
upon his own donkey, he
brought the man to a malon
and cared for him.
35 And on the next day he
produced two denarii and
gave them to the inn keeper of
the malon and said, Take care
of him, and whatever you
spend additionally, I will take
care of, when I return.
36 Who of these shalosha
seems to you to have become a
re'a to the one having fallen
among the shodedim?
37 And the Baal Torah
answered, The one having
shown the man rachamim.
And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Go and do likewise.

[38] And while they were on the derech, he entered into a certain shtetl. And a certain isha by name of Marta received him.

[39] And this isha had an achot named Miryam, who sat down at the feet of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu listening to his dvar.

[40] But Marta was distracted with much badinen. And having stood by, she said, Adoneinu, is it of no concern to you that my achot has left me alone to serve? Speak, then, to her to help me.

[41] And in reply Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu said to her, Marta, Marta, you are anxious and worried about many things, But one is necessary. For Miryam chose HaTov which will not be taken away from her.

And it came about while he was in a certain place davening that, when he concluded, a certain one of his talmidim said to him, Adoneinu, teach us to daven, just as also Yochanan taught his talmidim.

[2] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, When you daven, say, Avinu, yitkadash shmecha (hallowed be Thy Name). Tavo malchutechah (Thy kingdom come).

[3] Es lechem chukeinu ten lanu yom yom (Give us day by day the bread we need).

[4] U slach lanu es chovoteinu (And forgive us our debts, sins) ki solechim gam anachnu lekhol hachayav lanu (for also we ourselves are forgiving all that are the debtor to us) val tevieinu lidei nisyayon (And lead us not into temptation).

[5] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Who among you will have a chaver and will come to him at chatzot halailah (midnight), and say to him, Chaver, lend me shalosh kikrot (loaves);

[6] Because a chaver of mine has come from a journey to me and I have nothing to set before him;

[7] And from inside he shall reply, saying, Do not bother me; the delet has already been shut, and my yeladim and I are already in bed; I cannot get up and give to you anything.

[8] I say to you, even if he will not get up and give him anything, because he is his chaver, at least because of his keseder (constantly) persistent importunity he will get up and give to him as much as he needs.

[9] And I tell you [when you daven], ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you.

[10] For everyone asking receives; and he who is seeking, finds; and to the one knocking, it shall be opened.

[11] And what Abba among you is there who, if his ben asks for a dag (fish), instead of a dag (fish) will give to him a nachash (snake)?

[12] Or if the ben will ask for a betyzah (egg), will the av give him an akrav (scorpion)?

[13] If, therefore, you, though you are ra'im (evil ones), have da'as (knowledge) of how to give matanot tovot (good gifts) to your yeladim, how much more will HaAv shbaShomayim give the Ruach Hakodesh to the ones asking him.

[14] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was casting out a shed from an ish illem (mute man). And it came to pass when the shed had come out, the ish illem spoke, and the multitudes were amazed.

[15] But some of them said, He casts out the shedim by Baal-zibbul Sar HaShedim.

[16] And others, to test him, were demanding of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach an ot (sign) from Shomayim.

[17] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, having had daas of their machshavot (thoughts), said to them, Every Malchut divided against itself is laid waste; and a bais (household) divided against itself falls.

[18] And if Hasatan also was divided against himself, how shall Hasatan's Malchut (Kingdom) stand? Because you say by Baal-zibbul I cast out shedim.

[19] But if I by Baal-zibbul cast out the shedim, by whom do your banim cast them out? Oib azoi (consequently), they shall be your shofetim (judges).

[20] But, if I, by the finger of Hashem, cast out the shedim, then the Malchut Hashem has come upon you. [SHEMOT 8:19]

[21] When a Gibbor (Strong Man), fully armed, is shomer over his armon (palace), his possessions are left in shalom;

[22] But when someone stronger than he overpowers him, he takes away from him all his shiryon kaskasim (coat of scale armor) on which he had depended, and distributes his plunder.

[23] The one who is not with me is against me (anti-Moshiach); and he who does not gather with me, scatters.

[24] When the ruach hatameh (unclean spirit) goes out from the ben Adam, it goes through waterless places seeking a menuchah (resting place) and, not finding
any, it says, I will return to my bais from where I came out.

[25] And when it comes, it finds the bais having been swept and put beseder.

[26] Then it goes and takes another sheva shedim more ra’ot (evil) than itself, and they enter it and dwell there; and the acharit (last) condition of that ish becomes worse than the reshit (first).

[27] And it came about while Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was saying these shiurim, a certain isha in the multitude, having lifted up her voice, said to him, Ashrey is the womb having carried you and the breasts that nursed you.

[28] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Aderaba (to the contrary); ashrey are the ones hearing the dvar Hashem and being shomer mitzvot!

[29] T.N. Notice refusal here of Moshiach to allow his Em to be given Goyishe veneration!

[30] As the multitudes are gathering even more, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach began to say, HaDor HaZeh (this generation) is a Dor Rah! It is seeking an ot, and an ot will not be given to it except to the Yom HaDin (Judgment of the Yom HaDin).

[31] The Queen of the South became to the Ninevites an ot, so also the Bar Enosh will be an ot to HaDor HaZeh.

[32] The Queen of the South will be made to stand up alive at the Mishpat (Judgment of the Yom HaDin) with HaDor HaZeh and will condemn it, because they made teshuva at the preaching of Jonah, and one greater than Jonah is here.

[33] No one having lit a menorah puts it in a hidden place, nor under the measuring bucket, but on the shulchan, in order that the ones entering may see the ohr.

[34] The menorah of the basar is your ayin (eye). When your ayin is sound, then your entire basar is full of ohr. But when it is rah, then your basar is full of choshech.

[35] See to it, then, that the ohr in you is not choshech (darkness).

[36] If therefore, your whole basar is full of ohr and not having any part choshech, it will be all full of ohr as when the menorah with the ohr (light) shines on you.

[37] Now while he spoke, a Parush asks him that he might have betziat halechem (have a meal, breaking of bread) with him. And, having entered, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach reclined at tish.

[38] And the Parush, having seen this, was amazed that Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach did not first do netilat yadayim before the meal.

[39] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu said to him, Now you Perushim wash the outside of the kos and the dish you clean, but the inside of you is full of gezel (robbery) and resha.

[40] Goilomim (Foolish people)! Did not the One having made the outside also make the inside?

[41] But as far as what is inside, give tzedakah, and everything is tahor to you.

[42] But oy to you, Perushim, because you give as ma’aser (tithe) the mint and the rue, and every herb and you disregard the mishpat and the ahavah of Hashem. But these things it was necessary to do and those not to disregard.

[43] Oy to you Perushim! Because your ahavah is for the moshavot harishonom (first seats) in the shuls and the obsequious Birkat Shalom greetings in the market places.

[44] Woe to you, because you are like the unmarked kevarim (graves), and bnei Adam walk over them without having daas.

[45] And, in reply, one of the Baalei Torah says to him, Rabbi, by saying these things you insult us also.

[46] But Rebbe, Melech, HaMoshiach said, Also woe to you Baalei Torah, because you burden men with [halachic] loads difficult to carry, and you yourselves with so much as one of your fingers do not touch the loads [with a heter].

[47] Woe to you, because you build the matsevot (tombstone monuments) for the Kivrei HaNeviim (the sepulchers of the Prophets), but it was your avot who killed them.

[48] Therefore, you are edim (witnesses) and in agreement with the deeds of your avot, because they do the killing of nevi’im part and you do the providing of the matsevat part.

[49] Therefore, also the Chochmah of Hashem said, I will send to them Nevi’im and Shlichim, some of whom they will kill and persecute, [Lk 20:9-19]

[50] That the Dahm of all the Neviim that has been poured out from the hivased haOlam (foundation of the world) may be charged to HaDor HaZeh.

[51] From the blood of Hevel (Abel) to the blood of Zecharyah who was killed at Kiddush haShem between the

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Mizbe'ach and the Beis Hashem; ken, I tell you, it will be required of HaDor HaZeh. [BERESHIS 4:8; DIVREY HAYAMIM BAIS 24:20,21]

52] Woe to you Ba'alei Torah, because you took the mafeach of da'as; you yourselves did not enter in; and the ones entering in you hindered.

53] And when he went from there, the Sofrim and the Perushim began to be terribly hostile and to hock (pose questions one right after the other) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and to subject him to a wide ranging cross-examination,

54] Plotting to catch him in something from his mouth.

Meanwhile, when the multitudes by the thousands assembled, to the point of trampling one another, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said this in a yechidus first to his talmidim, Be shomer regarding the chametz of the Perushim, which is their tzeviut (hypocrisy).

2] And nothing that men hide in a cover up is concealed which will not be revealed, and nothing held nistar (hidden) which will not be laid bare.

3] So then, what things you said in the choshech, will be heard in the ohr; and what you whispered in the ear bchadrei chadarim (in a most secret place) will be shouted up for himself and not having hindered.

4] I say to you, my chaverim, from the roof tops.

5] But I will show you someone of whom you should have yirah; fear the One who after killing the basar has the samchut to throw into Gehinnom. Ken, I say to you, have yirah (fear) of this One.

6] Are not chamesh sparrows sold for two assarion? And not even one of them has been overlooked in the eynayim of Hashem.

7] But even the hairs of your rosh have all been inventoried. Never fear. You are of more worth than many sparrows.

8] And I say to you, whoever will declare the Ani Maamin (acknowledgement of me [as Moshiaich]) before Bnei Adam, the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] will make public hadahah (acknowledgement) of him before the malachim of Hashem.

9] But the one having made hakhehashah (denial) of me [as the Bar Enosh Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14] before Bnei Adam, will be denied before the malachim of Hashem.

10] And everyone who will say a dvar against the Bar Enosh [Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14], he will be given selicha (forgiveness). But the one having committed Chillul Hashem gidduf (blasphemy) against the Ruach Hakodesh will not be given selicha.

11] And when they bring you in before the shuls and the rulers and the manhigim, do not have a lev rogez about what you should speak in your own hitstaddeikut (defense), or about your legal brie夫.

12] For the Ruach Hakodesh will be your rabbi teaching you in the same hour what it is necessary to say. [SHEMOT 4:12]

13] And someone out of the multitude said to him, Rabbi, speak to my ach to share with me the yerushah (inheritance).

14] But he said to him, Ben Adam, who appointed me a shoefet or an arbitrator over you?

15] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Take care and be shomer against all chamdanut (covetousness), because the Chayyei HaAdam does not consist in the abundance of his possessions. [IYOV 20:20; 31:24; TEHILLIM 62:10]

16] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach spoke a mashal (parable) to them saying, An aza (certain) oisher (rich man) had land that produced a good crop.

17] And he was thinking to himself, saying, What should I do? Because I do not have a place where I will store my crops.

18] And he said, This I will do. I will tear down my asim (granaries, storehouses) and I will build larger asim. And there I will gather all my grain and my produce.

19] And I will say to my neshamah, Neshamah, you have an ample store of goods for many years to come. Take your ease, LEEKHOL, VLIISHTOT, VLIISHMOACH (to eat, to drink, and to be merry) (KOHELET 8:15).

20] But Hashem said to him, Goilem! Halailah hazeh your neshamah is required of you. Now to whom will be given what you prepared?

21] Such is the one hoarding (parable) to him saying, An aza (certain) oisher (rich man) had land that produced a good crop.

22] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to his talmidim, Therefore, I say to you: do not have a LEV ROGEZ (DEVARIM 28:65) for your Chayyim, about your okhel (food) or your basar (body), what you might put on.

23] For the neshamah is more than okhel and the basar more than gariel (belt) and shtreimel.
[expensive hat]. BERESHIS 47:18; TEHILLIM 16:9 10; IYOV 19:25 27, YESHAYAH 53:11
[24] Consider the ravens! They do not sow nor reap, they have no storeroom or asam (granary), yet Hashem feeds them. Of how much more worth are you than the OPH HASHOMAYIM [IYOV 38:41; TEHILLIM 147:9]
[25] And can any of you by means of a LEV ROGEZ add one cubit to your span of Chayyim?
[26] If then you are not able to do even a small thing, why have a LEV ROGEZ about the rest?
[27] Consider the lilies! How they grow! A lily does not labor nor spin. But I say to you, not even Shlomo, HaMelech in all his kavod was arrayed like one of these. [MELACHIM ALEF 10:4 7]
[28] And if Hashem so enrobes the grass of the field, which is here hayom (today) and thrown into the eish makhel (tomorrow), how much more will Hashem enrobe you, you ones of little bitachon.
[29] And don't keep striving after okhel (food) and skikuy (drink), and don't have a lev rogez (anxious heart). [TEHILLIM 147:9]
[30] For all these things the Goyim of the Olam Hazeh strive after, but your Av [shbaShomayim] has daas (knowledge) that you need these things.
[31] But seek the Malchut Hashem, and these things will be added to you as well.
[32] Do not have pachad (terror, fear), Eder Katan (Little Flock), because it is the ratzon, the chefetz (desire) of your Av [shbaShomayim] to give you the Malchut.
[33] Sell your possessions and give tzedakah. Make for yourselves the baiyet (wallet)

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that doesn't wear out, an inexhaustible otzar (treasure) in Shomayim, where no ganav (thief) comes near nor moth destroys.
[34] For where your otzar (treasure) is, there also will be your lev (heart).
[35] Tighten your gartels for action and have your menorahs lit.
[36] And you should be like bnei Adam who expectantly await the arrival of their Adon when he returns from the Chasunoh, in order that, when he comes and knocks, often ort they may open the delet for him.
[37] Ashrey are those avadim (servants), whom, having come, the Adon will find keeping shomer. Omein, I say to you, that he will fasten his gartel, and have those avadim (servants) sit down to tish, and he will come and serve them.
[38] And if in the second or if in the third watch he comes and finds it thus, ashrey (happy, blessed) are those.
[39] But have daas of this, that if the Baal Bayit had had da'as in what hour the ganav (thief) comes, he would not have allowed his bais to be broken into.
[41] And Kefa said, Adoneinu, are you speaking this mashal for us or for all?
[42] And HaAdon said, Who then is the sochen haneeman and navon (faithful and wise steward) whom HaAdon will appoint over his avadim to give them their okhel (food) allowance at the proper time?
[43] Ashrey is that eved, whom, having come, his Adon will find doing thus.
[44] Omein, I say to you, that he will appoint him over all that he has.
[45] But if that eved says in his lev, Adoni delays to come to me, and if that eved begins to beat the avadim (servants) and the shfakhot (maid servants), and to glutonize and get down in his schnapps, HaAdon of that eved will come on a day which he does not expect and at an hour of which he does not have da’as, and will cut him in pieces and assign him the portion of the Apikoros with the koferim (unbelievers).
[46] That eved, who had daas of the ratzon of his Adon and did not get prepared or do according to his ratzon, will be beaten with a klap (blow) and not a few. [DEVARIM 25:2]
[47] But the one not having had daas, but having done things worthy of a klap, will receive but a few. But to everyone to whom much was given, much will be required from him, and to whom was entrusted much, even more achurianis (accountability) will be required. [VAYIKRA 5:17; BAMIYDVAR 15:27-30]
[48] I came to throw Eish on the earth, and how I wish it was already kindled!
[49] And I have a tevilah I was already kindled!
[50] I came to bring Shalom on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather machaloket (division, controversy).
[51] Do you think that I came to bring Shalom on the earth? Now, I tell you, but rather machaloket (division, controversy).
[52] For there will be from now in one bais (household) chamesh (five) having been divided, shalosha against shenayim and shenayim against shalosha,
[53] AV will be divided against BEN and BEN against AV, EM (mother) against BAT and BAT against EM,
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law against mother-in-law and CHAMOT against KALLAH. [MICHOH 7:6]
[54] And he was saying also to the multitudes, When you see the anan rising over the maarav (west), ofen ort you say, Geshem (rain) is coming, and so it happens.
[55] And when there is a south wind blowing, you say, It will be kham (hot), and it happens.
[56] Tzevu’im! You have daas how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky; how is it, then, that you do not have daas of how to interpret HaZman HaZeh (This Time)?
[57] And why also for yourselves do you not judge what is yashar (straight, right)?
[58] For as you go with your ish riv (opponent in a lawsuit) to appear before the magistrate, on the derech make an effort to settle with him, lest he drag you to the shoter, and the shoter will throw you into the beit hasohar.
[59] I say to you, by no means may you come out, until even the last peruta (small coin) you pay back.

Now on the same occasion there were some present reporting to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach about the men of the Galil whose blood Pilate mixed with their zevakhim (sacrifices).
[2] And, in reply, Moshiach said, Do you think that these men of the Galil were greater chote’im (sinners) than all others of the Galil, because they suffered this shud (misfortune)?
[3] Lo (no), I say, but unless you make teshuva, you will all likewise perish.
[4] Or do you think that those shmonah asar (eighteen) upon whom the migdal (tower) in Shiloach fell and killed them, do you think that they were greater chote’im (sinners) than all the Bnei Adam living in Yerushalayim?
[5] Lo (no), I tell you, but unless you make teshuva, you will all likewise perish.
[6] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking this mashal. A certain man had an etz te’ena (fig tree) which had been planted in his kerem, and he came seeking pri (fruit) on it, and he did not find any. [YESHAYAH 5:2; YIRMEYAH 8:13]
[7] So he said to the keeper of the kerem, Hinei shalosh shanim (three years) I come seeking pri on this etz te’ena (fig tree) and I do not find any. Therefore, cut it down! Why is it even using up the adamah (ground)?
[8] But in reply he says to him, Adoni, leave it also this year, until I may dig around it and may throw fertilizer on it,
[9] And if indeed it produces pri in the future, tov me’od (very well); otherwise, you will cut it down! Why is it even using up the adamah (ground)?
[10] Now in one of the shuls Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying shiurim on Shabbos.
[11] And an isha which had a ruach hamachla (a spirit of an infirmity, illness) shmonah asar (eighteen) years was bent double and was not able to straighten up at all.
[12] And when he saw her, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach called out to her and said, Isha (Woman), you have been set free from your machla (illness).
[13] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach placed his hands upon her. And ofen ort (immediately) she was straightened and she was crying, Baruch Hashem!
[14] And in reply the Rosh of the Beit HaKnesset, being indignant that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had given refuah (healing) on Shabbos, was saying to the multitude, There are sheshah yamim (six days) in which melachah (work) should be done; therefore, come during those sheshah yamim and get your refuah; but not on Shabbos! [SHEMOT 20:9]
[15] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu answered him and said, Tzevu’im! Does not each of you on Shabbos unti his ox or his donkey from the evus (animal feeding trough) and lead it away to water him?
[16] But ought not this isha, a bat Avraham Avinu as she is, whom Hasatan has bound hinei, nebbach (regrettably) these shmonah asar (eighteen) long years—should she not have been set free from this bond on Shabbos?
[17] And as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said these things, all his mitnaggedim (opponents) were put to bushah (shame), and all the multitude was having simcha (rejoicing) over all the things of kavod being accomplished by him.
[18] Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying, What is the Malchut Hashem like? And to what shall I make a tzushtel (comparison) of it?
[19] It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden, and it grew and became an etz (tree), and the OPH HASHOMAYIM nested in its branches.
[20] And again Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, To what shall I compare the Malchut Hashem?
[21] It is like se’or (leaven), which an isha
took and hid in shalosh (three) measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.

|22| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was itinerating throughout the shtetlach (towns) and villages saying shiurim and heading on toward Yerushalayim.

|23| And someone said to him, Adoni, are there only a few coming to Yeshuat Eloheinu? And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them,

|24| Strive to enter through the sha’ar hatzarut (gate of narrowness), because many, I say to you, will seek to enter and they will not be able to.

|25| After the Baal Bayit gets up and shuts the delat, and you begin to stand outside and to knock on the delat, saying, Adoneinu, open up for us!

|26| Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank in your presence, and in our rekhovot (streets) you taught.

|27| And he will speak, saying to you, I do not know you, from where are you from? Go away from me, kol po’alei shamayim (all workers of evil)!

|28| There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you will see Avraham Avinu and Yitzchak and Yaakov and all the Neviim in the Malchut Hashem, but you yourselves being thrown out.

|29| And they will come from mizraim (east) and maarav (west) and from tzafon (north) and darom (south) and they will be the ones bimesibba (reclining at tish) in the Malchut Hashem.

|30| And there are some acharonim who will be rishonim and there are some rishonim who will be acharonim.

|31| In the same hour some Perushim approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying to him, Depart and go from here, because Herod wants to kill you.

|32| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Go and tell that fox, Hinei, I cast out shedim and I accomplish refuot (healings) hayom (today) and makhar (tomorrow) and Yom HaShlishi (The Third Day) I reach my goal.

|33| Nevertheless, it is necessary for me to travel on hayom (today) and makhar (tomorrow) and the yom following, because it cannot be that a navi should have his violent death and his histalkus (passing) outside Yerushalayim.

|34| O Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, she who kills the Neviim and stones the ones sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your yeladim just as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing!

|35| Hinei your Beis [HaMikdash] is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you shall by no means see me until the zman (time) comes when you say, BARUCH HABAH BSHEM ADONA!

|36| [YIRMEYAH 12:17; TEHILLIM 118:26; RO 11:26] And it came to pass when he went into a bais of a certain one of the Rashei HaPerushim on Shabbos for betziat halechem, and they were watching him closely.

|37| And there in front of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was a certain ish suffering from dropsy,

|38| And in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach spoke to the Baalei Torah and Perushim, saying, Is it mutar (permissible) on Shabbos to give refuah or not?

|39| But they kept silent. And having taken hold of him, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach granted him refuah and sent him away.

|40| And to them Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Who of you having a ben or an ox fall into a well and will not ofen ort (immediately) pull him out on Shabbos?

|41| And they were not able to make a counter argument keneged (against) this.

|42| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach began speaking a mashal to the seudah (banquet supper) invitees, when he noticed how they had been picking out the rashei hamoshavot (chief seats) at the tish, saying to them,

|43| When you are invited by someone to a Chasunoh (wedding), you should not recline at tish in the rashei hamoshavot (chief seats), lest a more distinguished person than you may have been invited by him.

|44| And he who invited you both shall come and say to you, Give place to this one, and then in bushah (shame) you proceed to occupy the seat of humiliation, the low seat.

|45| But when you are invited, go and recline at tish in the moshav hashafel (low seat), so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, Chaver, move up to a higher place; then you will have kavod in the sight of all with you at the tish.

|46| For everyone exalting himself shall be humbled, and the one humiliating himself shall be exalted.

|47| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking also to the one who invited him, When you prepare a seudah or a Melave Malkah, do not invite your chaverim or your achim or your krovey mishpochot (relatives) or your shchenim haashirim, lest they
also should invite you in return and repayment come to you.

[13] But when you prepare a seudah (feast), invite the aniym (the poor), the baalei hamum (the maimed), the ivrim (the lame), the pisechim (the blind),

[14] And Birkat Shomayim (the Blessing of Heaven) will befall you, because they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid in the Yom Tekumat HaTzadikim (Day of the Resurrection of the Righteous, Rev 20:5).

[15] And when a certain one of those reclining at tish with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach heard these things, he said to him, Ashrey is he who will eat lechem in the Malchut Hashem! [YESHAYAH 25:6]

[16] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, A certain man was preparing a big seudah, and he invited many;

[17] And at the dinner hour, he sent his eved to say to the seudah invitees, Come, because everything is ready now.

[18] But each began to come up with a teretz (excuse). The rishon (first) said to him, I bought a sadeh (field) and I am compelled to go out and look at it. Please be mekabel (receive, accept) my teretz.

[19] And another said, I have bought chamesh pair of oxen, and I am going to try them out. Please be mekabel my teretz (excuse).

[20] And another said, I took a wife and therefore I am not able to come.

[21] And the eved returned and reported this to his Adon. Then the Baal Bayit became angry and said to his eved, Go out quickly into the rekhovot (streets) and lanes of the shtetl and bring in here the aniym (the poor) and the baalei hamum (the maimed) and the ivrim (blind) and the pisechim (the lame).

[22] And the eveled said, Adoni, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.

[23] And the Adon said to the eveled, Go out to the rekhovot and along the boundaries and urge them to come in, in order that My Beis may be filled.

[24] For I say to you that no one of those Bnei Adam who were invited will taste my seudah.

[25] And large multitudes were accompanying him, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach turned and said to them,

[26] If someone comes to me, and does not hate...

[27] Whoever does not carry his own etz shel mesiros nefesh following Me [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] is not able to be my [Moshiach’s] talmid.

[28] For who among you, wanting to build a migdal (tower), will not first sit down and rechen (calculate) the cost, to see if he has enough to complete it?

[29] Otherwise, having laid his yesod (foundation) and not being able to finish it, everyone seeing it may begin to make leitzonus (fun, mockery) of him,

[30] Saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish.

[31] Or what melech, going out to make milchamah (war) against another melech, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with aseret alafim (ten thousand) to meet the one with esrim elef (twenty thousand) coming against him?

[32] Or else, while the other is noch (yet) far away, he sends an embassy delegation and seeks terms for shalom.

[33] So, then, none of you can become my talmid if you do not renounce all your [idolatrous] holdings.

[34] Therefore, melach (salt) is tov; but if even melach should become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?

[35] It is useless either for the land or for the dung hill; they throw it away. The one who has ears to hear, shema!

15 Now all the mochies (tax-collectors) and the chote’im (sinners) were coming near Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to listen to him.

[2] And both the Perushim and the Sofrim were grumbling, saying, This one gives a kabbalat panim reception to chote’im (sinners) and eats at tish with them.

[3] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them this mashal, saying,

[4] What man of you, if he has meah kevasim (a hundred sheep) and has lost from them one, does not leave the tishim vveshah (ninety-nine) in the open pasture, and go for the one which has been lost until he finds it?

[5] And when he has found it, he puts it on his shoulders with lev same’ach.

[6] And when he returns to his bais, he calls together his chaverim and his shchenim (neighbors), saying to them, Make a simcha with me, because I have found my keves (sheep), the one that was lost!
I say to you that in the same way there will be more simcha in Shomayim over one choteh (sinner) who becomes a baal teshuva than over tishim (hired workers) have no need of teshuva.

And he was longing to be nitzrach (needy). And he went and became a gilui arayot (sexual immorality) and loose living.

And when he had spent everything, the younger ben (older son) was in the away country, and there he squandered his osher (riches) away country, and there he devoured your property with gilui arayot (sexual immorality) and loose living. And he began to be nitzrach (needy).

And he went and became associated with one of the citizens of that aretz, and he began to be nitzrach (needy). And he went and became an avadim (servant), and he was filled with ka'as (anger), and he did not want to enter. But his Abba came out and was pleading with him.

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And bno said to the Abba, Avi, I sinned against Shomayim and in your sight. [VAYIKRA 26:40; TEHILLIM 51:6(4)]

And the younger of them said to his Abba, Avi, give to me the share of the estate that falls to me. And his Abba divided his wealth between them.

And not many yamim later, having gathered together everything, the younger ben went on a journey to a far away country, and there he squandered his oisher (riches) with gilui arayot (sexual immorality) and loose living.

And when he had spent everything, there came a severe ra'av (famine) throughout that aretz, and he began to be nitzrach (needy).

And he went and became associated with one of the citizens of that aretz, and he sent him into his fields to feed chazirim, [VAYIKRA 11:7]

And he was longing to fill his mogen (stomach) with the pods which the chazirim were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.

When he came to his senses, his seichel told him, How many of my Abba’s sachirim (hired workers) have more than enough okhel (food) and I am perishing here with hunger.

I will get up and go to my Abba, and I will say, Avi, I sinned against Shomayim and in your sight. [VAYIKRA 26:40; TEHILLIM 51:6(4)]

I no longer have the zokheh (merit) worthy to be called a ben of my Abba. Make me as one of your sachirim (hired workers).

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But his Abba said to his avadim, Shnelt! (Quick!) Bring out the best kaftan and clothe him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals for his feet, [ZECHARIAH 3:4; BERESHIS 41:42]

And bring the fattened calf, and slaughter it, and let us eat and have a simcha,

Because this ben of mine was dead and now he has returned l’Chayyim! He had been lost and now he is found. And they began to make a simcha.

But in reply the alterer ben said to his Abba, Hinei, so many years I serve you and never a mitzvah of you I disobeyed, and never for me did you give even a young goat that with my chaverim I might make a simcha.

But when shows up this ben of yours, the one having devoured your property with zonot (prostitutes), you sacrificed for him the fattened calf. [MISHLE 29:3]

And the Abba said to him, Beni, you are always with me, and everything which is mine is yours.

But now it was necessary for us to have lev samei’ach and make a simcha, because the ach of you was dead and he has returned lChayyim! He has been lost and now is found. [MALACHI 3:17]

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And having summoned one of the avadim (servants), the alterer ben (older son) was inquiring what these things might be.

And the eved said to him, Your ach is present, and your Abba sacrificed the fattened calf, because your Abba received him back bari v’shalem (safe and sound).

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And having called him, the oisher said to the sochen, What is this I hear about you? Submit to a bikoret beshbonot
(audit) for that which is under your pekuddah (stewardship care), for you are no longer able to be sochen.  
[3] And the sochen said to himself, What may I do, because Adoni takes away the pekuddah from me? I am not strong enough to dig, I am ashamed to beg.  
[4] Oh! I have daas of what I may do, that when I am removed from the work of the sochen, they may receive me into their batim.  
[5] And having summoned his Adon’s debtors one by one, he was saying to the first, How much do you owe Adoni?  
[6] And he said, One hundred jugs of olive oil. And the sochen said to him, Take your bill, sit down, quickly write fifty.  
[7] Then to another he said, And you, how much do you owe? And he said, One hundred containers of wheat. And the sochen said to him, Take your bill and write eighty.  
[8] And the Baal Bayit praised the unrighteous sochen because he acted with chochmah. Because the Bnei HaOlam HaZeh have more seichel in dealing with their own generation than the Bnei HaOhr.  
[9] And I say to you, use the mammon (the wealth of the Olam HaZeZ) to make for yourselves yedidim (friends, chaverim), so that when unrighteous mammon fails, they may welcome you into the mishkenot olam (eternal dwellings of the Olam HaBah).  
[10] The one aseigshalten in little, also is neeman in much, and the one who is unrighteous in little, also in much is unrighteous.  
[11] If, then, you were not ne’eman with unrighteous mammon, who will entrust you with hon emes?  
[12] And if you were not neeman with that which belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?  
[13] No eved is able to serve two adonim; for either he will have sinah (hatred) toward the one and he will have ahavah (love) toward the other, or one he will be devoted to and the other he will despise. Your avodas service cannot be for both Hashem and Mammon.  
[14] And the Perushim, who were ohavei kesef (lovers of money), heard all this and they made leitzonus (fun) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.  
[15] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, You are the ones who in the sight of Bnei Adam credit yourself as being yitzedakim Hashem (justified with G-d, YHVH 25:4), but Hashem has daas (knowledge) of your levavot. Because the thing highly esteemed among Bnei Adam is a to’eva (abomination) before Hashem.  
[16] The Torah and the Nevim were proclaimed until Yochanan; since then it is the Malchut Hashem that is being preached as Besuras HaGeulah, and anyone entering it must strive to do so.  
[17] But it is easier for HaShomayim and HaAretz to pass away than for one tag (ornamental flourish) of the Torah to fail.  
[18] Anyone giving the get to his isha and taking another wife commits ni’uf (adultery), and the one marrying a gerusha (divorcee) commits ni’uf (adultery).  
[19] Now there was a certain oisher (rich man). He was dressed in purple and fine linen, and yom yom (daily) he feasted sumptuosly and every day for him was to make a simcha.  
[20] And there was a certain ish oni (poor man) covered with sores, Elazar by name, who had been laid at the oisher’s sha’ar (gate).  
[21] And the ish oni Elazar longed to fill his mogen (stomach) with what fell from the oisher’s tish. But even the kelevim (dogs) were coming and licking the sores of the ish oni (poor man).  
[22] And it came to pass that Elazar died, and he was carried away by the malachim to the tish at the kehyk (bosom) of Avraham Avinu. And then the oisher (rich man) died also, and he was buried.  
[23] And lifting up his eyanim in Sheol, where he was in the tortures of agony, he sees Avraham Avinu off in the distance and Elazar at tish at his kehyk (bosom).  
[24] And he called, Avraham Avinu! Chaneni na and send Elazar that he may dip the tip of his finger into the mayim (fire), because I am in torment in this moked (fire).  
[25] But Avraham Avinu said, Beni, have zikaron (recollection) that you received your tov in the span of your days, and Elazar likewise received the ra’ah. But now he is given nechamah (comfort) here, but you, yisurim (sufferings, torments).  
[26] And, in addition to all these things, there has been fixed between us and you a tehom gedolah (a great abyss, chasm), so that the ones wishing to come over from here to you are not able, neither from there to us may they cross over.  
[27] And the oisher said, I ask you then, Avraham Avinu, that you may send Elazar to the bais of Avi.  
[28] For I have chamesh achim (five brothers) that he may warn them,
least also they may come to this place of yisurim (torments).

[29] But Avraham Avinu says, They have Moshe Rabbeinu and the Neviim. Let them listen to them.

[30] But the oisher said, Lo (no), Avraham Avinu, but if someone from the Mesim should go to them, they will make teshuva.

[31] But Avraham said to him, If Moshe Rabbeinu and the Neviim they do not listen to, neither if someone should make his Techiyah from the Mesim should they be persuaded.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to his talmidim, It is impossible for the nisayon (temptation) to sin not to come, but oy through whom it comes.

[2] It is better for him if a millstone is hung around his neck and he had been thrown into the sea than that he should cause a michshol for these little ones.

[3] Pay attention to yourselves. If your ach sins and you rebuke him, and if he makes teshuva, grant him selicha (forgiveness).

[4] And if shevah paamim during the yom he sins against you and shevah paamim he turns around to you saying, I make teshuva, you will grant him selicha.

[5] And the Shlichim said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoneinu, increase our emunah.

[6] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu said, If you have emunah like a mustard seed, you would have said to this mulberry etz, be uprooted and be planted in the sea, and it would have given you mishma’at.

[7] But who among you, having an eved plowing or tending kevesim, when the eved comes in from the sadeh, will say to him, Here, come often ort (immediately) and recline at tish.

[8] Rather, would he not say, Prepare something that I may have okhel; gird up your tunic and serve me until I am satisfied, and, after that, you may have okhel?

[9] There is no obligatory effusive todah, when the eved only did his chiyuv (duty).

[10] So also you, when you do all these things which are given you as mitzvot, say, We are useless avadim, we only did our chiyuv.

[11] And it came about while Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went to Yerushalayim, he was traveling through the middle of Shomron and the Galil.

[12] And entering into a certain shitet, some anashim metzoraim (leprous men) met Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and there were ten of them. Keeping their distance, [VAYIKRA 13:45,46]

[13] They shouted, saying, Yehoshua, Rabbi, chaneinu!

[14] And having seen this, he said to them, Go and show yourselves to the kohanim. And it came about while they were going away that they were made metoharim (clean).

[15] And one of them, having seen that he had received refuah, returned with a kol gadol (loud voice), saying Baruch Hashem!

[16] And he fell on his face at the feet of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, giving hodayah (thanksgiving). And he was a Shomroni (Samaritan).

[17] And in reply Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Were there not ten who were made metoharim? Now the tishah (nine), where are they?

[18] Was none of them found to turn around and return and give kavod (glory) to Hashem except this nokhari (foreigner)?

[19] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Get up and go. Your emunah (faith) has delivered you.

[20] Now having been asked by the Perushim, Ad mosai? (How much longer?) When comes the Malchut Hashem? Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach replied, The Malchut Hashem is not coming with things observable,

[21] nor will they say, Hinei, here it is, or There it is, for hinei, the Malchut Hashem is within you.

[22] And he said to the talmidim, Yamim are coming when you will long to see one of the yamim of the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) in his Yom.

[23] They will say to you, Hinei, here it is! Or, hinei, here it is! Do not go out after them nor pursue them.

[24] For as the lightning flashing out of one part under Shomayim lights up the other part under Shomayim, thus will be the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) in his Yom.

[25] But brishonah it is necessary for him to suffer many things and to be rejected by HaDor HaZeh.

[26] And just as it was in the yamim of Noach, thus will it be also in the yamim of the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14). [BERESHIS 6:5-8; 7:6-24]

[27] They were eating, drinking, marrying, and being given in marriage, until the Yom when Noach entered into the Tevah (Ark) and HaMabbul [the Flood] came and destroyed everything.

[28] Likewise, just as it was in the yamim of Lot; they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, and building. [Gn 19:1-28]
[29] But on the Yom when Lot went out from Sdom, from Shomayim it rained down eish and gofrit and destroyed everything.

[30] So it will be on the Yom when the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) has his hasagalus (revelation).

[31] On that yom let not anyone on the housetop come back down inside for any of his property in the bais, and the one in a sadeh (field) likewise let him not turn back for things left behind.


[33] Whoever seeks to preserve his nefesh will lose it; but whoever loses it, will preserve it.

[34] I say to you, in laylah hazeh there will be two in one bed: one will be taken; and the other will be left.

[35] There will be shtayim (two) grinding at the same place: one will be taken, but the other will be left.

[36] Shtayim will be in the sadeh (field); one will be taken and the other left.

[37] And in reply they say to him, Where, Adonoi? But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach called for them, for of such ones is the Malchut Hashem. [YESHAYAH 58:5, MALACHI 3:8]

[12] Saying, An aza (certain) Shofet was in a certain town. Now this Shofet had no fear of Hashem nor any respect for Bnei Adam.

[13] Now an almanah was in that town and she was coming to him saying, Grant me yashrus (justice) against my  

ish riv (opponent in a lawsuit). [YESHAYAH 1:17]

[14] And for a zman (time) the Shofet was not willing. But after these things, he said to himself, If indeed Hashem I do not fear nor do Bnei Adam I respect,

[15] Yet because this almanah (widow) causes me tzoros and is such a nudzh (pest), I will grant yashrus (justice) to her, lest in the end she may wear me out by her constant coming.

[16] Now Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu said, Listen to what the unrighteous shofet says.

[17] Now will not Hashem by all means do mishpat for his Bechirim crying out to him yomam valailah? Will he delay long in bringing them help? [Ex 22:23; Ps 88:1]

[18] I say to you that Hashem will bring about their yashrus (justice) swiftly, but when the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) comes, will he then find emunah (faith) on haaretz?

[19] And he said this mashal also to some, who have become soimech (confident, putting their trust and being dependent) on themselves that they are tzaddikim and who are despising others. [YESHAYAH 66:2; YIRMEYAH 31:19]

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[21] I say to you, this one, rather than the other one, went down to his bais having been made yitzdak im Hashem (justified with G-d). Because everyone lifting himself up will be brought low, but the one bringing himself low will be uplifted.

[22] Now also they were bringing to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach yeladim that he might place his hands on them. But having seen this, the talmidim were rebuking them.

[23] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them saying, Permit the yeladim to come to me and do not hinder them, for of such ones is the Malchut Hashem.

[24] Omein, I say to you, whoever does not welcome the Malchut Hashem as a yeled would, may by no means enter into it.

[25] And a certain one of the manhigim (leaders, one of the wealthier Baale-Battishe Jews) questioned Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Mori HaTov (Good Teacher), what mitzvah must I do to inherit Chayyei Olam?

[26] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Why do you call me tov? No one is tov except Hashem alone, nu?

[27] You have daas of the tov except Hashem alone, nu? [YESHAYAH 40:31] [28] But the moches (tax collector) stood at a distance and was not willing even to lift up his eynyin to Shomayim but was beating his chest, saying, Adonoi, rachem na al choteh kamoni! (L-rd, have mercy on a sinner like me!)

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And having run ahead to meet Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, when he saw him fall into agmat nefesh, said, How difficult it is for the ones having oisher (riches) to enter into the Malchut Hashem. [MISHLE 11:28]

And Kefa said, Hinei, we are possible with Hashem. But the ones, having oisher (rich man) to enter into the Malchut Hashem.

Who will not receive yeladim because of the mishpatim and frum from my kinder-yoren.

But having heard these things, he fell into agmat nefesh (grief, sadness). For he had much kesef.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, when he saw him he said to them, Still one thing for you is lacking. Everything as much as you have, sell and distribute to the aniyim, and you will have ozar in Himel; and come follow me.

But having heard these things, he fell into agmat nefesh, said, How difficult it is for the ones having oisher (riches) to enter into the Malchut Hashem. [MISHLE 11:28]

For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an oisher (rich man) to enter into the Malchut Hashem.

And he said, The things having been written by aliyah leregel (pilgrimage) to Hinei, we are making another a yechidus, he said to them, Shneym Asar (Twelve) aside in HaBah, Chayyei Olam.

For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for an oisher (rich man) to enter into the Malchut Hashem. [MISHLE 11:28]

And having heard a multitude traveling through, beside the road begging.

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And it came about while Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach drew near to Yericho, a certain ivver (blind man) was sitting beside the road begging.

And having heard a multitude traveling through, he was asking what this might be.

And they reported to him that Yehoshua from Natzeret is passing by.

And he cried out saying, Ben Dovid! Chaneni! (Have mercy on me!)

And the ones going past him were rebuking him that he should be silent, but he just so much the more was crying out, Ben Dovid, chaneni!

And stopping, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach commanded the ivver to be led to him. Having drawn near, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach asked him, What do you wish that I may do for you?

And he said, Adoni, that I may regain my sight.

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Regain your sight; your emunah (faith) has brought you refuah (healing).

And at once he saw again and was following Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, shouting, Baruch HaShem! And all the people, who were edei reiyah (eyewitnesses) of this, shouted, Baruch HaShem!

And having entered, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was passing through Yericho.
Adoneinu: Hinei, half of my possessions, Adoni, I give as tzedakah (contribution to charity) to the aniyim, and if from someone I defrauded of anything, I am paying back arbatayim (four times), [Ex 22:1, Lv 6:4,5; Num 5:7, 28m 12:6; Ezek 33:14,15] [9] And he said to him, Hayom (Today) Yeshu'at Eloheinu has come to this bais, because he also is a Ben Avraham.

[10] For the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) came to seek and to save the lost. [Ezek 34:12,16]

[11] Now as they were hearing these things, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach added a mashal (parable), because he was near to Yerushalayim and they had the havamina (assumption) that the Malchut Hashem was about to appear immediately.

[12] Then Moshiach said, A certain man of noble birth traveled to a distant country to get for himself royal power for his malchut and to return. [Ex 33:12; 1Sm 9:16; 9:17]

[13] And having summoned ten avadim (servants) of his, he gave them ten minas and he said to them, Conduct business until I come. [Lv 6:4,5; Num 5:7; 2Sm 9:13]

[14] But his subjects were hating the man of noble birth and they sent a delegation after him saying, We do not want this one to rule over us. [Ex 33:12]

[15] And it came about when he returned, having received the royal power of his malchut, he summoned to his presence these avadim to whom he had given the kesef, that he might have daas of what they had gained by trading.

[16] And the rishon (first) came, saying, With your mina, Adoni, ten minas more were gained.

[17] Yafeh! Eved tov! Because you have been ne’eman (faithful) in a very small thing, have shlita (authority) over ten towns.[MISHLE 27:18]

[18] And the sheni (second) came saying, Your mina, Adoni, made five minas.

[19] And the man of noble birth said also to this one, And you have shlita (authority) over five towns.

[20] And the other came saying, Adoni, hinei! Your mina which I had put away in a tichel (kerchief).

[21] For I was fearing you, because you are a big machmir (stickler), you take what I did not deposit, and you reap what you did not sow.

[22] He says to him, From your own mouth I will judge you, eved rasha (bad servant). You had daas that I am a big machmir (stickler), taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?

[23] Why then did you not put my kesef on deposit? Then when I came I would have collected ribit (interest).

[24] And to the ones having stood nearby he said, Take from him the mina and give it to the one having ten minas.

[25] And they said to him, Adoneinu, he has ten minas!

[26] I say to you, that to everyone having, more will be given, but from the one not having, even what he has will be taken away.

[27] But these oyevim of mine, the ones refusing me the kavod (wonders) and gevurot (mighty deeds) of Hashem! For they had been edei reiyah (eyewitnesses) of these, and having untied them, Hashem for all the nifla'ot (wonders) and gevurot (mighty deeds) of Hashem! For they had been edei reiyah (eyewitnesses) of these,

[28] And having said these things, he was traveling ahead, making his aliyah leregel to Yerushalayim.

[29] And it came about as he came near to Beit-Pagey and Beit-Anyah, by the Mount of Olives, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach sent two of the talmidim,

[30] Saying, Go to the shtetl ahead of you, in which entering you will find an AYIR (ZECHARyah 9:9) having been tied, upon which none among Bnei Adam ever sat, and having untied it, bring it here.

[31] And if someone asks you, Why are you untying it?—you will say this: HaAdon has need of it.

[32] And having departed, the ones having been sent found it just as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them.

[33] And while untying the AYIR, its owners said to them, Why are you untying the AYIR? [Zech 9:9]

[34] And they said, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has need of it.

[35] And they led it to him and, having thrown their kafuns on the AYIR, they put Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach on it.

[36] And as Moshiach rode along, the people were spreading their garments on the road. [MELACHIM BAIS 9:13]

[37] And as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was now approaching the path that makes the descent from the Mount of Olives, all the multitude of the Rebbe’s talmidim began with simcha (joy) and with a kol gadol (loud voice) to shout Baruch Hashem for all the nifla’ot (wonders) and gevurot (mighty deeds) of Hashem! For they had been edei reiyah (eyewitnesses) of these,

[38] Saying, BARUCH MELECH ABBAH, HaMelech B’SHEM ADONO! Shalom b’Somayam! And kavod in the Highest! [TEHILLIM 118:26]
And some of the Perushim from the multitude said to him, Rabbi, rebuke your talmidim! And in reply he said, I say to you, if these will be silent, the avanim (stones) will cry out. And as he came near, having seen the Ir (City [of Yerushalayim]), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach wept over it, Saying, If you had only had daas in HaYom HaZeh of the things leading to shalom, but now it was nistar from your eyes. Because yamim (days) will come upon you when your oyevim (enemies) will construct a siege against you and they will surround you and will hem you in from all directions, If you say, from Shomayim, he will say, why did you not believe him? But if we say, from Bnei Adam, HaAm (the People) all will subject us to sequilah (stoning), for HaAm Yisroel are all convinced that Yochanan is a navi. And they reasoned to themselves saying, If we say, from Shomayim, he will say, why did you not believe him? But if we say, from Bnei Adam, HaAm (the People) all will subject us to sequilah (stoning), for HaAm Yisroel are all convinced that Yochanan is a navi. And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Neither am I telling you by what shlita (authority) I do these things. Everyone having fallen upon that even (stone) will be DAKU (broken into pieces), and upon whomever it falls, it will crush him. And he began to tell this mashal to HaAm Yisroel. A certain ish planted a kerem and leased it to koremim (vine keepers) and he went away for a long time. And in season he sent to the koremim (vine keepers) an eved (servant) that from the pri of the kerem they will give to him. But the koremim (vine keepers) sent the eved away empty, having beaten him. And he proceeded to send another eved. But him also, when they had beaten and dishonored him, they sent him away empty. And he proceeded to send an eved shlishi (a third servant). And also this one, having wounded, they threw out. And the Adon of the kerem, said, What should I do? I will send Beni Ahuvi. Perhaps this one they will respect. But having seen him, the koremim (vine keepers) were reasoning with one another saying, This one is the Bechor, the heir. Let us kill him, that the bechorah may become ours. And having driven him outside the kerem, they killed him. What then will the Baal HaKerem do to them? He will come and will destroy these koremim (vine keepers) and will give the kerem to others. And having heard this, HaAm Yisroel said, Chas vShalom! But having looked at them, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, What then is this which has been written: The Stone they rejected became the capstone? Everyone having fallen upon that even (stone) will be DAKU (broken into pieces), and upon whomever it falls, it will crush him. And the Sofrim and the Rashei Hakohanim sought to lay their hands upon him in the same hour, but they were afraid of HaAm Yisroel, for they knew that he spoke this mashal (parable) against them.
And having watched carefully, they sent spies pretending themselves to be tzaddikim, that they might catch him in his dvar, so as to deliver him to the rulers and the manhigim under the Moshel (Governor).

And they set a she’elah (question) before him, saying, Rabbi, we have daas that you speak beemes in the shiurim you say and you show no deference toward anyone, but on the basis of HaEmes you give torah about HaDerech Hashem.

Is it mutar for us to pay tax to Caesar or not?

But having noticed the ORMAH (cunning, craftiness, BERESHIS 3:1) in their manner, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them,

Show me a denarius. Whose demut (likeness) has it? And whose inscription? And they said, Caesar’s.

Then give the things of Caesar to Caesar and the things of Hashem to Hashem.

And they were not able to catch him in his dvar before the people and, having been teshuva (answer), they were silent.

And some of the Tzedukim--the Tzedukim are the ones speaking against the Techiyas HaMesim, who say there is none--approached Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. They set a she’elah (question) before him,

Saying, Rabbi, Moshe Rabbenu laid it down in writing to us, if someone’s ach dies and has an isha, and UVEN EIN LO (and there is no son to him).

And the second took her to be his isha, and he died childless.

And the third took her; and likewise also the seventh did not leave behind a ben and they all died.

And lemaskana (finally) the isha died.

The isha, then, in the Techiyas HaMesim, of which of them does she become the wife? For shiva had her as isha (wife).

And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to them,
The banim of the Olam Hazeh marry and are given in marriage:

But the ones having been considered worthy to attain to the Olam HaBah and the Techiyas HaMesim neither marry nor are given in marriage.

For neither is it possible any longer for them to die, for they are like malachim and they are bnei haElohim, being bnei haTechiyas HaMesim.

But that the Mesim are made to stand up alive, even Moshe revealed at the burning bush, as he calls Adonoi ELOHEI AVRAHAM ELOHEI YITZCHAK VELOHEI YAAKOV. [SHEMOT 3:6]

But Hashem is not the G-d of Mesim but is Elohei HaChayyim, for to Hashem all are alive.

And, in reply, some of the Sofrim said, Rabbi, you spoke well.

For all these put in matanot (gifts) out of their abundance, but this almanah (widow), out of her need, put in her michyah (subsistence).

And as some were speaking about the Beis Hamikdash, that with beautiful avanim (stones) and with matanot (gifts) it has been decorated, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said,
an even (stone) upon an even (stone) which will not be thrown down.

[7] And they questioned him, saying, Rebbe, ad mosai? (how much longer?) When will these things be, and what will be the ot when these things are about to take place?

[8] And he said, Beware, you should not be deceived. For many will come Bishmi (in my Name [Moshiach]) saying, “I am he [I am the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach]. And, the time [of the Geulah] has drawn near.” Do not follow after them.

[9] But whenever you hear about wars and intifadas, do not be a pachdan (coward). For it is necessary for these things to occur barishonah, but it is not immediately HaKetz.

[10] Then he was saying to them, Ethnic group will have an intifada against ethnic group, and malchut against malchut, [2Ch 15:6; Isa 19:2]

[11] There will be great earthquakes and in various places, raav (famine) and makkot (plagues), both horrible portents and great motif (signs) in Shomayim. [YESHAYAH 29:6; YOEL 2:30]

[12] But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and bring redifot (persecutions) on you, handing you over to the shuls (prisons), being led away before melachim (kings) and moshelim (governors) because of my Name (Yehoshua, Yeshua).

[13] It will turn out for you to be an opportunity for being an eidus (witness) to the edut (testimony).

[14] Therefore, keep in your levavot (hearts) not to prepare to defend yourselves.

[15] For I will give to you a peh (mouth) and chochmah which none of your mitnaggedim will be able to resist or to contradict.

[16] And you will be handed over also by horim and achim and krovey mishpachot (relatives) and chaverim (friends), and they will have some of you executed and you will die al kiddush ha-Shem.

[17] And you will be the focus of sinas chinom (baseless hatred) from everyone because of my Name (Yehoshua, Yeshua).

[18] And not even a hair of your rosh will by any means perish.

[19] In your savlanut (patience) and endurance you will gain your nefashot (souls).

[20] But when you see Yerushalayim being surrounded by machanot (encamping armies), then have daas that the sho’ah of it has drawn near.

[21] Then the ones in Yehudah, flee to the mountains, and the ones inside HaIr (the City), let them get out, and the ones in the sadot (fields), let them not enter into HaIr (the City);

[22] Because these are the Yemei Nekamah (Days of Vengeance), as a fulfillment of all the Kitvei Hakodesh. [Isa 63:4; Dan 9:24-27; Hos 9:7]

[23] Oy to the ones with child and to the ones nursing in yamim hahem (those days).

For there will be Tzarah (famine) and drunkenness and the levavot (hearts) may be thrown away. [YESHAYAH 5:5; 63:18; DANIEL 8:13]

[24] And they will fall by the edge of the cheruv (sword) and they will all be led captive into the Golus, and Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Goyim, until the times of the Goyim are fulfilled. [YESHAYAH 5:5; 63:18; DANIEL 8:13]

[25] And there will be otot (miraculous signs) in the shemesh (sun) and the levanah (moon) and the kochavim (stars), and upon the earth there will be dismay among the Goyim, in perplexity at the sound of the sea and the waves;

[26] Bnei Adam will be fainting from pachad (terror) and from expectation of the things coming upon the Olam Hazeh, for the kochot (powers) of the heavens will be shaken.

[27] And then you will see the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) and his Bias HaMoshiach on an Anan (Cloud) with gevurah (miraculous power of Hashem) and kavod rav (great glory).

[28] And when the Reshit (the Beginning) of these things occurs, stand erect and lift up your roshim (heads), because your Geulah (Redemption) draws near.

[29] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told a mashal (parable) to them. You see the etz te’enah (fig tree) and all the etz.

[30] When they sprout leaves already, you see for yourselves and you have daas that Kayits (Summer) is already near.

[31] So also you, when you see these things happening, you have daas that the Malchut Hashem is near.

[32] Omein, I say to you, that HaDor HaZeh will not pass away until all these things may occur.

[33] HaShomayim and HaAretz will pass away, but my Dvarim will by no means pass away.

[34] And be shomer regarding yourselves lest your levavot (hearts) may be burdened with dissipation and drunkenness and the cares of the Olam HaZeh and Yom HaHu (That Day) may come upon you PITOM (suddenly, MALACHI 3:1).
And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Hinei. When you enter into Har, you will meet a man carrying a jar of mayim. Follow him into the bais (house) into which he enters, and you will say to the Baal Bayit, The Rebbe says to you, Where is the mokesh (guest room) where I may conduct the Pesach Seder with my talmidim? And that one will show you a large aliyyah having been furnished: there prepare the Seder. And having departed, they found things just as he had told them, and they prepared the Seder. And when the hour came, he reclined at tish and the Moshiach's Shlichim were with him. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, With great tshuka (deep and sincere desire, longing) I have desired to eat this Pesach with you before I suffer. The one reclining at tish or the one serving? Is it not the one of the Gedolim among you, let him be as the manhigim (kings) of the Goyim domineer them and the ones having shlita (control) over the Goyim are called benefactors. The melachim (kings) of the Goyim have domineered over the Goyim who are called the Manhigim, as the one serving. But who is HaGadol? For who is HaGadol? The one reclining at tish or the one serving? Is it not the one reclining at tish? But I am in your midst as one serving. But you are the ones having remained with me in my nisyonos (temptations).
[29] And I assign shlita (authority) to you, just as Avi assigned shlitta to me; a Malchut (Kingdom),
[30] That you may eat and drink at my tish in my Malchut, and you will sit upon kissot (thrones) judging the Shneym Asar Shivtei Yisroel (Twelve Tribes of Yisroel).
[31] Shimon, Shimon, hinei, here are shtei charavot (two swords). And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Daven and offer tefillos, lest you enter lidey nisayon (into temptation, Mt.6:13).
[32] But I davened for you, that your emunah may not fail: and when you have made teshuva, give chizzuk to your Achim bMoshiach.
[33] But Shimon Kefa said to him, Adoni, with you I am prepared even to die al hakedesh (in the Holy of Holies). And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Adoni, should we strike the cherev (sword)?
[34] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, I say to you, a tarnegol will not crow hayom (today). And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was coming, the ones around him also, for he also is a Gelili (inhabitant of the Galil).
[35] He said to them, When I sent you without a money belt and a bag and sandals, did you lack anything? And they said, Nothing.
[36] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, But now the one having a money belt, let him take it; likewise also a bag; and the one not having, let him sell his kaftan (regimen) to the Har HaZeytim, and his talmidim followed him also.
[37] For I say to you, that it is necessary that what stands written be fulfilled in me, VES POSHEIM NIMNAH (and with lawless persons he was numbered YESHAYAH 53:12). For indeed what was written about me is being fulfilled.
[38] And they said, Adoni, hinei, here are shitei charavot (two swords). And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, It is enough.
[39] And having gone out, he went according to his kvius (regimen) to the Har HaZeytim, and his talmidim followed him also.

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[40] And having come to the place, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Daven and offer tefillos, lest you enter lidey nisayon (into temptation, Mt.6:13).
[41] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and, having fallen down, he was davening.
[42] Saying, Avi, im yirtzeh Hashem, if You are willing, take this kos (cup) away from me. Nevertheless not the ratzon of me but rtzonechah (Thy will) be done. (Mt. 6:10)
[43] And a malach min Hashem Hashem appeared to him, strengthening him.
[44] And having been in agony, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was davening more fervently; and his sweat became like drops of dahm (blood) falling down upon the adnamah.
[45] And having got up from davening and having come to the talmidim, he found them sleeping, because of agmat nefesh (grief).
[46] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Why are you sleeping? Get up, daven, lest you enter lidey nisayon (into temptation).
[47] Yet as he was speaking, hinei, a multitude! And going at their head was the one being called Yehudah, one of the Shneym Asar, and he drew near to Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach to give him a neshikah (kiss).
[48] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Yehudah, do you with a neshikah the Bar Enosh (Moshiaich, DANIEL 7:13-14) betray?
[49] But having seen what was coming, the ones around Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Adoni, should we strike with the cherev (sword)?
[50] And a certain one of them struck the eved (servant) of the Rashei Hakohanim and cut off his right ear.
[51] And, in reply, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Blaib shtein! (Stop!) No more of this! And having touched the ear, he healed him.
[52] And Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said to the ones having come against him, the Rashei Hakohanim and the Beis Hamikdash shomrim and the Zaknei HaAm, Do you have the chutzpah to come out as against a ganav (thief) with charvot and clubs?
[53] Yom Yom (Daily) I was with you in the Beis Hamikdash and you did not stretch out your hands against me, but this is your hour and the shilta of choshech (power of evil, sitra ahra).
[54] And having seized Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, they led him away and brought him into the bais of the Kohen Gadol. And Kefa was following from a distance.
[55] And some kindled a hadlakah (bonfire) in the middle of the courtyard, and having sat down together, Kefa was sitting in their midst.
[56] And a certain shifcha, seeing him sitting in the light of the hadlakah (bonfire), staring intently at Kefa, said, And this one was with him.
[57] But Kefa denied it, saying, I do not have daas of him, isha.
[58] And after a short while, another, having seen him, said, And you are of them! But Kefa said, Man, I am not!
[59] And about one hour had passed, and still another was insisting, saying, Beemes (in actuality) this one was with him also, for he also is a Gelili (inhabitant of the Galil)!
ourselves heard an eidus (witness)? For we still do have need of Hashem. (TEHILLIM 110:1)

|70| And everyone said, Then you are saying that I am. Why still do we have need of Hashem?

|71| And to them they said, But what raah did this man?  No crime worthy of death did I find in him. And the whole multitude of them got up and led Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach before Pilate.

|72| And they began to accuse him saying, This one we found misleading our nation and making it asur to pay taxes to Caesar and calling himself Moshiach and that he is to be a Melech.

|73| And Pilate cross-examined him, saying, Are you the Melech HaYehudim? And in reply, he said to him, You say so?

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|77| And having learned that he is under the jurisdiction of Herod, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Yerushalayim during those days.

|78| And Herod, having laid eyes on Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, had great simcha. For he was for a long time wanting to see him, because he keeps hearing things about him and was hoping to watch some ot (miraculous sign) being performed by him.

|79| And Herod was questioning him with many words, but he answered him nothing.

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|101| And having treated him from his peh (mouth).
Therefore, having disciplined him, I will release him.

[23] But they insisted with a kol gadol demanding him to be hanged on HaEtz and their voices were roiv (the larger portion) prevailing.

[24] And Pilate decided that their demand be accomplished.

[25] And Pilate released the one they were requesting, the one who had been thrown into the beis hasohar on account of an insurrection and retzach, but Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach he delivered over to their ratzon.

[26] And as they led him away, having seized a certain Shimon, a Cyrenian, coming in from the country, they put upon him Moshiach’s Etz to carry, following Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach.

[27] And a great multitude of HaAm were following him and nashim, who were acting as avelim, lamenting for him.

[28] And having turned to them, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach said, Benot HaYerushalayim, stop weeping for me; weep for yourselves and for your yeladim,

[29] Because, hinei, yamim of Yerushalayim, stop weeping for me; stop weeping for me; because the wombs which did not bear are coming in which they will deliver over to their ratzon.

[30] Then they will begin to say to the mountain, Fall on us! And to the hills, Bury us.

[31] Because if while an etz (tree) is green they do these things, what may happen when it is dry? [Ezek 20:47]

[32] And two POSHA’IM (criminals, resha’im, YESHAYAH 53:9,12) were also being led away with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to be executed.

[33] And when they came upon the place being called The Skull, there they hanged each on his etz, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and the POSHA’IM (criminals, YESHAYAH 53:12), one on the right, and one on the left.

[34] But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was saying, Abba, grant selicha to them, for they have no daas of what they are doing. And dividing up his garments, VAPPILU (they cast lots).

[35] And HaAm had stood watching. And the manhigim were mocking him also, saying, Others he saved, let him save himself, if this one is the Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach of Hashem, the Bechir Hashem. [Psa 22:17; Isa 42:1]

[36] And the chaiyalim also ridiculed him as they approached, offering CHOMETZ (wine vinegar Psa 69:21) to him, [Psa 22:7]

[37] and saying, If you are HaMoshiach HaYehudim, save yourself.

[38] And there was also an inscription over him, THIS IS HAMELECH HAYEHUDIM.

[39] And one of the POSHA’IM (criminals, YESHAYAH 53:12) having been hanged with him was speaking Chillul Hashem gadfanut against him, saying, Are you not the Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach?

[40] Save yourself and us. And in reply the other, rebuking him, said, Do you not have virit Shomayim? For you are under the same gezar din (verdict) of harshaah (condemnation as guilty).

[41] And this is a just gezar din against us, for we deserve what we are getting for our ma’asim (deeds). But this one did nothing rah.

[42] And he was saying, Adoni, remember me when you come into your Malchut.

[43] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Omein, I say to you, hayom (today) you will be with me in Gan Eden.

[44] It was already the sixth hour [noon] and choshech was over the whole land until the ninth hour. [Amos 8:9]

[45] The shemesh being obscured; and the Parochet [between the Kodesh HaKodashim and HaKodesh] in the Beis Hamikdash was torn in two. [Ex 26:31-33]

[46] And having cried out with a kol gadol, he said, Abba, BYADCHA AFKID RUCHI (into your hands I commit my ruach) TEHILLIM 31:6[5]. And this having said, he breathed out his last.

[47] And the centurion who saw the thing that happened was saying, Baruch Hashem, surely this man was a Tzaddik.

[48] And when all the hamon (crowd) that had assembled at this spectacle had observed the things that had happened, they went away beating their chests.

[49] And all his acquaintances stood at a distance and the nashim, the ones following him from the Galil, observed these things. [Psa 22:7]

[50] And, hinei, a man by name Yosef being a member of the Sanhedrin, and an ish tov and a tzaddik

[51] (This one had not consented to their cheshbon and action) came from Ramatayim, a shtetl of Yehudah. He was waiting expectantly for the Malchut Hashem.

[52] He approached Pilate, and asked for the gufat Yehoshua. [TEHILLIM 16:9-10; IYOV 19:25-27; YESHAYAH 53:11]
And, having taken down geviiyato (his body), he wrapped it in a linen tachrichim and placed it in a hewn kever (tomb) where not anyone had yet been laid. (Psa 16:9-10; Job 19:25-27; Isa 53:11)

And it was nearly Erev Shabbat, Shabbos was drawing near.

And following along after, the nashim who had come out of the Galil with him, saw the kever (tomb) and how his NEVELAH (body, DEVARIM 21:23) was laid.

But they found the even (stone) having been rolled away from the kever (tomb), and they found it so, with us departed to the kever (tomb). And when he bent over, Kefa sees the kever (tomb). And when he stood up alive again.

And they remembered the words of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

And having returned from the kever (tomb), they reported all these things to the Achad Asar (the Eleven) and to all the others.

Now there were Miryam of Magdala and Yochanan and Miryam the Em (mother) of Yaakov, and the others with them. They were telling the Moshiach's Shlichim these things.

And these words of theirs appeared to the Moshiach's Shlichim as utter narrishkait, and the Shlichim had no emunah in what they said.

Kefa got up and ran to the kever (tomb). And when he went over, Kefa sees the tachrichim linen clothes only, and he departed wondering to himself with tzorich iyun (unresolved puzzlement) about the thing that had happened.

And, hinei, shnayim (two) of them that same day were traveling to a shtetl being brought what spices they prepared.

But they were perplexed about this, indeed, hinei, shnayim (two), who were garmented in dazzling robes, stood by them.

And having become terrified, the nashim bowed their faces to the ground. They said to the nashim, Why are you seeking HaChai (the One living) among HaMesim?

He is not here, he kam (stood up) litechiyyah (to come to life again). Have zikaron (recollection) how he spoke to you while he was still in the Galil,

Saying, It is necessary for the Bar Enosh (Moshiach, DANIEL 7:13-14) to be delivered over into the hands of anashim choteim and to be talui al HaEtz [to be hanged on the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23] and on HaYom HaShlishi to stand up alive again.

And they were speaking with one another concerning all these things, which you are exchanging with one another as you are walking along? And they stood with a look of agmat nefesh (tzbrochen, broken-hearted).

And in reply one, Cleopas by name, said to him, Are you the only one visiting Yerushalayim that does not have daas of the things that have happened in it in these days?

And he said to them, What things? And they said to him, The things about Yehoshua from Natzeret, who was a man, a navi, powerful in ma'aseh and dvar before Hashem and all HaAm,

And how both our Kohanim HaGedolim and minhagim delivered him over to a mishpat mavet and how on HaEtz they hanged him. (DEVARIM 21:23)

But we were holding the tikvah that he is the one to bring the Geulah of Yisroel. Ken, and besides all this, it is now HaYom HaShlishi vi-bahlt (since) these things took place.

Also some nashim (women) in our number astounded us. They came to the kever (tomb, Rebbe’s ohel) early this morning,

And not having found geviiyato (his body, cf Bereshis 47:18; nevelah, corpse), (DEVARIM 21:23), the nashim (women) came saying also to have seen a chazon (vision, appearance) of malachim (angels) who say he lives.

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And they said to him, The things about Yehoshua from Natzeret, who was a man, a navi, powerful in ma'aseh and dvar before Hashem and all HaAm,
they did not see.

[25] And Moshiach said to them, O foolish ones and slow in lev (heart) to have emunah in all which the Neviim spoke.

[26] Was it not necessary for the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to suffer these things and to enter into his kaved (glory)?

[27] And having begun from Moshe Rabbenu and from all the Neviim, he explained to them in all the Kitvei Hakodesh the things concerning himself.


[28] And they drew near to the shetel where they were traveling and he acted as though to travel vaiter (farther).

[29] And they strongly urged him saying, Stay with us, because it is towards erev and the yom has declined already. And he entered to stay with them.

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[29] And they strongly urged him saying, Stay with us, because it is towards erev and the yom has declined already. And he entered to stay with them.

[30] And it came about, while he was reclining at tish with them, having taken the matzot, he made the ha-motzi, and, with the betziat halechem (the breaking of the bread) he handed it to them.

[31] And the eynayim of them were opened, and they had daas, recognizing him. And just then he became invisible to them.

[32] And they said to one another, Were not our levavot burning within us as he was speaking to us on the derech, as he was opening to us the Kitvei Hakodesh?

[33] And getting up that very hour, they returned to Yerushalayim, and they found the Achad Asar (Eleven) gathered together and those with them,

[34] Saying that beemes (really) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu was mamash (definitely) made to stand up alive and he tahke (actually) appeared to Shimon.

[35] And they were explaining the things on the derech and how he was made known to them in the hisgalus of the betziat halechem.

[36] And while they were speaking these things, he stood in the midst of them, and he says to them, Shalom Aleichem.

[37] But having been startled and having been terrified, they were thinking they saw a ruach (spirit).

[38] And he said to them, Why have you been troubled, and why do doubts arise in your levavot?

[39] You see my hands and my feet that I am myself. Touch me and see, because a ruach does not have basar and aznamot (bones) as you see me having.

[40] And having said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

[TEHILLIM 22:17(16) TARGUM HASHIVIM]

[41] And while in their simcha they were still disbelieving and astounded, he said to them, Have you some okhel here?

[42] And they gave him part of a broiled dag (fish).

[43] And having taken it, in front of them, he ate it.

[44] And he said to them, These are my dvaram which I spoke to you while still being with you, that it is necessary that all the things having been written in the Torah of Moshe and the Neviim and the Tehillim about me to be fulfilled.

[TEHILLIM 2; 16; 22; 69; 72; 89; 110; 118]

[45] Then he opened their minds to have binah (understanding) of the Kitvei Hakodesh.

[46] And he said to them, Thus it has been written, that the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach must suffer his histalkus (passing) and come back to life again from HaMesim on HaYom HaShlishi,

[47] And teshuva for the selicha (forgiveness) of chattaim (sins) is to be preached bShem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua to all the Nations, beginning from Yerushalayim.

[48] You are to be edim (witnesses) of these things.

[49] And, hinei, I send the havtachah of Avi to you; but you sit in HaIr (the City) until you may be clothed with oz (power) from on High.

[50] And he led them outside as far as Beit-Anyah, and having lifted up his hands, he said a bracha over them.

[51] And while he said the bracha over them, he departed from them, being taken up in an aliyah ascent to Shomayim.

[52] And they, having revered him in worship.[DANIEL 7:14; cf. DANIEL 3:18], returned to Yerushalayim with simcha gedolah.

[53] And they were continually in the Beis Hamikdash praising Hashem.

[T.N. From the “we” sections of Acts (16:10-17, 20:3-21:18; 27:1-28:16), Lukas intimates he had opportunity also to interview living eye-witnesses in the early pre-Churban Bayis Sheni period of his travels to Jerusalem with Rav Sha’ul, making his writings, Luke-Acts, of inestimable historical value to Messianic believers today.]

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[YESHAYAH 53:3].

[12] But as many as him lekabel pene Moshiach (receive him as Moshiach), to them he gave the tokef (authority) to become in fact yeladim haElohim [DEVARIM 14:1].

[13] He gave this tokef to the ones whose being born was not by the agency of natural descent, nor by the ratzon (will) of basar (fallen human nature), nor by the ratzon of a gever (male)—rather, to the ones born of G-d (Yn 3:3,7).

[14] And the Dvar Hashem did mitgashem (become bodily) and made his Sukkah, his Mishkan (Tabernacle) among us [YESHAYAH 7:14], and we [Shlichim, 1Y 1:1-2] gazed upon his Shekinah [SHEMOT 33:18; 40:34, YESHAYAH 60:1-2], the Shechinah of the Ben Yachid from Elohim HaAv, full of Hashem's Chayyim v'Emes.

[15] And Yochanan gives solemn edut (testimony) about him and has cried out, This was he about whom I said, Hu haElohim [DEVARIM 5:15,18] after me is coming, HaMoshiach who is coming--and I am not the Rebbe,] Melech HaMoshiach.

[16] For from the kol melo (all the plentitude of him we all received Chesed upon Chesed.

[17] Because the matan Torah (giving of the Torah) was graciously bestowed through Moshe [Rabbeinu] [DEVARIM 32:46 SHEMOT 31:18; 34:28], but Chesed and Emes of Hashem came through [Rebbe,] Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua [Ex 34:6; Ps 25:10; 40:11; 85:11; Yochanan 1:49].

[18] No one has ever seen Hashem [Ex 33:20]. It is Elohim the Ben Yachid [who shares the nature of Hashem, the Chochma Ben Elohim at his side, see very importantly Mishle 8:30; 30:4], it is he, the one being in the kheyk (bosom) of HaAv, this one is Hashem's definitive midrash (exegesis).

[19] And this is the solemn edut (testimony) of Yochanan, when those of Yehudah sent kohanim and L'viim from Yerushalayim to him that they might ask him, Mi atah? (Who are you?).

[20] Yochanan made hoda'a (confession, admission)—he did not fail to make hoda'a —and said clearly, I am not the Rebbe,] Melech HaMoshiach.


[22] They said then to him, Why do you administer the mikveh mayim? among you is not the mikveh mayim's tevilah? [DEVARIM 18:15,18] And he answered, Lo (No).

[23] Yochanan said, I am a KOL KOREY BAMIDBAR, make straight the DERECH HASHEM! [YESHAYAH 40:3, TARGUM HASHIVIM], as Yeshayah HaNavi said.

[24] And the ones that had been sent were of the Perushim.

[25] And the Perushim asked Yochanan, If you are not the Rebbe,] Melech HaMoshiach nor Eliyahu nor the Navi, then why do you administer the mikveh mayim's tevilah?

[26] Yochanan answered the Perushim, I give a tevilah in a mikveh mayim; among you is standing one of whom you do not have da'as.

[27] Hu HaBah [he who comes, i.e., the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach who is coming into the Olam Hazeh], that is, He who comes after me, is one that I am not worthy even to untie the thong of his sandal.
These events took place in Beit-Anyah (Bethany), beyond the Yarden River, which Yochanan was using as a mikveh mayim in which to administer the tevilah. On the next day, Yochanan sees Yehoshua coming to him, and Yochanan says, Hinei! The Seh HaElohim! (Gn 22:8; Ex 12:5-13; Isa 53:7), the one carrying away the avonot HaOlam Hazeh (sins of this world i.e., as the sa’ir l’Azazel kapporah, Isa 53:6,7,12; Lv 16:22).

This is he about whom I said, After me comes an ISH (ZECHARYAH 6:12) who is really before me in priority, because, before I came to be, he was (Yochanan 8:58).

And I did not recognize him, but that he might be manifested to Khol Yisroel, I came, therefore, administering the mikveh mayim's tevilah. On the next day, Yochanan gave solemn edut (testimony) that this One is the Ben HaElohim. [2Sm 7:14; Ps 89:26-27].

As Yochanan was standing with two of his talmidim, Yochanan saw Yehoshua walking by, and he says to them, Bo'u u're'u! (Come and see!) They went, therefore, and saw his mekom megurim (dwelling place)? And he says to them, Bo'u u're'u! (Come and see!)

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On the next day, Yochanan sees Yehoshua walking by, and Yochanan says, Hinei! The Seh HaElohim! (Gn 22:8; Ex 12:5-13; Isa 53:7), the one carrying away the avonot HaOlam Hazeh (sins of this world i.e., as the sa’ir l’Azazel kapporah, Isa 53:6,7,12; Lv 16:22).

This is he about whom I said, After me comes an ISH (ZECHARYAH 6:12) who is really before me in priority, because, before I came to be, he was (Yochanan 8:58).

And I did not recognize him, but that he might be manifested to Khol Yisroel, I came, therefore, administering the mikveh mayim's tevilah.
[3] And when yayin (wine) was lacking, the Em of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, They do not have yayin.


[5] The Em of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to the mesharetim, Asher yomar lakahem ta’asu (Do whatever he tells you). [BERESHIS 41:55]

[6] Now there were shesh (six) stone water jars lying there. These were for the Jewish tohorot, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

[7] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Fill with mayim. And they filled them up to the top.

[8] And he says to them, Draw now and bring to the Rosh HaMesibba (Head of the Reception, Feast). And they brought it.

[9] And when the Rosh HaMesibba tasted the mayim having become yayin, and when he did not have da’as of where it came from--but the mesharetim had da’as, the ones having drawn the water--the Rosh HaMesibba summoned the Choson (Bridegroom).

[10] And the Rosh HaMesibba says to him, Everyone sets out the yayin hatov until now.

[11] This was the reshit (beginning) of the otot (miraculous signs) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach accomplished in Kana of the Galil, and he manifested the kavod (glory) of him, vy’ya’aminu bo (and they put their faith in him) SHEMOT 14:31.

[12] After this he went down to Kfar-Nachum and the Em of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and the achim and his talmidim also, and there they remained not many yamim (days).

[13] And Pesach was fast approaching, and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went up to Yerushalayim [DEVARIM 16:1-6].

[14] And he found in the Beis Hamikdash the ones selling oxen and sheep and doves [VAYIKRA 1:14; DEVARIM 14:26] and the coin-dealers sitting [DEVARIM 14:25].

[15] And having made a shot (whip) out of ropes Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach drove all of them out of the Beis Hamikdash, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the machalifei hakesafim (money-changers) and overturned their tishen (tables).

[16] And to the ones selling doves, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Take these things from here. Do not make the Bais Avi a bais hasokharim (house of merchants). [ZECHARYAH 14:21]

[17] The talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach remembered that it had been written, KINAT BETECHA AKHALATNI (The zeal for Your bais will devour me [TEHILLIM 69:9]).

[18] In reply, those of Yehudah then said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, What ot (miraculous sign) do you show us for these things you do?

[19] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Bring churban to this heikhal and in shloshah yamim [YONAH 1:17; HOSHEA 6:2] I will raise it.

[20] Those of Yehudah then said, In forty and six years this Heikhal was built and you in shloshah yamim will raise it?

[21] But that one was speaking about the heikhal of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach's basar. [Gn 47:18; Ps 16:9-10; Job 19:25-27; Isa 53:10-11]

[22] Therefore, when he underwent the Tehiyas HaMoshiach (Resurrection of the Moshiach), his talmidim remembered that this he was saying and vy’ya’aminu (and they put their faith SHEMOT 14:31) in the Kitvei Hakodesh [TEHILLIM 16:9-10] and the dvar which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said.

[23] And when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was in Yerushalayim during Pesach at the Chag (Feast), many from Yehudah had emunah (faith) in ha-Shem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, seeing his otot (miraculous signs) which he was doing.

[24] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was not entrusting himself to them, because he had da’as of kol Bnei Adam.

[25] And he had no need that anyone should give solemn edut (testimony) about them [YESHAYAH 11:3], for he knew what was in Bnei Adam [Dt 31:21; 1Kg 8:39].

Now there was a man of the Perushim. His name was Rav Nakdimon, a ‘Sanhedrist’ katzin (leader) of the Yehudim.

[2] This one came to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach under cover of lailah and said to him, Rabbi, we have da’as that you are a moreh from Hashem having come, for no one is able these otot (miraculous signs) to do, which you do, unless Hashem is with him.

[3] In reply, he said to him, Omein, omein, I say to you, unless someone is born anew [born again, Yn 1:13; Dt 10:16; 30:6; Jer 4:4; Isa 52:1; Ezek 44:7,9], he is not able to see the Malchut Hashem.
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[4] Rav Nakdimon says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, How is a man, being old, able to be born? Surely he is not able into the womb of immo a second time to enter and to be born? afi.org/borntwice.htm

[5] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Omein, omein, I say to you: unless someone is born of mayim (TEHILLIM 36:10 [9]) and Ruach Hakodesh

[6] That which is born of basar is basar, and that which is born of the Ruach is ruach.

[7] Do not marvel that I said to you, It is necessary for you to be born again, born anew.

[8] The ruach (wind, Spirit) blows where it wishes, and the sound of it you hear, but you do not have da’as of where it comes from and where it goes [KOHELET 11:5]; so it is with everyone having been born of the Ruach Hakodesh.

[9] In reply, Rav Nakdimon said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, How is it possible for these things to happen?

[10] In reply, he said to him, You hold the teaching office of moreh b’Yisroel and of moreh b’Yisroel and of these things you do not have da’as?

[11] Omein, omein, I say to you, that of which we have heard, you have detached basar, and the solemn edut of us you [pl.] do not receive.

[12] If I told you [pl.] about things of the OlamHazeh and you have no emunah, how will you have emunah if I tell you about the things of the Olam Haba?

[13] And no one has ascended into Shomayim except the one having descended out of Shomayim, the Bar Enosh [Dan 7:13-14; Prov 30:4; Dt 30:12].

[14] And as Moshe lifted up the nachash in the wilderness [Num 21:8-9], so it is necessary for there to be a hagbah (lifting up) of the Bar Enosh [Ps 22, Isa 53].

[15] That everyone having emunah (Gn 15:1-6; Num 14:11; Ex 14:31) in him may have Chayyei Olam [Dan 12:2; Isa 52:13].

[16] For Hashem so had ahavah (agape) for the Olam Hazeh that Hashem gave the matanah (gift) [ Isa 9:5 (6)] of Hashem’s Ben Yeched [Gn 22:12; Prov 30:4; 8:30] so that whosoever has emunah in him may not be ne’evad (lost, perish, be ruined with destruction), but find Chayyei Olam [Daniel 12:2].

[17] For Hashem did not send the Ben HaElohim into the Olam Hazeh that he might judge the Olam Hazeh, but that the Olam Hazeh might be brought to the Geulah (Redemption) of the Olam Haba through him (Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach).

[18] The one of emunah who is mekabel Moshiach (accepting the person of the Bar Enosh, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach) is not judged; but the one without emunah who is not mekabel Moshiach, already has been judged and given the psak din (verdict) of “condemned,” because he has no emunah in the Shem of the Ben Yeched of Hashem.

[19] And this is the psak din, that the Ohr has come into the Olam Hazeh, and Bnei Adam had ahavah for the choshech rather than for the Ohr, for their ma’asim were ra’im (evil). [TEHILLIM 52:3]

[20] For everyone walking in the derech resh’im has sin’as chinom (baseless hatred) for the Ohr and does not come to the Ohr, lest his ma’asim be exposed. [Ps 1:6; Job 24:13-17] [21] But the one doing HaEmes comes to the Ohr that his ma’asim hamitizot may be manifested, that they have been wrought in Hashem.

[22] After these things Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and his talmidim came into the land of Yehudah, and there he was staying with them and was giving the mikveh mayim’s tevilah.

[23] And Yochanan was also giving the tevilah near Shalem at Einayim, because there was plenty of water there for a mikveh, and the Yehudim were coming and submitting to the tevilah.

[24] Yochanan had not yet been incarcerated in the beit hasohar (prison).

[25] There was then a discussion of Yochanan’s talmidim with one of the Yehudim about the subject of tohorah (purification).

[26] And they came to Yochanan and said to him, Rabbi, who was with you beyond the Yarden, the one to whom you have given solemn edut, hinei, this one gives the mikveh mayim’s tevilah and kol Bnei Adam come to him. [27] In reply, Yochanan said, A man is not able to receive anything, unless it has been given to him from Shomayim.

[28] You yourselves stand as eidos (witness) to me, that I said I am not the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, but I have been sent gevorn forois before him (forerunner) MALACHI 3:1.

[29] The one having the Kallah (bride) is the Choson (Bridegroom, i.e., Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach) but the Shoshvin (the Choson’s best man), the one
having stood and hearing him with simcha, rejoices because of the kol (voice) of the Choson (Bridegroom). Therefore, this simcha of mine has been made sheleimah (complete).

|30| It is necessary for that one [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] to increase, but for me to decrease. 

|31| The one coming from above (Moshiach) is over all; the one being from Olam Hazeh is of Olam Hazeh and of the Olam Hazeh he speaks; Hu Habah (He who comes, i.e., Moshiach) from Shomayim is over all.

|32| Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gives solemn edut (testimony) to that which he has seen and heard, yet no one receives his eidus.

|33| The one who is mekabel (accepts) one receives his eidus.

|34| For he whom Hashem sent speaks the Divrei Hashem, for He gives the Ruach Hakodesh without measure. [YESHAYAH 42:1]

|35| Elohim HaAv (the Father) has ahavah (love) for HaBen (Bridegroom). Therefore, this person personally administer the HaMoshiach himself did not do.

|36| The isha (woman) says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, to you, Give me a drink. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to her, Give me a drink. [BERESHIS 21:19]

|37| An isha of Shomron comes to draw mayim. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to her, Go, draw thou of the water well, of which I will give thee. [YESHAYAH 12:3; 58:11]

|38| For Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach’s talmidim had been weary from his journey was sitting there at the be’er. The sha’ah (hour, time) was about hashishit (the sixth, noon). [YESHAYAH 12:3]

|39| Therefore, the isha of Shomron says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, How can you, being a Yehudi, ask to be given a drink from me, an isha (woman) from Shomron (Samaria)? [YESHAYAH 12:3; 58:11]

|40| In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to her, If you knew the matanah (gift) of Hashem and who it is saying to you, Give me a drink, [BERESHIS 26:19] you would have asked him and he would have given you Mayim Chayyim (Living Water). [YESHAYAH 44:3; 55:1]

|41| The isha (woman) says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I do not know your ba’al. He says to her, What you husbands) you had, and the one you have now is not your ba’al (husband), What you have said is emes. [HOSHEA 2:7]

|42| For beetzem (in fact) chamisha be’alim (five husbands) you had, and the one you have now is not your ba’al (husband). You speak, I do not have a ba’al.

|43| In reply, the isha (woman) said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I do not have a ba’al. He says to her, Well you spoke, I do not have a ba’al.

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|48| For beetzem (in fact) chamisha be’alim (five husbands) you had, and the one you have now is not your ba’al (husband). What you have said is emes. [HOSHEA 2:7]

|49| In reply, the isha (woman) said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I do not have a ba’al. He says to her, Well you spoke, I do not have a ba’al.
[21] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to her, Have emunah (faith), believe me, Isha. A sha’ah (hour, time) comes when neither on this mountain nor in Yerushalayim [Mal 1:11; 1Kg 8:27; Isa 66:1] will you worship HaAv. [Isa 63:16]

[22] You worship that of which you do not have da’as. [MELACHIM BAIS 17:28-41]; we worship that of which we have da’as, because Yeshu’at Eloheinu (salvation) is from Elohim [Isa 2:3; Ro 9:3].

[23] But a sha’ah is coming, the Yehudim [Isa 2:3; Ro 9:3].

[24] Hashem is Ruach (Spirit) and Emes, for worship HaAv in the Ruach and it is necessary for the ones of this ha’as, because Yeshu’at Eloheinu (salvation) is from Elohim [Isa 2:3; Ro 9:3].

[25] The isha says to him, I have da’as that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is coming, the one being called the Messiah. When Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach comes, he will proclaim to us everything. [MELACHIM ALEF 17:23]

[26] Yehoshua said to her, Ani Hu (I am He), the one speaking to you.

[27] And at this very moment, the Moshia’s talmidim arrived, and they were marveling that he was speaking with an isha. No one said, however, What are you seeking? Or, Why do you speak with her?

[28] Therefore, the isha left her waterpot and went away into the city and says to the bnei Adum of the city,

[29] Come, see an ish who told me everything I have ever done. Surely this one is Moshia, is he not?

[30] They came out of the city and were coming to him.

[31] Divaile (meanwhile), Moshiach’s talmidim were asking him, Rebbe, eat. [23] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, I have okhel (food) to eat [IYOV 23:12] of which you have no da’as.

[32] Therefore, Moshiach’s talmidim were saying to one another, Surely no one brought him anything to eat? [34] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, My okhel (food) is that I may do the ratzon (will) of the One having sent me and may complete ma’aseh HaElohim [his work, KOHELET 11:5].

[39] And from that city of Shomron many had emunah (faith). [MELACHIM ALEF 17:23]

[40] Then when those of Shomron came to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, they were asking him to remain with them, and he remained with them there two yamim.

[41] And many more put their emunah [in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach], because of his dvar (word).

[42] And to the isha they were saying, No longer because of what you spoke do we have emunah (faith), for we ourselves have heard and we have da’as that his one is be’emmes the Moshi’a HaOlam (the Savior, Go’el HaOlam).

[43] And after two yamim (days), he went out from there into the Galil.

[44] For Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach himself gave solemn edut (testimony) that a Navi does not have kavod (honor) in his own country.

[45] Therefore, when he came into the Galil, those of the Galil received Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, vi-ba’ah (since) they had seen all which he did in Yerushalayim during the Chag, for they also went to the Chag.

[46] Then Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came again into Kanah of the Galil where he made the mayim (water) into yayin (wine). There was a certain royal official whose ben was choleh (ill) in Kfar-Nachum.

[47] This man, having heard that Yehoshua comes from the land of Yehudah into the Galil, went to him and was asking him to come down and cure the ben of him. For the yeled was about to die.

[48] Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Except you see otot (miraculous signs) and moftim (wonders), you will never have emunah (faith). [DANIEL 4:2-37]

[49] The royal official says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, come down before my yeled dies.

[50] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Go! Bincha chai (your son lives)!

[51] Moshiach came again into the Galil, those of the Galil received Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, vi-ba’ah (since) they had seen all which he did in Yerushalayim during the Chag, for they also went to the Chag.
And as the man was going, his avadim met him, saying that the man's yeled lived.

Therefore, the man inquired from them the sha'ah (hour, time) in which the yeled began to recover. Then they said to him, Etmol (yesterday) at the sha'ah hasheviti (seventh hour) the fever left him.

Therefore, the abba knew that it was the same sha'ah (hour, time) in which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to him, Bincha chai! And the man had emunah and all his bais.

Now this was ot hasheni (the second miraculous sign) that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did after having come from the land of Yehudah to the Galil.

After these things, there was a Chag (Feast) in Yehudah and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went up to Yerushalayim.

Now there is in Yerushalayim at the Sha'ar HaTzon (Sheepgate) a pool, the one being called in Aramaic, Beit-Zata, having chamasha colonnades.

In these lay a multitude of invalids--ivrim (blind men), pisechim (lame persons), paralyzed.

For a malach Hashem from time to time descended into the berekah (pool) and agitated the mayim; therefore, he who entered first after the agitation of the mayim, became whole, whatever choli (disease, sickness) he was held by.

And there was a certain man there SHELOSHIM USHEMONEH SHANAH having been in his machla (illness).

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, seeing this man lying there, and having da'as that the man had been in this condition for a long time already, says to him, Do you want to have refu'ah [YESHAYAH 53:5]?

In reply, the choleh (sick one) said, Adoni, I have no one, when the mayim is disturbed, to put me into the pool. While I am coming, someone steps into the pool ahead of me.

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Rise up, take your mat and walk.

And immediately the man received his refu'ah (healing) and took his mat and was walking around. And that day was Shabbos.

So those of Yehudah were saying to the one having been granted refu'ah (healing), It is Shabbos, so it is asur (prohibited), it is chillul Shabbos [desecration of Shabbat] for you to carry your mat. [NECHEMYAH 13:15 22; YIRMEYAH 17:21]

But the one having been granted refu'ah (healing) did not have da'as who it is, for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach slipped away, there being a multitude in the place.

After these things Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach finds him in the Beis Hamikdash, and said to him, Hinei, you have received your refu'ah. No longer commit averos, for fear that something worse happen to you.

The man went away and reported to the Yehudim that Yehoshua is the one having granted him his refu'ah.

And, because of this, those of Yehudah brought redifah (persecution) upon Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, because these things he was doing on Shabbos.

But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in reply, said to them, Avi until now is working and I am working. [BERESHIS 2:3]

Because of this, therefore, those of Yehudah were seeking all the more to kill Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, because not only was he mechallel Shabbos, but also Rebbe was saying that his own Av was Hashem, thereby making himself equal with Elohim [Yochanan 1:1].

In reply, therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, Omein, omein, I say to you, HaBen is not able to do anything from himself except what he sees HaAv doing, for what things that One is doing, these things also HaBen likewise is doing. [For HaAv has ahavah for HaBen and all things He shows to him which He does, and ma'asim gedolim (greater works) than these He will show him that you may marvel.]

For just as HaAv raises the Mesim (dead ones) and makes them alive, so also HaBen makes alive whom he wills. [DEVARIM 32:39; SHMUEL ALEF 2:6; MELACHIM BAIS 5:7; HOSHEA 6:2; RUTH 4:5]

For not even HaAv judges anyone, but all Mishpat Hashem has given to HaBen [BERESHIS 18:25; SHOFETIM 11:27; DANIEL 7:10,13-14]

That kol Bnei Adam may honor HaBen as they honor HaAv. The one not honoring HaBen does not honor HaAv who sent him [Dan 7:13-14].

Omein, omein, I say to you, that the one, hearing my dvar and
having emunah in the One who sent me, has Chayyei Olam and does not come into the Mishpat Hashem, but has been transferred out of mavet (death) into Chayyim (Life). [25] Omein, omein, I say to you, that a sha'ah (hour) is coming and now is, when the Mesim (dead ones) will hear the kol (voice) of the Ben HaElohim and the ones having heard will live. [26] For just as HaAv has Chayyim (Life) in himself, [DEVARIM 30:20; IYOV 10:12; 33:4; TEHILLIM 36:10 (9)], so also HaBen He gave to have Chayyim (Life) in himself. [27] And samchut (authority) He gave to him to make mishpat (judgment) because he is the Bar Enosh [DANIEL 7:13-14].

Do not marvel at this. [28] For a sha'ah (hour, time) is coming in which all the ones in the kevarim (graves) will hear the kol of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, [YESHAYAH 26:19; YEHEZKEL 37:12]; [29] And will come out, the ones having practiced HaRah to a Techiyas HaMesim of Chayyim (Life), the ones having practiced HaRah to a Techiyas HaMesim of Mishpat (Judgment). [DANIEL 12:2]

I do not accept kavod (glory) from Bnei Adam. [30] I am not able to do from myself anything. As I hear I judge, and mine is mishpat tzedek [YESHAYAH 28:6], because I do not seek my own ratzon (will) but the ratzon (will) of the One having sent me. [BAMIDBAR 16:28]

If I give solemn edut (testimony) about me, [31] If I give solemn edut (testimony) about myself, the edut of mine is not ne'emahah (reliable). [32] There is Another giving solemn edut about me, however, and I have da'as that the edut He testifies about me is ne'emahah (reliable). [33] You (pl) have sent to Yochanan and he has given solemn edut (testimony) to HaEmes (the Truth).

Not that I accept edut from Bnei Adam, but I say these things that you may come to Yeshuat Eloheinu. [35] He [Yochanan] was a menorah burning and shining and you chose to exult for a time in his Ohr (Light); [TEHILLIM 132:16; DANIEL 12:3]

[36] but I have edut (testimony) greater than Yochanan's. For the ma'asim (works) which HaAv has given to me that I should accomplish, these ma'asim which I do give solemn edut (testimony) about me, that HaAv has sent me. [37] And HaAv who sent me has Himself given solemn edut (testimony) about me. You have neither heard His kol (voice) nor the mareh of Hashem have you seen [DEVARIM 4:12]; [38] and the dvar Hashem you do not have abiding and dwelling in you, because you have no bitachon (trust), no emunah (faith) in the one whom Hashem has sent. [YESHAYAH 26:10; 53:1; YIRMEYAH 8:8]

You search the Kitvei Hashem, but has He given solemn edut about me? If you do not want to come to me that you may have Chayyim. [41] I do not accept kavod (glory) from Bnei Adam. [42] But I have had da'as of you, that the avahavas Hashem (the love of G-d) you do not have in yourselves. [43] I have come b'Shem Avi and you do not accept me. If another comes in his own name, him you will accept. [44] How are you able to have emunah, when you receive kavod from one another, and the kavod from the only Elohim HaEchad you do not seek? [MELACHIM BAIS 19:15,19; YESHAYAH 37:20; DANIEL 3:45 TARGUM HASHIVIM]

Do not think that I will accuse you before HaAv; however, there is one accusing you: Moshe, in whom you have set your tikvah. [Dt 31:26-27] [46] For if you were having emunah in Moshe, you would have had emunah in me, for he himself wrote concerning me. [BERESHIS 3:15; 45:4-9; DEVARIM 18:15]

But if in the Kitvei Hakodesh of that one you lack emunah, how will you have emunah in my dv'ar?

After these things, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach departed beyond Lake Kinnerer (Lake Tiberias). [2] And a riezige (sizable) multitude was following him, because they were seeing the otot (miraculous signs) which he was doing on the cholim (the ones being ill).

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went up to the mountain, and there he was sitting with his talmidim. [4] Pesach was near at hand, the Chag (Jewish Feast). [5] Therefore, having lifted up his eyes, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw that a great multitude is coming to him, and he says to Philippos, From where may we buy lechem that these ones may eat? [6] But he was saying this to test Philippos, for he himself knew what he was about to do. [7] In reply, Philippos said, Two hundred denarii worth of lechem would not be enough that each one may take a little okhel. [8] One of his talmidim, Andrew, ach of Shimon Kefa, says to him,
There is a na’ar (lad) here who has five barley loaves and two dagim (fish), but what are these for so many? [2Kg 4:43]

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Instruct the anashim (men) to recline. Now there was much grass in the area. Therefore the anashim reclined, their number being about chameshet alafim.

Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach took the loaves and, having made the bracha, distributed to the ones himesibba (reclining); likewise also he distributed of the dagim (fish) as much as they were wanting.

Now when they were filled, he tells his talmidim, Gather the shirayim (Rebbe’s leftovers), that nothing may be lost.

Therefore, what they gathered from the five barley loaves filled Sheneym Asar (Twelve) baskets of shirayim left over by the ones having eaten.

Therefore, the anashim, having seen what ot (miraculous sign) he did, were saying, This one is beemes the Navi, Hu HaBah, the one making the bracha.

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And having found him across the sea, they said to him, Rebbe, when did you come here?

In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Omein, omein, I say to you, you are seeking me not because you saw otot (miraculous signs), but because you ate of the loaves and were glutted.

Do not work for the okhel that is perishing, but for the okhel remaining to Chayyei Olam, which the Bar Enosh [Moshiach] will give to you, for Elohim HaAv has set His chotam (seal) on this one [YESHAYAH 55:2].

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sent from Hashem; this one has seen HaAv.

47] Omein, omein, I say to you, the one having emunah has Chayyei Olam.

48] Ani Hu the lechem haChayyim. [BAMIDBAR 14:23; DEVARIM 1:35]

49] Your Avot ate in the wilderness the manna and died.

50] This is the lechem coming down out of Shomayim, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. [Gn 3:22]

51] Ani hu the lechem haChai (the living bread) having come down out of Shomayim. If anyone eats of this lechem he will live l’olam v’ed. And, indeed, the lechem which I will give on behalf of the Chayyim (life) of HaOlam is the basar of me [Ex 12:8].

52] Therefore, those of Yehudah were arguing with one another, saying, How is this man able to give us the basar of him to eat?

53] Therefore, he said to them, Omein, omein, I say to you, unless you eat the [Seudas Moshiach Seh] basar of the Bar Enosh and drink [the Kiddush Cup of the Brit Chadasha in] his dahm, you do not have Chayyim (Life) in yourselves [Ex 12:3; Isa 53:7].

54] The one feeding on my [Seh Elohim] basar and drinking [Cup of Redemption in] dahmi has Chayyei Olam and I will raise him up on the Yom HaAcharon [Ruth 4:5,10].

55] For my basar is okhel emes (true food) and dahmi is shikuy emes (true drink).

56] The one feeding on my basar and drinking dahmi abides in, [YESHAYAH 53:7; SHEMOT 12:3] dwells in me and I in him [Ex 12:22].

57] As HaAv HaChai sent me and I live because of HaAv, so also whoever is feeding on me even that one will live because of me.

58] This is the lechem out of Shomayim having come down, not as the Avot ate and died; the one feeding on this lechem will live l’olam v’ed.

59] These things he said in a shul while teaching in Kfar-Nachum.

60] Therefore, many of Moshiach’s talmidim, having heard, said, Hard is this dvar torah. Who is able to hear it? [YESHAYAH 53:1]

61] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having da’as in himself that his talmidim are grumbling about this, said to them, Does this cause a michshol for you?

62] What if you behold the Bar Enosh ascending where he was Bereshis?

63] The Ruach Hakodesh is that which is making alive, the basar does not profit anything. The dvarim which I have spoken to you are as Ruach and they are as Chayyim (Life).

64] But there are of you some who do not have emunah. For from Bereshis, he had da’as of whom are the ones not having emunah and who is the one betraying him.

65] And he was saying, Because of this, I have told you that no one is able to come to me unless it has been beshert from him HaAv.

66] From this time, many of his talmidim fell away and no longer followed him as talmidim.

67] Therefore, he said to the Sheneym Asar, Surely you do not want to depart also?

68] In reply, Shimon Kefa said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, to whom will we go? You have the divrei haChayyei Olam.

69] And we have bitachon and have trusted with emunah and we have da’as that you are HaKadosh of Hashem
In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Did I not choose you Sheneym Asar (Twelve)? And is one of you not a Satan?

Now he was speaking of Yehudah Ben Shimon from K'riot, for, though he was one of the Sheneym Asar, this one was about to betray Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And after these things Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach itinerated in the Galil, for he was not wanting to move about in Yehudah, because those of Yehudah were seeking to kill him.

Now the Chag of Sukkot was near. [VAYIKRA 23:34; DEVARIM 16:16] His achim then said to him, Leave here and go away into the land of Yehudah, that also your talmidim will see your ma'asim which you do.

For no one who seeks public notice does anything besod (secretly). If these things you do, then manifest yourself to HaOlam.

For not even the achim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach were believing in him. [TEHILLIM 69:8]

Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, My sha'ah has not yet come, but your time is always ready.

The Olam Hazeh is not capable of sin'ah (hatred) toward you, but the Olam Hazeh hates me, and for this reason: I give solemn edut (testimony) about it because the ma'asim of the Olam Hazeh are ra''im (evil).

You make alyiah leregel up to the Chag (Feast). I am not going up to this Chag (Feast), because my time has not yet been fulfilled.

And having said these things, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach remained in the Galil.

But when the achim of him made alyiah leregel to the Chag (Feast), then also Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went up [Yochanan 5:30] not publicly but besod (secretly).

Then those of Yehudah were seeking Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in the Chag (Feast) and were saying, Where is that man?

And there was much telunnah (murmuring) about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach among the multitudes. Some were saying, He is tov (good), but others were saying, Lo (no), he deceives the multitude.

No one, however, was speaking openly about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach because of the fear of those of Yehudah.

But around the middle period of the Chag (Feast), Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went up to the Beis Hamikdash and was saying shiurim (teaching torah).

Therefore, those of Yehudah were marveling, saying, How has this man binah (understanding) of a Yeshiva yode'a sefer (scholar), not having learned?

Therefore, in reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, My Torah (teaching) is not mine but of the One having sent me.

If anyone wants to do the ratzon Hashem, he will have da'as about my Torah, whether it is of Hashem or I speak only from myself. [TEHILLIM 25:14; 92:16; BAMIDBAR 16:28]

The one speaking from himself seeks his own kavod (glory), but he who is seeking the kavod of the One having sent him, this one is ne'eman and there is no avlah (injustice) in him.

Has not Moshe given you the Torah? None of you mekyyaim (fulfills) es [kol] toras Moshe. Why are you seeking to kill me? [DEVARIM 32:46; MISHLE 20:9; KOHELET 7:20; YESHAYAH 53:6; Ro7:19]

The multitude said, You have a shed (demon). Who is seeking to kill you?

In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Of the Pe'ulot of Hashem, I accomplished ochad, one pe'ulah, and everyone marvels.

Moshe has given you bris milah not that bris milah is of Moshe, but it is of the Avot, and on a Shabbos you perpetually perform bris milah. [BERESHIS 17:10-14; 21:4; VAYIKRA 12:3]

If a man receives bris milah on Shabbos and lo tufar Torah (the Torah of Moses may not be broken, BERESHIS 17:14) are you angry with me because I gave a man refu'ah shleimah on Shabbos?

Do not judge according to appearance but judge with mishpat tzedek. [ZECHARYA 7:9; SHMUEL ALEF 16:7; YESHAYAH 11:3 4; VAYIKRA 19:15]

Therefore, some of the ones of Yerushalayim were saying, Is it not this man whom they are seeking to kill? And, hinei, he speaks publicly and they say nothing to him. Perhaps the manhigim (the gedolim of Judaism) have da'as that this man is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach?

But this man, we have da'as where he is from; but the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, whenever he comes, no one has da'as where he is from.

Therefore, in the Beis Hamikdash while teaching, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out, saying, You have da'as of me, and you have
da’as of where I am from. I have not come on my own, but the One Who sent me is ne’eman. He is the One of Whom you do not have da’as.
[29] I have da’as of Him, because from Him Ani Hu, and He is the One Who sent me.
[30] Therefore, they were seeking to arrest him, and no one laid a hand on him, because his sha’ah (hour, time) had not yet come.
[31] From the multitude, however, many put their emunah, their bitachon, in him, and were saying, The Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, whenever he comes, surely he will not do more otot (miraculous signs) than the things which this man did?
[32] The Perushim heard the telunnah (murmuring) of these things from the multitude, the talk about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and they sent the Rashei Hakohanim and the mesharetem of the Perushim that they might arrest him.
[33] Therefore, he said, Yet a little time I am with you and I go away to the One having sent me.
[34] You will seek me and not find me and where Ani Hu you are not able to come.
[35] Therefore, those of Yehudah said to themselves, Where is this man about to journey that we will not find him? Surely he is not about to sojourn to the Golus of the Yevanim (Greeks) to teach the Yevanim? [MISHLE 1:28]
[36] What is this dvar which he said, You will seek me and will not find me and where Ani Hu, you are not able to come?
[37] Now on the last day of the Chag, Hoshana Rabbah, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out, saying, If anyone thirsts let him come to me and drink. [Lv 23:36; Isa 55:1; 12:3; 49:10]
[38] The one with emunah in me, as the Kitvei Hakodesh said, ‘Out of the midst of him, rivers of MAXIM CHAYYIM [Zech 14:8] will flow.’ [Prov 18:4; Isa 44:3; 58:11; 43:19f, Ezek 47:1-12; Joel 4:18; Song 4:15].
[39] But this he said about the Ruach Hakodesh which the ones having emunah (faith) in him were about to receive, for the Ruach Hakodesh had not yet been given, because he had not yet received kavod. [YOEL 2:28 (3:1)]
[40] Some of the multitude, therefore, having heard these dvarim were saying. This man is beemes the Navi.
[41] Others were saying, This man is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. But some were saying, Surely the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach comes not from the Galil, does he?
[42] Has not the Kitvei Hakodesh said that the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is from the zera Dovid and from Beit-Lechem, the shtetl where Dovid lived? [2Sm 7:12; Psa 89:3-4; Mic 5:1; Jer 23:5]
[43] A machloket (controversy), therefore, occurred among the multitude because of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
[44] And some of them were wanting to arrest him, but no one laid his hands on him.
[45] Then the avadim of the Rashei Hakohanim and Perushim came and the Rashei Hakohanim and Perushim said to them, Why did you not bring him?
[46] In reply, the avadim said, Never Ish spoke like this Ish.
[47] In reply, therefore, the Perushim said, Surely not you also have been deceived?
[48] Has any of the manhigim put their emunah (faith) in him, or any of the Perushim [T.N. but of Yn 7:50; 19:39]? [49] But this am ha’aretz crowd has no da’as of Torah and is cursed. [DEVARIM 27:26]
[50] Rav Nakdimon, the one having come to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach earlier, being one of their own, says to them,
[51] Surely Torateinu (Our Torah) judges not the Man unless it hears first from the Man himself and has da’as of what he does, does it? [Dt 1:16; 17:6; Ex 23:1]
[52] They answered and said to Rav Nakdimon, Surely not you also are from the Galil, are you? Search [the Kitvei Hakodesh] and see that from the Galil a Navi does not arise. [T.N. but of 2Kgs 14:25; Isa 9:1,2]
[53] And they went each one to his bais.

8 But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went to the Har HaZeytim (Mount of Olives).
[2] And at the beginning of Shacharis, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came again into the Beis Hamikdash and kol haAm (all the people) were coming to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and having sat, for them he was saying a shiur.
[3] And the Sofrim and the Perushim led an isha (woman) who had an act of committing ni’uf (adultery) and, having stood in the midst [VAYIKRA 20:10],
[4] They say to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Rabbi, this isha (woman) has been caught in ni’uf (adultery).
[5] Now in our Torah Moshe Rabbeinu gave us a mitzvah to stone such nashim. You, therefore, what do you say? [Lv 20:10; Dt 22:22]
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24; Job 31:11] [6] But this they were saying to put a nissayon before Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach that they might have something about which to accuse him, but he, having stooped down with his finger, was writing on the ground.

[7] But as they were remaining, questionimg him, he stood up and said to them, The one without chet (sin) among you, at her let him be first to throw a stone. [Dt 17:7; Ezek 16:40]

[8] And again, having stooped down, he was writing on the ground.

[9] And the ones having heard were departing, one by one, beginning with the zekenim, and he was left alone with the isha standing before him.

[10] And having stood up, he said to her, Isha, where are they? Does no one condemn you?

[11] And she said, No one, Adoni. And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Neither do I condemn you. Go and practice chet no more.

[12] Then again he spoke to them, saying, Ani Hu HaOhr HaOlam Hazeh. The one following me will never walk in choshech, but will have the Ohr HaChayyim. [Isa 9:1; 42:8; 49:6, 60:1,3 Prov 4:18]

[13] Therefore, the Perushim said to him, You give solemn edut (testimony) about yourself. But your edut is not ne’emanah.

[14] In reply, he said to them, Even if I give solemn edut about myself, my edut is ne’emanah, because I have da’as of where I came from and where I go, but you have no da’as of where I come from or where I go.

[15] You judge according to the basar; I do not judge anyone. [1Sm 16:7]

[16] But even if I judge, my psak din, my mishpat, is emes, because it is not I alone but the One having sent me, HaAv.

[17] And it has been written even in your Torah, that the edut (testimony) of two is ne’emanah. [Dt 17:6; 19:15]

[18] Ani Hu the one giving solemn edut (testimony) about myself and the One having sent me, HaAv, gives solemn edut about me.

[19] Therefore, they were saying to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Where is HaAv of you? In reply, he said, You have da’as of neither me nor HaAv of me. If you had had da’as of me, you would have had da’as of HaAv of me.

[20] These dvarim, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach spoke in the Beis HaOtzar while saying shiurim in the Beis Hamidkash, and no one arrested him, because his sha’ah had not yet come.

[21] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, therefore, again to them, I go away and you will seek me, and in your chet you will go to your mavet. Where I go you are not able to come. [Dt 24:16; Ezek 3:18]

[22] Therefore, those of Yehudah were saying, Does he mean he will commit suicide, because he says, Where I go you are not able to come?

[23] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to them, You are from mattiḥ (below); Ani Hu from malah (above). You are of the Olam Hazeh; I am not of the Olam Hazeh.

[24] I said, therefore, to you that you will go to your mavet in your averos (sins), for if you do not have emunah (faith) that Ani Hu [YESHAYAH 41:4; SHEMOT 3:14-16], you will die in your chat’atim.

[25] They were saying, therefore, to him, Who are you? Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, What I have told you from the beginning.

[26] I have much to speak regarding you, much about you worthy of harsha’ah (condemnation), but the One having sent me is ne’eman and what I heard from Him these things I speak in the Olam Hazeh.

[27] They did not have da’as that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was speaking to them about Elohim HaAv.

[28] Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, When you perform the hagbah (lifting up) of the Bar Enosh, you will have da’as that Ani Hu [YESHAYAH 41:4; SHEMOT 3:14-16], and from myself I do nothing, but as HaAv of me taught me, these things I speak.

[29] And the One having sent me is with me [MISHLE 8:30]. He did not leave me alone, because I always do the things that please Him. [Prov 8:30; Isa 50:5; 43:10 TARGUM HASHIVIM]

[30] As Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying these things, many put their emunah in him.

[31] Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was saying to the Yehudim who had emunah in him, If you remain in the dvar of me [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach], then you are my talmidim indeed.

[32] And you will have da’as of HaEmes (the Truth) and HaEmes will give you cherut (freedom). [VAYIKRA 25:10; YESHAYAH 61:1-3; 53:4-12]

[33] They answered Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, We are of the zera Avraham and to no one have we ever been enslaved. How do you say, You will become Bnei Chorin (freedmen)? [Neh 9:36]
In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Omein, omein, I say to you that everyone practicing Chet is an eved HaChet.

[BERESHIS 4:7]  
But the eved does not remain in the Bais ad Olam. HaBen remains ad Olam.  
[BERESHIS 21:10; SHEMOT 21:2; DEVARIM 15:12]

If therefore HaBen makes you Bnei Chorin, you shall be Bnei Chorin indeed.

I have da’as that you are zera Avraham, but you seek to kill me, because my dvar has no place in you [Jer 31:31-34].

What I have seen in the presence of HaAv of me, of that, I make solemn declaration. Therefore, the things you have heard from your father you do.

They answered and said unto him, Avinu hu Avraham. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, If you were yeladim of Avraham, you would have been doing the ma’asei Avraham.

But now you are seeking to kill me, a man who has told you HaEmes, which I heard from Hashem; this was not a ma’aseh that Avraham did.  
[TEHILLIM 15:2]  
Who among you convicts me of chet (sin)? If I speak HaEmes, why do you not have emunah in me?

The one who is of Hashem hears the divrei Hashem. Therefore, you do not hear because you are not of Hashem.

In reply, those of Yehudah said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Did we not rightly say that you are a Shomroni (Samaritan) and that you have a shed (demon)?  
[YEchezkel 18:20; SHEMOT 20:5; IYOV 21:19]

In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Neither this man sinned nor the horim (parents) of him, that he was born iver (blind) from birth.

The talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach asked him, Rebbe, who committed averse, this man or the horim (parents) of him, that he was born iver?  
[YEchezkel 18:20; SHEMOT 20:5; IYOV 21:19]

And passing along, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach saw a man iver (blind) from birth.
but that the p'ulot of Hashem may be manifested in him.

4 It is necessary for us to work the p'ulot of the One having sent me while it is Yom. Lailah comes when no one is able to work. [Jer 13:16]  

5 As long as I am in the Olam Hazeh, I am the Ohr HaOlam.


6 He's religious majority and is of age. Interrogate him. He's a division of dissension among them.

[23] Therefore his horim said these things, because they were fearing those of Yehudah, for already those of Yehudah had agreed that if any person made hoda'ah (confession) of him to be the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, that person would be put under cherem ban from the shul.

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7 Therefore, they say to the man, Go wash your eyes, (blind man) again, What did he do to you? And the man said, He is a Navi.

8 Therefore, the shchenim and the ones seeing the man who was formerly a betler, and the ones seeing the man had been ivver (blind man) again, What did he open your eyes? And the man said, He is a Navi.

9 Some were saying, This is the one! Others were saying, No, but it is a man like him. But the man was saying, I am the one!

10 Therefore, the people were saying to him, How, then, were your eyes opened?

11 In reply, the man said, The one called Yehoshua took clay and anointed my eyes and I washed, and I see! Therefore, having gone, and having washed, I saw!

12 And they said to him, Where is that one? The man says to them, I do not have da'as of that.

13 The people lead the man to the Perushim...the man who had formerly been ivver (blind).

14 Now the time period Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach took the clay and opened his eyes was a Shabbos.

15 Then again also the Perushim were asking him how his eyes were opened, and the man said to them, The man placed clay on my eyes and I washed, and I see.

16 Therefore some of the Perushim were saying, This man is not from Hashem, because he is Mechallel Shabbos (desecrating Shabbos). But others were saying, How is a man who is a choteh (sinner) able to do such otot? There was a machloket (division of dissension) among them.

17 Therefore, they say to the ivver (blind man) again, What do you say about him, because he opened your eyes? And the man said, He is a Navi.

18 Therefore, those of Yehudah did not believe that the man had been ivver (blind) until they called the horim of the man whose eyes were opened.

19 And they asked the horim, saying, Is this the ben Yehudah? Whom you say was born ivver, for how, therefore, does he now have sight?

20 In reply, therefore, his horim said, We have da'as that this man is a choteh (sinner). [TEHILLIM 68:35; YEHOSHUA 7:19] We have da'as that this man is a choteh (sinner). [TEHILLIM 68:35; YEHOSHUA 7:19]

21 But how he sees now we do not have da'as nor do we have da'as of who opened his eyes. Interrogate him. He's a [Bar Mitzvah] bar da'as (he is of age). He will speak for himself.

22 His horim said these things, because they were fearing those of Yehudah, for already those of Yehudah had agreed that if any person made hoda'ah (confession) of him to be the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, that person would be put under cherem ban from the shul.

23 Therefore, his horim said, He has reached his religious majority and is of age. Interrogate him.

24 They called a second time, therefore, the man who had been ivver (blind) and said to him, V'ten lo todah. (Give glory to G-d)

[YEHOSHUA 7:19] We have da'as that this man is a choteh (sinner). [TEHILLIM 68:35; YEHOSHUA 7:19]

25 In reply, therefore, he said, If he is a choteh (sinner), of that I don't have da'as. Of one thing I do have da'as, that though I was ivver, now I see.

26 They said, therefore, to him, What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?

27 The man answered them, I told you already, and you do not listen. Why again do you want to hear? Surely you do not want to become his talmidim also?

28 And they reviled him and said, You are a talmid of that man, but we are talmidim of Moshe Rabbeinu.

[BAMIDBAR 12:2,8] We have da'as that Hashem has spoken to Moshe Rabbeinu, but this man, we do not have da'as from where he comes.

29 In reply, the man said to them, Here is a real chetza! That you do not have da'as from where he comes, and he opened my eyes!

30 We have da'as that G-d does not listen to chote'im (sinners), but if anyone has chassidus, is a yore-shomayim and does the ratzon (will) of Him, this one Hashem hears.

[TEHILLIM 18:23-32; 34:15 16; 66:18; 145:19-29; 51:7(5); MISHLE 15:8,29; YESHAYAH 1:15; 59:1-2] Never vi-bahlt the Briat HaOlam (the Creation of the World) it was heard of that anyone opened the eyes of an ivver (blind man) having been born thus.

31 If this man was not from Hashem, he would not be able to do anything.

32 Never vi-bahlt the Briat HaOlam (the Creation of the World) it was heard of that anyone opened the eyes of an ivver (blind man) having been born thus.
[34] They answered and said to him, You were born totally B’AVON (in sin) and you teach us? And they threw him out. [TEHILLIM 51:5(7)]

[35] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach heard that they threw him out, and, having found him, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Do you have emunah (faith) in the Bar Enosh (Daniel 7:13)?

[36] In reply, the man said, And who is he, Adoni, that I may have emunah in him?

[37] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.

[38] And the man said, Ani ma’amin, Adoni. And he fell down prostrate before him.

[39] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, For the sake of Mishpat, I came into the Olam Hazeh, that the ones who are ivrim (blind ones) may see, and the ones seeing may become ivrim.

[40] Some of the Perushim heard these things, the ones being with him, and they said to him, Surely we are not ivrim, are we?

[41] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, If you were ivrim (blind men), you would not have chet, but now vi-bahlt (since) you say.

[42] But a zar (stranger, foreigner) they will never follow, but will flee from him, because they do not have da’as of the voice of zarim (strangers, foreigners).

[43] This figure of speech Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them. But those ones did not have binah (understanding) of what he was saying to them.

[44] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, therefore, again, Omein, omein, I say to you, Ani Hu the derech hasha’ar (way of the entrance) of the tzon.

[45] All who came before me are ganavim (thieves) and shodedim (robbers), but the tzon did not listen to them. [YIRMeyaH 23:12; YECHEZKEL 34:2-3]

[46] I am the derech hasha’ar. Through me, if anyone enters, he will come to yeshu’at Eloheinu and will go in and will go out and will find mir’eh (pasture) [BAMIDBAR 27:17; TEHILLIM 118:20; 23:2]

[47] The ganav does not come except in order that he may steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have Chayyim (Life) and that they may have it more abundantly. [TEHILLIM 65:11]

[48] I am the Ro’eh HaTov (the Good Shepherd). The Ro’eh HaTov lays down his neshamah for the tzon. [TEHILLIM 23:1; YESHAYAH 40:11; YECHEZKEL 34:10-16,23; YESHAYAH 53:7,8,10]

[49] The gedungen, the one who is not the Ro’eh—the hireling, the one to whom the tzon does not belong—this hireling sees the ze’ev (wolf) coming and abandons the tzon and runs for his life and the ze’ev seizes them and scatters them. [ZECHARYAH 11:16]

[50] This happens because he is a hireling, and the tzon means nothing to him.

[51] Ani Hu the Ro’eh HaTov, and I have da’as of my tzon and my tzon has da’as of me. [SHEMOT 33:12]

[52] Just as HaAv has da’as of me and I have da’as of HaAv, so I lay down my neshamah for the tzon.

[53] And another tzon I have which is not of this mikhla (fold [enclosure]); those also it is necessary for me to bring, and my voice they will hear, and they will become eder echad (One flock [enclosure] with one Shepherd).

[54] YESHAYAH 56:8; YECHEZKEL 34:23; 37:24]

[55] Therefore, HaAv has ahavah for me, because I lay down my neshamah that I may take it up again.

[56] No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have samchut (authority) to lay it down, and I have samchut to receive it again. This mitzvah I received from HaAv of me.

[57] YESHAYAH 52:13-53:12]

[58] There was a machloket (division of dissension) again among those of Yehudah, because of these dvarim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[59] And many of them were saying, He has a shed ( demon), and He is meshugga—why do you listen to him? [MELACHIM BAIS 9:11; YIRMeyaH 29:26]

[60] Others said, These dvarim are not of one being possessed of shedim. Surely a shed ( demon) is not able to
open the eyes of an ivver (blind man)? [SHMOT 4:11]

[22] Then the Chag (Festival) of Channukah took place in Yerushalayim. It was winter.

[23] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was walking around in the Beis Hamikdash in the area called Ulam Shlomo (Solomon’s Colonnade).

[24] Then those of Yehudah encircled Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and were saying to him, How much longer are you going to hold our neshamot in suspense? If you are the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, tell us openly.

[25] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, I did tell you and you do not have emunah. The pe’ulot which I do b’Shem Avi, these pe’ulot give solemn edut (testimony, see YN 8:18) about me.

[26] But you do not have emunah, because you do not belong to my Tzon.

[27] My Tzon hear my voice, and I have da’as of them, and they follow me.

[28] And I give to them Chayyei Olam, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

[29] That which HaAv of me has given me is greater than all, and no one will snatch it out of my hand. [YESHAYAH 66:22]

[30] I and HaAv are echad. [DEVARIM 6:4; TEHILLIM 33:6; BERESHIS 2:24]

[31] Again those of Yehudah took up stones that they might stone him.

[32] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Many ma’asim tovim I showed you from HaAv. Because of which ma’aseh do you stone me?

[33] In reply, those of Yehudah said to him, For a ma’aseh tov we do not stone you, but for Chllul Hashem and because you, being a man, make yourself G-d.

[34] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered them, Has it not been written in your Torah, ANI AMARTI ELOHIM ATEM (I said you are g-ds.) [TEHILLIM 82:6]

[35] If those ones he called g-ds, to whom the Dvar Hashem came and lo yufar Kitvei Hakodesh (and the Kitvei Hakodesh cannot be broken, TEHILLIM 119:89,142)

[36] Can you say of the One whom HaAv set apart as HaKadosh and sent into the Olam Hazeh that he commits Chillul Hashem because I said, Ben HaElohim Ani Hu? [YIRMEYAH 1:5]

[37] If I do not accomplish the pe’ulot of Avi, do not regard me with bitachon.

[38] But if I do, even if you do not have emunah in me, chotsh have emunah in the pe’ulot, so that you may continue to have da’as and binah that HaAv is in me and I am in HaAv.

[39] They were seeking, therefore, again to seize him, and he eluded their hand.

[40] And he went away again beyond the Yarden to the place where Yochanan was in the beginning giving the mikveh mayim’s tevilah of teshuvah, and he remained there.

[41] And many came to him and were saying, Yochanan indeed did no ot (miraculous sign), but everything Yochanan said about this man was HaEmes.

[42] And many put their emunah (faith) in him [as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] there.

Now there was a certain man, a choleh (sick man), Elazar from Beit-Anyah (Bethany), the shtetl of Miryam and Marta her achot.

[2] Now this was the same Miryam that anointed Adoneinu with mishcha (ointment, 12:3) and wiped his feet with her hair. It was she whose ach Elazar was choleh.

[3] Therefore, the achayot (sisters) sent to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, saying, Adoni, hinei, the one who is your chaver haahuv is choleh.

[4] And having heard this, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, This machla (illness, kranteik) is not unto mavet (death), but for the kavod Hashem, that the Ben HaElohim may receive kavod through it.

[5] Now Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had ahavah for Marta, and her achot and Elazar.

[6] When, therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach heard that Elazar was choleh, then he remained in the place where he was yomayim (two days).

[7] Then after this he says to his talmidim, Let us go into the land of Yehudah again.

[8] His talmidim say to him, Rebbe, just now those of the land of Yehudah [Judeans] were seeking to stone you, and you go there again?

[9] In reply, he said, Are there not Sheneym Asar (Twelve) sha’ot (hours) of HaYom? If the derech of anyone is a derech by Yom, he does not stumble, because the Ohr HaOlam Hazeh he sees. [Jer 13:16; Ps 1:6]

[10] But if the derech of anyone is a derech baLailah, he stumbles because the Ohr is not in him.
These things he said. Then, after this, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Elazar our chaver haahuv has fallen asleep, but I am setting out to awaken him. Therefore, the talmidim said to him, Adoni, if he has fallen asleep, he will be granted refu'ah (healing).

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had spoken about the mavet of El'azar. However, those ones supposed that he was speaking about only shlof (sleep). Then, therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them plainly, El'azar died.

And I have lev same'ach for your sake, that I was not there, that you may have emunah. But let us go to him. Therefore, T'oma--his name means Twin--said to his fellow talmidim, Let us go also, that we may die al kiddush ha-Shem with him.

Having arrived, therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach discovered El'azar had already been in the kever (tomb) arba'ah yamim (four days).

Now Beit-Anyah (Bethany) was near Yerushalayim, about fifteen stadia away. And many of those of Yehudah had come to Marta and Miryam to give them nechamah (consolation, comfort) regarding the ach of the achayot. [IYOV 2:11]

Therefore, Marta when she heard that Yehoshua comes, met him; but Miryam was sitting shivah in the bais. Therefore, Marta said to Yehoshua, Adoni, if you were here, achi (my brother) would not have passed away.

But even now I have da'as that whatever you ask Hashem, Hashem will give you. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to her, Achich yakum (Your brother will stand up [up from the Mesim]).

Marta says to Yehoshua, I have da'as that he will rise in the Techiyas HaMesim on the Yom HaAcharon (Last Day). [DANIEL 12:2]

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to her, Ani Hu the Tekhiyyah and the Chayyim (Life); the one having emunah in me, even if he should die, will live, and everyone living and having emunah in me, never dies. Do you have emunah in this?

She says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, I have da'as that you are the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the Ben HaElohim, Hu Habah el HaOlam. And having said this, she withdrew and summoned Miryam her achor, telling her privately, Rabbeinu and Moreinu is here, and summons you. And that isha, when she heard, got up quickly and was coming to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. Now he had not yet come into the shtetl, but was still in the place where Marta met him.

Therefore, those of Yehudah, the ones sitting shiva with her in the bais and giving her nechamah, when they saw Miryam get up quickly and was coming to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. Now it was a me'arah (cave) type of kever and a stone was lying against it.

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, Lift the stone. Marta, the achot of the niftar (deceased), says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, already he smells, for it is now arba'ah yamim (four days).

He says to her, Did I not tell you that if you have emunah (faith), you will see the kavod Hashem? Therefore, they lifted the stone and he lifted up his eyes and said, Avi, I thank You that You heard me. And I knew that You always hear me, but, because of the multitude standing around, I said it, that they may have emunah (faith) that You sent me. And having said these things, he cried out with a kol gadol, Elazar, come forth! Then the niftar, having been bound feet and hands with the linen clothes of the tachrichin, and with his face covered with a
mitznefet (head wrapping),
came out. He says to them,
Untie him and let him go.

Therefore, many of those
of Yehudah, the ones having
come to Miryam and having
seen the things which Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach did, put
their emunah in him.

[SHEMOT 14:31]

But some of them went
away to the Perushim and
reported to them everything
Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach
did.

Therefore, the Rashei
Hakohanim and the Perushim
called a meeting of the
Sanhedrin and were saying,
What are we doing, for this
man is performing many otot
(miraculous signs)?

If we leave him thus, kol
Bnei Adam will have emunah
(faith) in him, and the
Romans will come and will
take away from us both the
Beis Hamikdash and the
nation.

But a certain one of
them, Caiapha, being Kohen
Gadol that year, said to them,
You do not have da'as of
anything
Nor do you consider that
it is a bedievedike (expedient)
thing for you that one man
should die on behalf of HaAm
and not that all the nation
should perish. [YONAH 1:12
15; YESHAYAH 53:8]

But this he did not utter
from himself, but, being
Kohen Gadol that year, he
uttered a dvar hanevu'ah that
Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach
was about to die on behalf of
the nation [Ex 28:30; Num
27:21; Isa 53:8]

And not on behalf of Am
Yisroel only but also the
yeladim of Hashem, the ones
having been scattered, that he
may gather into echad.

[YESHAYAH 49:6]

From that Yom on, therefore, they planned that
they might put him to death.

Therefore he no longer
was walking openly among
those of Yehudah, but went
away from there into the
region near the wilderness, to
a shetel called Efrayim, and
there Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach remained with
the talmidim. [SHMUEL BAIS
13:23]

Now Pesach was near
and many went up to
Yerushalayim from the
country before the Pesach for
the purpose of HITTEHARU
(they purified themselves, 2Ch
30:18).

They were seeking,
therefore, Rebbe Melech
HaMoshiach and were saying
to one another while they
stood in the Beis Hamikdash,
What does it appear to you?
Surely he will not come to the
Chag (Feast)!

Now the Rashei
Hakohanim and the Perushim
had given orders that if
anyone had da'as of where he
is, he should reveal it so that
they might arrest him.

Then Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach came
into Beit-Anyan (Bethany)
sesh yamim before Pesach.
This was the place where
El'azar was, whom Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach made to
stand up alive from the
mesim.

Then they made Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach a seudah
there. And Marta was serving,
and El'azar was one of the
ones reclining at tish with
Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

Then Miryam, having
taken a pound of mishcha
(ointment) of expensive
genuine spikenard, anointed
the feet of Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach and wiped off
with her hair his feet. And the
bais was filled with the aroma
of the mishcha.

And Yehuda from Kriot,
one of the talmidim of Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach, the
talmid being about to betray
him, says

Why was this mishcha not
sold for three hundred denarii
and given to haAniyim (the
Poor)?

But he said this not
because it mattered to him
about haAniyim, but because
he was a ganav and he was
removing what was put in the
aron otzaram (chest of
treasury).

Therefore Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach said, Let her
alone. She kept this for the
Yom HaKevurah (Day of
Burial) of me [Isa 53:9].

For haAniyim you have
always with you, but you do
not always have me.

When the great multitude
of the Yehudim had da'as of
where Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach was, they came
not only because of him, but
also because of Elazar, that
they may see the one whom he
made to stand up alive from the
mesim.

But the Rashei
Hakohanim took counsel that
they also might kill Elazar,

Because many of the
Yehudim were leaving and
believing in Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach on account of
Elazar.

On the next day the great
multitude, the one having
come to the Chag (Feast),
having heard that Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach is coming
to Yerushalayim,

Took the branches of the
temarim (palms) [VAYIKRA
23:40] and went out to a
meeting with him and were
crying out: HOSHAN NA
[TEHILLIM 118:25-26]
BARUCH HABA B'SHEM
ADONOI! [TZEFANYAH 3:15
TARGUM HASHIVIM]
Melech Yisroel!

[14] And he found an ayir (young donkey), and he sat on it, just as it has been written,

[15] Do not fear BAT T'ZIYON, HINEI MALKECH YAYO LACH ROKHEV AL AYIR BEN ATONOT (Do not fear, Daughter of Zion! Look! Your King is coming, sitting on a foal of donkeys.)

[ZECHARIYAH 9:9;
Yeshayahu 35:4; Zefanyah 3:14f TARGUM HASHIVIM]

[16] Regarding these things his talmidim did not have binah in the beginning but when he received kavod, then they remembered that these things had been written with respect to him and that they did these things to him.

[17] So the crowd that had been with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach when he called Elazar out of the kever and made him stand up alive from the mesim were giving solemn edut (testimony).

[18] Therefore, the multitude met Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach because they heard him to have done this ot (miraculous sign).

[19] Therefore the Perushim said to themselves, You see, you can do nothing! Kol Bnei Adam have gone after him.

[20] Now there were some Yevanim among the ones going up to worship at the Hagbah (lifting up) from the heart of this people), Lev HaAm Hazeh (Harden their eyes, Hashem revealed?—Yeshayahu 53:1) Hafev (hater) of his neshamah dies, much p'ri it bears.

[21] These ones, therefore, approached Philippos from Beit-Tzaidah of the Galil, and were asking him, Sir, we want to see Yehoshua.

[22] Philippos comes and tells Andrew, and Andrew and Philippos come and tell Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[23] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answers them, saying, The sha'ah (hour, time) has come that the Bar Enosh [Dan 7:13] may receive kavod.

[24] Omein, omein, I say to you, unless the gareer hakkhitah (grain of wheat) having fallen into the ground, dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, much p'ri it bears.

[25] The Ohev (lover) of his neshamah will lose it, but the Soneh (hater) of his neshamah in the Olam Hazeh will keep it unto Chayyei Olam.

[26] If anyone serves me, let him follow me, and where I am, there also my eved will be.

[27] Now my neshamah has been troubled, and what may I say? Save me from this sha'ah? No, it is for this tachlis that I came to this sha'ah. [TEHILLIM 6:3,4f; 2:5,11]

[28] Avi, bring kavod to Your Name. A bat kol came out of Shomayim, saying, I have both brought kavod to it and I will bring kavod to it again.

[29] Therefore, the multitude that was standing there and heard, said, That was ra'am (thunder)! Others were saying, A malach (angel) has spoken because he saw the shofar (horn) and the shemoneh esrei (ten blessings) that he is going.

[30] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, Not for my sake has this bat kol come, but for yours. [SHEMOT 19:9]

[31] Now is the Mishpat (judgment) of the Torah that the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach remains 10am (forever) and how do you say that it is necessary for the Bar Enosh to be lifted up? Who is this Bar Enosh? [Ps 89:4; 36 37; 110:4; Isa 9:7; Ezek 37:25; Dan 7:14]

[32] And if I receive the kavod (glory) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and he spoke about him. [Isa 6:1]

[33] Nevertheless, however, even among the manhigim (leaders) many had emunah (faith) in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
But because of the Perushim, they were not making hodah (confession) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, lest under the cherem ban they should be put away from the shul.

[43] For their ahavah was for the kavad Bnei Adam rather than the kavad Hashem.

[SHMUEL ALEF 15:30]

[44] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out, The ma'amim in me does not have emunah in me, but in the One having sent me.

[45] And the one seeing me sees the One having sent me.

[46] I have come have an Ohr (Light) into the Olam Hazeh that everyone believing in me may not remain in the choshech (darkness).

[47] And if anyone hears my dvarim and of my dvarim is not shomer, I do not judge him, for I did not come to bring the Olam Hazeh into mishpat, but that I may save the Olam Hazeh.

[48] The one setting me aside and not receiving the dvarim has his Shofet: the dvar which I spoke will judge him on the Yom HaAcharon [i.e., the Yom HaDin].

[49] Because I do not speak on my own, but the one having sent me [Elohim] HaAv He has given me a mitzvah of what I may say and what I may speak.

[50] And I have da'as that the mitzvah of Him is Chayyei Olam. Whatsoever things I speak, I speak, therefore, just as HaAv has told me.

Now before the Chag (Feast) of the Pesach, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having da'as of his sha'ah (hour, time) had come, his sha'ah when he should pass from the Olam Hazeh to HaAv, having had ahavah for his own in the Olam Hazeh, he had ahavah for them to HaKetz.

[2] And seudah taking place, Hasatan already having put into the lev of Yehuda Ben Shimon from Kriot that he should betray him,

[3] And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach having had da'as that HaAv had given into his hands all things, and that from Hashem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came forth and to Hashem he is going.

[4] He rises from the seudah and puts aside his meil and kesones, giring himself with a towel.

[5] He puts mayim (water) into the basin and began to wash the raglei hatalmidim with the towel with which he had been girded.

[6] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach comes then to Shimon Kefa. Kefa says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, you wash my feet?

[7] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Of what I am doing you do not have da'as now, but you will receive binah after these things.

[8] Kefa says to him, Never will you wash my feet! Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered him, Unless I wash you, you do not have a chelek [allotted portion of inheritance] with me.

[DEVARIM 12:12; YESHAYAH 53:10; VAYIKRA 5:15-16]

[9] Shimon Kefa says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, then not my feet only but also my hands and my head.

[10] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, The one having been bathing does not have need except his feet to wash, but is wholly tahor, and you are tehorim, though not all.

[11] For Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had da'as of the one betraying him. Therefore, he said, Not all are tehorim.

[12] Therefore, when he washed their feet and resuited himself into his kaftan, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach reclined at tish again and said to them, Do you have da'as of what I have done for you?

[13] You call me Rabbeinu and Adoneinu, and you say well, for Ani Hu.

[14] If, therefore, I, being Rebbe and Adon, washed your feet, you ought to wash the feet of one another also.

[15] For I gave you a mofet that as I did to you, you may do also.

[16] Omein, omein, I say to you, an eved is not greater than his Adon, nor is a shliach (one sent) greater than his Meshalle'ach (Sender).

[17] If you have da'as of these things, happy are you, if you put them into practice.

[18] I do not speak about all of you—I have da'as of whom I chose—but it is to fulfill the Kitvei Hakodesh, OKHEL LAKHEMI HIGDIL ALAI AKEV (the one eating my bread he lifted up his heel against me. [TEHILLIM 41:9; 10]

[19] From now on I tell you before the occurrence that you may have emunah (faith) when it occurs, that Ani Hu. [YESHAYAH 41:4; 46:10; 43:10]

[20] Omein, omein, I say to you, the one receiving whomever I may send receives me, and the one receiving me [Moshiach], receives the One having sent me [Hashem].

[21] Having said these things, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was spiritually troubled and he gave solemn edut (testimony), and said, Omein, omein, I say to you, that one of you will betray me.
14 Let not your levavot be troubled [14:27]. You have emunah (faith) in Hashem. Also in me have emunah (faith). [SHEMOT 14:21; TEHILLIM 4:5]

14 In the Beis Avi there are many me’onot (dwelling places, permanent residences, homes, cf 14:23); if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a makom (place) for you?

[3] And if I go and prepare a makom for you, I am coming again and will receive you to myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

[4] And where I go you have da’as of HaDerech.

[TEHILLIM 1:6]

[5] Toma says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, we do not have da’as of where you are going; how are we able to have da’as of HaDerech?

[6] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, I am HaDerech, HaEmes, and HaChayyim. No one comes to HaAv except through me [1Sm 3:7].

[7] If you have had da’as of me, also you will have had da’as of Avi. And from now on, you have had da’as of Him and have seen Him.

[8] Philippos says to him, Adoni, show us [Elohim] HaAv and it is enough for us.

[9] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to Philippos, So long a time with you I am and you have not had da’as of me, Philippos? The one having seen me has seen [Elohim] HaAv [Col. 1:15; YESHAYAH 9:5(6); Prov 30:4]

How do you say, Show us HaAv?

[10] Do you not have emunah (faith) that Ani Hu in HaAv and HaAv is in me? The dvarim which I speak to you I do not speak on my own, but HaAv dwelling in me does His pe’ulot.

[11] In me have emunah, that Ani Hu in HaAv and HaAv is in me; but if not, have emunah because of the pe’ulot themselves.

[12] Omein, omein, I say to you, the one believing in me the pe’ulot which I do he will do, and gedolot
than these will he do, because I am going to HaAv.

13 And whatever you ask b'Shem of me I will do, that HaAv may receive kavod in HaBen.

14 If anything you ask me b'Shem of me, I will do it.

15 If you have ahavah for me, you will be shomer mitzvot regarding my commandments. [Ps 103:18]

16 And I will ask HaAv and another Melitz Yosher [Advocate, Counselor, Helper in Court, 14:26; 15:26; 16:7] He will give you that He may be with you l'Olam,

17 The Ruach HaEmes, which the Olam Hazeh is not able to receive, because it does not see Him nor have da'as of Him. But you have da'as of Him, because He remains with you and He will be in you.

18 I will not leave you yetomim (orphans). I am coming to you. [MELACHIM ALEF 6:13]

19 Yet a little time and the Olam Hazeh no longer sees me, but you see me. Because Ani Chai, so you will live also.

20 On Yom Hahu (that day) you will have da'as of Him, because He remains with you and He will be in you.

21 The one having the mitzvot of me and being shomer mitzvot, that one is the one having ahavah for me. And the one having ahavah for me will receive ahavah from HaAv of me, and I will have ahavah for him and I will manifest myself to him. [Yn 1:1, 14]

22 Yehuda (not the one from Kriot) says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, and what has transpired that to us you are about to manifest yourself and not to the Olam Hazeh?

23 In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMosheinach said to him, If anyone has ahavah for me, of my dvar he will be shomer and HaAv of me will have ahavah for him and to him we will come and with him we will make a ma'on [see 14:2, me'onot, pl.] [MISHLE 8:17; YECHEZKEL 37:27].

24 The one not having ahavah (agape) for me is not shomer regarding the dvarim of me, and the dvar which you hear is not mine but that of HaAv Who sent me.

25 These things I have told you while abiding with you.

26 But the Melitz Yosher (Praklit, Advocate, Counselor, Helper in Court), the Ruach Hakodesh which HaAv will send b'Shem of me, He will teach you all things and will remind you of all things which I told you.

27 Shalom Hashem I leave with you, my Shalom I give to you; let not your levavot be troubled [14:1], nor let them be ones of morech lev (cowardliness, Rv 21:8).

28 You heard me say to you, I am going [14:12], and I am coming to you [14:18]. If you were having ahavah for me, you would have simcha, because I go to HaAv, for HaAv is greater than me [Yn 1:1, 14].

29 And now I have told you before it happens, that when it happens, you may have emunah (faith).

30 No longer many things I will speak with you, for the Sar HaOlam Hazeh is coming; and in me he has nothing.

31 But in order that HaOlam may have da'as of that I have ahavah for HaAv, as HaAv gave me mitzvah, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

I am HaGefen HaAmittit (the true vine)[TEHILLIM 80:8-20; YESHAYAH 5:1-7; YECHEZKEL 19:10] and HaAv of me is the Korem (vineyard proprietor).

[2] Every sarig (shoot, branch) in me not bearing pri [TEHILLIM 92:2, 14] He takes it away, and every sarig bearing pri He prunes that it may bear much pri.

[3] You are already metoharim (clean) because of the dvar which I have spoken to you.

[4] Remain in me and I in you. As the sarig is not able to bear pri from itself, unless it remains on the gfen (vine), neither are you, unless you remain in me.

[5] Ani Hu (I am) HaGefen; you are the sarigim (branches). The one remaining in me and I in him, this one bears much pri, because apart from me you are not able to do anything.

[6] Unless someone remains in me, he is cast out as the sarig and is dried up and they gather them, and into the Eish they throw them, and they are burned. [YECHEZKEL 15:1-8; 19:10]

[7] If you remain in me and the dvarim of me remain in you, whatever you want, ask, and it will be done for you!

[8] By this HaAv of me was given kavod, that much pri you bear, and so be my talmidim.

[9] As HaAv has ahavah for me, so I have ahavah for you. Remain in my ahavah [see Yd verse 2f].

[10] If you are shomer of my mitzvot, you will remain in my ahavah, as I of the mitzvot of HaAv of me have been shomer, and I remain in His ahavah.
[11] These things I have spoken to you to show you the simcha of me may be in you and the simcha of you may be made shleimah.

[12] This is my mitzvah for you, that you have ahavah (agape) one for the other, as I have ahavah (agape) for you.

[13] Ahavah (agape) gedolah than this no one has, that someone lay down his neshamah for his chaverim.

[14] You are my chaverim, if you are shomer oner my mitzvot. [YJOV 16:20; MISHLE 18:24]

[15] No longer do I call you avadim, because the eved does not have da'as of what his Adon is doing. But you I have called chaverim, because all things which I heard from HaAv of me, of all these things I gave you da'as. [SHEMOT 33:11]

[16] It was not that you chose me, but I chose you, and have given you simchah that you go and bear pri and the pri of you remain, that whatever you ask HaAv b'Shem of me (Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach), HaAv may give it to you.

[17] I am giving you these mitzvot, that you have ahavah (agape) one for the other.

[18] If the Olam Hazeh has sin'as chinom (hatred without cause) for you, [YESHAYAH 66:5] be aware it has had sin'as chinom for both me and HaAv of me.

[19] If you were of the Olam Hazeh, the Olam Hazeh would have had ahavah for its own. But because from the Olam Hazeh you are not, but I chose you out of the Olam Hazeh, therefore the Olam Hazeh has sin'as chinom for you [Yn 4:5; Yn 17:14].

[20] Put in zikaron (reminiscence) the dvar which I told you, An eved is not gadol (greater) than his Adon.

If they brought redifah (persecution) on me, they will also bring redifah on you. If over my dvar they were shomer, also over yours they will be shomer.

[21] But all these things they will do to you on account of the Shem of me [YESHAYAH 66:5], because they do not have da'as of the One having sent me.

[22] If I did not come and speak to them, [YECHZEKEL 2:5] they would not have chet; but now they have no ptur (excuse) for their chet.

[23] The one having sin'as chinom (hatred without cause) for me (Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach) has sin'as chinom for HaAv of me.

[24] If I did not do pe'ulot among them which no other man did, they would not have chet; but now they have beheld and they have had sin'as chinom for both me and HaAv of me.

[25] But this was that the dvar having been written in their Torah might be fulfilled, SONEAI CHINOM ATZMU (They are many hating me) [TEHILLIM 69:4 5; 35:19; 109:3]

[26] But when the Melitz Yosher (Praklit, Advocate, Counselor, Helper in Court) comes, whom I will send to you from HaAv, the Ruach Hakodesh, the Ruach HaEmes, who proceeds from HaAv, that one will give solemn edut (testimony) about me.

[27] And you [Shlichim] will give solemn edut (testimony) also, because from the beginning you are with me.

A sha'ah (hour, time) is coming when everyone who kills you will suppose they are offering avodas kodesh to Hashem. [YESHAYAH 66:5]

[3] And these things they will do because they did not have da'as of HaAv or of me.

[4] But these things I have spoken to you, that, when the sha'ah of these things comes, you might have zikaron (remembrance) of these things, that I told you. But I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

[5] But now I am going to the One who sent me. And none of you asks me, Where are you going?

[6] But because I have spoken these things to you, agmat nefesh (grief) has filled your levot (heart). [7] But I tell HaEmes (the truth), it is better for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Melitz Yosher (Praklit, Advocate, Counselor, Helper in Court) will not come to you. But if go, I will send Him (the Ruach Hakodesh) to you.

[8] And having come, that one will expose and convict the Olam Hazeh concerning Chet and concerning Tzedek and concerning Mishpat: [9] Concerning Chet (Sin), because they do not have emunah in me; [10] Concerning Tzedek [DANIEL 9:24] because I go to HaAv and no longer do you see me;

[11] And concerning Mishpat (Judgment) because the Sar HaOlam Hazeh has been judged.

[12] Yet many things I have to tell you, but you are not able to bear them now.

[13] But when that One has come, the Ruach Hakodesh, the Ruach HaEmes, He will guide you in all truth.
For He will not speak on His own authority, but what things He will hear, He will speak, and the things that are to come He will announce to you. 
14 That One will give kavod to me, because He will receive of what is mine, and will announce it to you. 
15 All things which HaAv has are mine; therefore, I said that of mine He receives and will announce it to you. 
16 A little time and you no longer see me. And again a little time, and you will see me. 
17 Therefore, some of the talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to one another, What is this which he says to us? A little time and you do not see me. And, again, A little time and you will see me? And, Because I go to HaAv ? 
18 Therefore, they were saying, What is this, which he says, A little time? We do not have da’as of what he says. 
19 Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach knew that they were wanting to ask him. And he said to them, About this you inquire of one another that I said, A little time and you do not see me. And, again, a little time and you will see me? 
20 Omein, omein, I say to you, that there will be bechi (weeping) and avelut (mourning), but the Olam Hazeh will have simcha. You will have agmat nefesh, but your agmat nefesh (grief) will become simcha [TEHILLIM 30:6 (5)] 
21 The isha (woman) when she gives birth, has agmat nefesh (grief), [YESHAYAH 13:8; 21:3; 26:17; MICHOH 4:9; HOSHEA 13:13] because the sha’ah (hour, time) of her has come. But when she gives birth to the yeled, she no longer has zikaron of the Tribulation because of the naches that an ish was born into the Olam Hazeh. 
22 Therefore, you have agmat nefesh (grief) now, [YIRMEYAH 31:12] but again I will see you, and your levavot will have rejoicing [YESHAYAH 66:14 TARGUM HASHIVIM] and the simcha of you no one takes from you. 
23 And on that day you will not ask me anything. Omein, omein, I say to you, whatever you ask HaAv bShem of me, He will give it to you. 
24 Until now you did not ask anything bShem of me. Ask and you will receive that the simcha of you may be shleimah. 
25 Regarding these things I have spoken figuratively. [TEHILLIM 78:2; YEHEZKEL 20:49] A sha’ah comes when no longer I will speak figuratively to you, but will announce plainly to you concerning HaAv. 
26 On that day bShem of me you will ask, and I do not say to you that I will ask HaAv concerning you. 
27 For HaAv Himself has ahavah for you, because you have ahavah for me and have emunah that I came forth from HaAv. 
28 I came from HaAv and I have come into the Olam Hazeh. Again I leave the Olam Hazeh and go to HaAv. 
29 The talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach say, Hinei, see now you speak plainly and no longer figuratively do you speak. 
30 Now we know that you have da’as of all things, and you have no need that any test you with any she’elah (question). By this we have emunah that you came forth from Hashem. [1Kg 17:24] 
31 He answered them, Do you have emunah? 
32 Hinei a sha’ah (hour, time) is coming and has come, that you are SCATTERED [ZECHARIAH 13:7] each one to his own home, and you leave me alone, but I am not alone, because HaAv is with me. 
33 These things I have spoken to you that in me you may have shalom. In the Olam Hazeh you have tribulation; but have lev same’ach. I have conquered the Olam Hazeh. 
34 These things said Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And having lifted up his eyes to Shomayim, he said, Avi, the sha’ah (hour, time) has come. Give kavod to your Ben [HaElohim], that HaBen may give kavod to You, 
35 Vi-bahlt (since) you have been shomer. 
36 Omein, omein, I say to you, whatever you ask HaAv bShem of me, He will give it to you. 
37 Until now you did not ask anything bShem of me. Ask and you will receive that the simcha of you may be shleimah. 
38 Regarding these things I have spoken figuratively. [TEHILLIM 78:2; YEHEZKEL 20:49] A sha’ah comes when no longer I will speak figuratively to you, but will announce plainly to you concerning HaAv. 
39 On that day bShem of me you will ask, and I do not say to you that I will ask HaAv concerning you. 
40 For HaAv Himself has ahavah for you, because you have ahavah for me and have emunah that I came forth from HaAv. 
41 I came from HaAv and I have come into the Olam Hazeh. Again I leave the Olam Hazeh and go to HaAv. 
42 The talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach say, Hinei, see now you speak plainly and no longer figuratively do you speak. 
43 Now we know that you have da’as of all things, and you have no need that any test you with any she’elah (question). By this we have emunah that you came forth from Hashem. [1Kg 17:24] 
44 He answered them, Do you have emunah?
[8] Because the dvarim which You gave me, of these I have been shomer, and they received them, and they da’as beemes that from You I came forth, and they have emunah that You sent me.

[9] And I do not make a bakosha (petition, request) concerning them, I do not make a bakosha concerning the Olam Hazeh, but concerning the Ones You have given me, because they are Yours.

[10] And all things that are mine are Yours, and Your things are mine, and I have been given kavod in them.

[11] And I am no longer in the Olam Hazeh, but they are in the Olam Hazeh, and I am coming to You, Avi HaKadosh. Be shomer over them in Shmecha, which You have given me, that they may be echad as we are Echad. [Ps 133:1; Dt 6:4; Gn 2:24]

[12] When I was with them, I was keeping them in the Shem of You, which You have given me, and I kept shomer, and none of them perished or was lost, except the Ben HaAvaddon (the Son of Destruction, Perdition, the state of final spiritual ruin, Gehinnom), that the Kitvei Hakodesh might be fulfilled. [TEHILLIM 24:22; 41:9; 109:4,5,7,8]

[13] And now to You I am coming, and I speak these things in the Olam Hazeh that they may have my simcha made shleimah in themselves. [Ps 15:5; 119:160; 141:10; 145:11]

[14] I have given to them the dvar of You and the Olam Hazeh, has had sin’as chinom (hatred without cause) of them, because they are not of the Olam Hazeh, just as I am not of the Olam Hazeh.

[15] I do not make a bakosha that You take them out of the Olam Hazeh, but that You keep them from HaRah.

[16] They are not of the Olam Hazeh, but that You take them out of the Olam Hazeh, just as I am not of the Olam Hazeh.

[17] Set them apart for a use that is kodesh in HaEmes (The Truth). [1Kgs 17:24; 2Sm 7:28] Your Dvar is HaEmes.

[18] As You sent me into the Olam Hazeh, so also I send them into the Olam Hazeh. [TEHILLIM 119:142, 160]

[19] And for their sake, I set myself apart as kodesh that they also may be set apart for use that is kodesh in HaEmes. [20] However, I do not make a bakosha concerning these only, but also concerning the ones becoming ma’aminim in me [as Moshiach] because of their Dvar, that all may be echad, as You, Avi, are in me and I am in You. [YIRMΕYAH 32:39] that also they may be in us, that the Olam Hazeh may have emunah (faith) that You sent me.

[21] The kavod which You have given me, I have given them, that they may be echad just as we are echad.

[22] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to them, Ani Hu. Now also Yehuda, the one betraying him, had stood with them. [23] I in them and You in me that they may become tamim (perfect) in Achdut (Unity) that they may become ma’aminim in me. [Ps 119:142, 160]

[24] Elohim Avi, as to that which You have given me, I desire that where I am, those also may be with me, that they may behold my kavod, which You have given me, because You had ahavah for me before the hivvased haOlam.

[25] Avi HaTzaddik, indeed the world did not have da’as of You, but I knew You, and these ones knew that You sent me.

[26] And I have made known to them the Shem of You and will make it known, that the ahavah with which You loved me may be in them and I in them.

[27] These things having said, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach went out with his talmidim across the Kidron Valley, [SHMUEL BAIS 15:23] where there was a Gahn (Garden) into which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach entered with his talmidim.

[28] Now also Yehuda from Kriot, the one betraying Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, had da’as of the place, because often Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach gathered there with his talmidim.

[29] Then, Yehuda from Kriot, having taken the hand of chayyelim (soldiers) and avadim of the Rashei Hakohanim and of the Perushim, comes there with torches and lamps and weapons.

[30] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, therefore, having had da’as of everything coming upon him, went out and says to them, Whom do you seek?

[31] They said in reply, Yehoshua, the one from Natzeret. Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to them, Ani Hu. Now also Yehuda, the one betraying him, had stood with them.

[32] When therefore Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach told them, Ani Hu, they recoiled and fell to the ground.

[33] Therefore, again he questioned them, Whom do you seek? And they said, Yehoshua, the one from Natzeret.

[34] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, I told you that Ani Hu. If therefore you seek me, let these Bnei Adam go away.

[35] That may be fulfilled the dvar which said, Those whom You have given me, I did not lose any one of them. [Yn 17:12, 10:11]
Then Shimon Kefa, having a cherev (sword), drew it and struck the eved of the Kohen Gadol and cut off his right ear. The name of the eved was Malchus.

Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to Kefa, Put the cherev into the sheath. The kos which HaAv of me has given me, should I not drink it?

Now with Shimon Kefa another talmid were following Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And that other talmid was known to the Kohen Gadol, and that other talmid entered with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach into the court of the Kohen Gadol.

But Kefa had stood at the sha'ar outside. Therefore, the other talmid went out, the one known to the Kohen Gadol, and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought in Kefa.

Therefore, the maid says to Kefa, Surely you are not also of this man's talmidim? He said, I am not.

And the avadim and the mesharetim had made a hadlakah (bonfire), because it was cold, and they were standing around the hadlakah warming themselves. And also Kefa was with them, standing and warming himself.

|10| Then Shimon Kefa, having a cherev (sword), drew it and struck the eved of the Kohen Gadol and cut off his right ear. The name of the eved was Malchus. |11| Therefore, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to Kefa, Put the cherev into the sheath. The kos which HaAv of me has given me, should I not drink it? |

[12] Then the band of chayalim, their commander, and the avadim (officials) of Yehudah took him and performed the akedah (binding) on him.

[13] First they led him to Anan (Annas), for he was khoten (father-in-law) of Caiapha, who was Kohen Gadol that year.

[14] Now Caiapha was the one having given counsel to those of Yehudah that it is a bedievedike thing (expedient) for one man to die for HaAm. And that other talmid was known to the Kohen Gadol, one who was a relative of him, one whose ear he had cut off, says, Did I not see you in the Gahn (Garden) with him?

[15] Now Shimon Kefa and another talmid went out, the one known to the Kohen Gadol, and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought in Kefa.

[16] But Kefa had stood at the sha'ar outside. Therefore, the other talmid went out, the one known to the Kohen Gadol, and spoke to the gatekeeper and brought in Kefa.

[17] Therefore, the maid says to Kefa, Surely you are not also of this man's talmidim? He said, I am not.

[18] And the avadim and the mesharetim had made a hadlakah (bonfire), because it was cold, and they were standing around the hadlakah warming themselves. And also Kefa was with them, standing and warming himself.

[19] Then the Kohen Gadol interrogated Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach about his talmidim and his torah (teaching).
Therefore, when Pilate heard this dvar he was afraid even more.
[9] And Pilate entered into the Praetorium again and says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, From where are you? But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not give an answer (YESHAYAH 53:7).
[10] Therefore, Pilate says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, To me you do not speak? Do you not have da’as that I have samchut (authority) to free you and I have samchut (authority) to hang you on HaEtz?
[11] In reply, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach answered him, You do not have samchut (authority) against me at all, except it had been given to you from above; therefore, the avon is gadol, is even greater, the avon of the one having handed me over to you.
[12] From this point, Pilate began seeking to free Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach; but those of Yehudah cried out, saying, If this man you free, which it said, YEHOSHUA, THE ONE FROM NATZERET, MELECH HAYEHUDIM. And it had been written in Ivrit, in Latin, and in Greek.
[13] Therefore, Pilate, having heard these dvarim, led Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach out, and Pilate sat down upon a tribunal (seat of judgment) in a place being called The Pavevment ([Aramaic] Gabta).
[14] Now Erev Pesach was fast approaching, the sha’ah (hour, time) being about the shishit (sixth, the sixth hour, about noon, i.e., with Erev Pesach coming at sundown), and Pilate says to those of Yehudah, Hinei your Melech!
[15] Therefore, these cried out, Away, away, hang him on HaEtz! Pilate says to them, Shall I hang on HaEtz your Melech? In reply, the Kohanim and the Rashei Hakohanim were saying to Pilate, Do not write Melech HaYehudim. Rather, write, That one said I am Melech HaYehudim.
[16] Then, therefore, Pilate delivered Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to them that he should be hanged on HaEtz. [DEVARIM 21:22] Therefore, they took Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
[17] And carrying by himself HaEtz (The Tree) [BERESHIS 22:6; DEVARIM 21:23], he went out to the place being called Mekom HaGulgolet (Place of the Skull), which is called in Aramaic Gulgoleta.
[18] There they hanged Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on HaEtz and with him two others on this side and on that side, and, in the middle, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And, also, Pilate wrote out an inscription and had it placarded on top of HaEtz (The Tree). And what it said was, YEHOSHUA, THE ONE FROM NATZERET, MELECH HAYEHUDIM.
[19] This inscription, therefore, many of those of Yehudah read, because the place where Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was hanged on HaEtz was near the Ir (City). And it had been written in Ivrit, in Latin, and in Greek.
[20] Therefore, the Judean Rashei Hakohanim were saying to Pilate, Do not write Melech HaYehudim. Rather write, That one said I am Melech HaYehudim.
[21] In reply, Pilate said, What I have written, I have written [1Chr 21:17; Isa 53:8].
[22] Therefore the chayailim (soldiers), when they hanged Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on HaEtz, took his garments and divided them into arba’ah (four) parts, to each chayail (soldier) a part. They also took
[41] Now there was in the garden a kavern (garden) and in the garden was a kever (tomb) in which never yet anyone had been placed. [42] And so, because it was Preparation Day for those of Yehudah and because the kever was nearby, they laid Moshiach there.

20 Now on the Yom Rishon, Miryam of Magdala runs therefore and comes to Shimon Kefa and to the talmid ha’ahuv and says to them, They have taken Adoneinu from the kever (tomb) and we do not have da’as where they placed him. [2] Miryam of Magdala runs therefore and comes to Shimon Kefa and to the talmid ha’ahuv and says to them, They have taken Adoneinu from the kever (tomb) and we do not have da’as where they placed him. [3] Therefore, Shimon Kefa went forth and the other talmid, and they were coming to the kever (tomb), [4] And were running, the two together and the other talmid ran ahead faster than Kefa, and came first to the kever, [5] And having stooped down, the other talmid [talmid ha’ahuv] sees the tachrichin

[24] Therefore, those of Yehudah, vi-bahlit (since) it was Preparation Day [with Chag and Shabbos fast approaching], they did not want the geviyot to be left on HaEtz (Tree) [Ex 12:16; Dt 21:22-23; Josh 8:29; 10:26-27] during Shabbos, for it was Shabbat HaGadol [VAYIKRA 23:11], requested Pilate to have the legs broken and the geviyot taken away. [32] Therefore the chaiyalim (soldiers) came and broke the first man’s legs and then the other one hanging on HaEtz. [33] But having come to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, when they saw that he was already niftar (deceased), they did not break his legs. [34] But one of the chaiyalim pierced [ZECHARIYAH 12:10] his side with a romakh (spear) and immediately out came dahm and mayim. [35] And the ed re’iyah (eyewitness) of this has given solemn edut (testimony). And his edut is ne’emanah (trustworthy). And that one has da’as that he speaks Emes that you might have emunah. [36] For these things happened that the Kitvei Hakodesh [19:24, 28,37] might be fulfilled, VATZEM LO TISHBERU VOF (And not a bone of him shall be broken). [SHEMOT 12:46; BAMIDBAR 9:12; TEHILLIM 34:20-21] [37] And again the Kitvei Hakodesh says, V’HIBITU on ha’etz (Tree) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach (Ps 16:9-10; Job 19:25-27; Isa 53:11) and Pilate allowed it. Yosef from Ramatayim came, therefore, and took the gufat Yehoshua. [39] And also Rav Nakdimon came, the one having come first to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach balailah, bearing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about one hundred pounds. [40] Therefore, they took the Gufat HaYeshua (Body of Yehoshua) and bound it in linen clothes with spices as is the burial minhag with the Yehudim.

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his kesones (VAYIKRA 16:4; TEHILLIM 110:4). Now the kesones was seamless, woven from the top in one piece. [24] Therefore, they said to one another, Let us not tear it but let us cast lots for it (ESTHER 3:7) to see whose it will be. They did this in order that the Kitvei Hakodesh might be fulfilled, that which says, YECHALIK VEGADAI LAHEM VAL LEVUSHI YAPILU GORAL (They divide lots over it and over it they divide their geviyot taken away). [32] Therefore the chaiyalim (soldiers) came and broke the first man’s legs and then the other one hanging on HaEtz. [33] But having come to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, when they saw that he was already niftar (deceased), they did not break his legs. [34] But one of the chaiyalim pierced [ZECHARIYAH 12:10] his side with a romakh (spear) and immediately out came dahm and mayim. [35] And the ed re’iyah (eyewitness) of this has given solemn edut (testimony). And his edut is ne’emanah (trustworthy). And that one has da’as that he speaks Emes that you might have emunah. [36] For these things happened that the Kitvei Hakodesh [19:24, 28,37] might be fulfilled, VATZEM LO TISHBERU VOF (And not a bone of him shall be broken). [SHEMOT 12:46; BAMIDBAR 9:12; TEHILLIM 34:20-21] [37] And again the Kitvei Hakodesh says, V’HIBITU on ha’etz (Tree) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach (Ps 16:9-10; Job 19:25-27; Isa 53:11) and Pilate allowed it. Yosef from Ramatayim came, therefore, and took the gufat Yehoshua. [39] And also Rav Nakdimon came, the one having come first to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach balailah, bearing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about one hundred pounds. [40] Therefore, they took the Gufat HaYeshua (Body of Yehoshua) and bound it in linen clothes with spices as is the burial minhag with the Yehudim.

Now on the Yom Rishon, Miryam of Magdala comes early, while it was still dark, to the kever (tomb) and sees the stone having been taken away from the kever.

[2] Miryam of Magdala runs therefore and comes to Shimon Kefa and to the talmid ha’ahuv and says to them, They have taken Adoneinu from the kever (tomb) and we do not have da’as where they placed him. [3] Therefore, Shimon Kefa went forth and the other talmid, and they were coming to the kever (tomb), [4] And were running, the two together and the other talmid ran ahead faster than Kefa, and came first to the kever, [5] And having stooped down, the other talmid [talmid ha’ahuv] sees the tachrichin
linen clothes lying there. However, he did not enter the kever.

|6| Then comes also Shimon Kefa following him and Shimon Kefa entered into the kever (tomb), and sees the tachrichin linen clothes lying there.

|7| And also the mitznefet (head wrapping), which had been upon the rosh of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the mitznefet not lying with the tachrichin, but apart, having been folded up in one place.

|8| Then, therefore, entered also the other talmid, the one having come first to the kever (tomb), and he saw and had emunah (faith).

|9| For they did not yet have da'as of the Kitvei Hakodesh that it is necessary for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to have his Tehiyas HaMoshiach.

|10| Then the talmidim went away again to their own homes.

|11| Now Miryam had stood at the kever (tomb) outside weeping. Then, as she was weeping, she bent down into the kever (tomb)

|12| And sees two malachim (angels) in white, sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the Guf of Yehoshua had previously been lying.

|13| And those ones say to her, Isha, why do you weep? She says to them, They took Adoni, and I don't have da'as of where they placed him.

|14| When she had said these things, she turned back around, and she sees Yehoshua standing there, and she did not have da'as that it was Yehoshua.

|15| Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to her, Isha, why do you weep? Whom do you seek? Miryam, supposing that he was the shomer hagahn (the keeper of the garden), says to him, Adon, if you carried him away, tell me where you placed him, and I'll take him.

|16| He says to her, Miryam. She turns and she says to him in Ivrit, Rabboni. (This means mori [my teacher].)

|17| He says to her, Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet made the aliyah ascent to HaAv; but go to my Achim and tell them, I make the aliyah ascent to Avi and to Avichem, to Elohai and Eloheichem.

|18| Then goes also Shimon Kefa following him and Shimon Kefa entered into the kever (tomb), and sees the tachrichin linen clothes lying there.

|19| And also the mitznefet (head wrapping), which had been upon the rosh of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the mitznefet not lying with the tachrichin, but apart, having been folded up in one place.

|20| Then, therefore, entered also the other talmid, the one having come first to the kever (tomb), and he saw and had emunah (faith).

|21| For they did not yet have da'as of the Kitvei Hakodesh that it is necessary for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to have his Tehiyas HaMoshiach.

|22| And having said this, He showed his hands and his side to them. Therefore, the talmidim were filled with simcha at having seen HaAdon (MALACHI 3:1). And she told them that He had said to her these things.

|23| On that Yom Rishon, when it was erev, and the delatot (doors) having been shut where the talmidim were, because of fear of those of Yehudah, then came Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and stood in the midst and says to them, Shalom Aleichem!

|24| Then He says to T'oma, Bring your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be without emunah but be a ma'amin (Messianic believer).

|25| In reply, T'oma said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni! [TEHILLIM 35:23]

|26| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Because you have seen Me, you have emunah (faith)? Ashrey (Happy) are the ones not having seen and having emunah.

|27| Therefore He said to them again, Shalom Aleichem! As HaAv has sent Me, so also I send you. [BERESHIS 2:7; YECHEZKEL 37:9]

|28| And having said this, Moshiach breathed on them and says to them, Receive the Ruach Hakodesh.

|29| If you grant selicha to the averos of any, they have selicha; if there be any whose averos you retain, they are retained. [Mt 16:19; 18:18; Ac 8:17-24]

|30| But Toma, one of the Sheneym Asar, the one being called Didymus, was not with them when He came.

|31| Therefore the other talmidim were saying to him, Ra'nu es Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu! (We have seen Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu!) But Toma said to them, Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails and I put my finger into the place of the nails and also put my hand into his side, I will never have emunah (faith).

|32| And after shmonah yamim (eight days) again the talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach were inside, and Toma with them. Although the delatot were shut, He comes and stood in the midst and said, Shalom Aleichem.

|33| Then He says to Toma, Bring your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be without emunah but be a ma'amin (Messianic believer).

|34| In reply, T'oma said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni! [TEHILLIM 35:23]

|35| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says to him, Because you have seen Me, you have emunah (faith)? Ashrey (Happy) are the ones not having seen and having emunah.

|36| Therefore, many other otot (miraculous signs) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach also did before the talmidim, which have not been written in this sefer.

|37| But these things have been written that you might have emunah that Yehoshua is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the Ben HaElohim, and that, believing with emunah, you may have Chayyim (Life) b'Shem of Him.
After these things Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach manifested himself again to His talmidim at Lake Tiberias. Now Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was manifested thus.

Together there were Shimon Kefa and T’oma (his name means Twin) and Natan’el, the one from Kanah in the Galil and the Bnei Zavdai and two others of the talmidim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

Shimon Kefa says to them, I am going to fish. They say to Shimon Kefa, We are coming also with you. They went forth and embarked into the sirah. And during that lailah they caught not one thing.

Now when the beginning of Shacharis had already come, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach stood on the shore. The talmidim had not, however, realized it was he.

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach says, therefore, to them, Yeladim, surely not any dagim (fish) you have? In reply, they said to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Lo.

And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said to them, Throw the reshet (net) to the right side of the sirah (boat), and you will find dagim. Therefore, they threw it. And now they were not strong enough to draw in the reshet (net), because of the multitude of dagim.

Then when they ate, he says to Shimon Kefa, Shimon Ben Yochanan, do you have ahavah for me more than these? Shimon Kefa says to him, Ken, Adoni, You have da’as that I have ahavah for You. He says to him, Feed My sheep.

Omein, omein, I say to you, that when you were young, you were girding yourself and were walking where you wanted, but when you grow old you will extend your hands and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go.

This He said signifying by what mavet Shimon Kefa will glorify Hashem. After this, He said to him, Follow Me.

Having turned, Kefa sees the talmid ha’ahuv following them, who also was reclining at tish during the seudah upon the kheyk of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and this talmid was the one who had said Adoni, who is the one betraying you?

Then Kefa, having seen this one, says to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Adoni, and what about this man?

He says to him, If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me.

Therefore, a rumor went out saying to the achim B’Moshiach that that talmid would not die. But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did not tell him that he would not die, but rather, If I want him to remain until I come,
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what is that to you?

[24] This is the talmid, the one giving solemn edut (testimony) about these things, and the one having written these things and we have da'as that his edut is Emes.

[25] And there are many other things which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach did, which if they are written one by one, not the Olam Hazeh itself I suppose would have room enough for the sfarim being written.

In the sefer harishon I wrote about everything, O Theophilus, about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, both what he began to do and the shiurim he began to say.

[2] Until HaYom, when he made aliyyah ascent to Shomayim, having given Moshiach's mitzvot through the Ruach Hakodesh to the Shlichim whom he chose, to whom also he presented himself chai (alive), after his Messianic yissurim (sufferings), by many convincing proofs, during arba''im yamim appearing to his Shlichim and speaking concerning the Malchut Hashem:

[4] And, while gathering them at a yechidus, Moshiach gave instructions to them not to depart from Yerushalayim, but to wait for the havtachah (promise) of Elohim HaAv which he said, “You heard of from Me. [TEHILLIM 27:14]

[5] ‘For Yochanan gave a tevilah of teshuva with a mikveh mayim, but you will receive a tevilah in the Ruach Hakodesh not many yamim from now.’ [YOEL 3:1;[2:28]]

[6] And at yechidus, having come together, they were asking him saying, ‘Adoneinu, is it at this time that You are restoring the Malchut Hashem to Am Yisroel?’

[7] But he said to them, ‘It is not for you to have da'as of the tim (times) or moadim (seasons) which [Elohim] HaAv has set by His own samchut (authority). [Dt 29:29, Ps 107:13]

[8] ‘But you will receive ko'ach when the Ruach Hakodesh has come upon you, and you all will be the Eidus (the Witness) of me, in Yerushalayim, and in all Yehudah, and Shomron and as far as ad ketzeh ha'aretz.’

[9] And having said these things, while they were looking on, in an aliyyah ascent to Shomayim, Moshiach was taken up; and an anan (cloud) took him away from their eyes.

[10] And as they were gazing intently into Shomayim, while Moshiach was going—hinei—two beings, enrobed in white, had been present with them.

[11] Also, these said, ‘Men of the Galil, why do you stand looking into Shomayim? This Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, the one having been taken up from you into Shomayim, will also come again in like manner as you saw him going into Shomayim.’

[12] Then they returned to Yerushalayim from Har HaZeytim, which from Yerushalayim is a Shabbos walk.

[13] And when they entered, they went up to the aliyyah where they were staying, that is, Kefa and Yochanan and Ya'akov and Andrew and Philippos and Toma and Bar-Talmai and Mattityahu and Ya'akov Ben Chalfai and Shimon the Zealot and Yehudah Ben Ya'akov.

[14] These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to tefillah, with the nashim and with Miryam the Em of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and with his achim.

[15] And at this time, having stood up, Kefa, in the midst of the Achim b'Moshiach—there were 120 persons in the place

[16] —said, ‘Achim b'Moshiach, the Kitvei Hakodesh had to be fulfilled, which the Ruach Hakodesh foretold through the peh of Dovid Hamelech concerning Yehudah, who became a guide to the ones arresting Yehoshua.

[17] ‘For he had been numbered among us, and he received his ministry in the Messianic avodas kodesh of the Moshich's Shlichim.

[18] (Now this man, therefore, acquired a sadeh out of the sachar [reward] of his pesya and, having fallen headlong, he plots [burst] open in the middle and all the inward parts of him were poured out.

[19] And this became known to all the ones inhabiting Yerushalayim, so that the sadeh [field] became known in their language as ‘Akeldama’—that is ‘Sadeh of Dahm.’

[20] ‘For it has been written in the Sefer Tehillim, ‘TEHI the place of him NESHAMMAH (one being deserted)... VAL YEHI YOSHEV’ (‘May his place be deserted and let him not be the one dwelling in it’:

[21] TEHILLIM 69:26) and ‘PEKUDATO YIKACH ACHER’ (‘his place of leadership may another take’. TEHILLIM 109:8)

[22] ‘It is necessary, therefore, that one of the anashim who accompanied us during all the time in which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua went in and went out among us,

[23] ‘Beginning from the tevilah of teshuva of Yochanan until the
And when the day of Shavuos is fulfilled, they were all together in one place. [Lv 23:15,16]  
[2] And there was mitamulh (suddenly) from Shomayim a sound like the rushing of a violent wind, and it filled the whole bais where they were sitting.  
[3] And leshonot appeared to them, being divided as eish resting on each one of them,  
[4] And all were filled with the Ruach Hakodesh, and they began to speak in leshonot acherot as the Ruach Hakodesh was giving the utterance to them.  
[5] Now there were in Yerushalayim frum, charedi (orthodox) Yehudim from all the nations under Shomayim.  
[6] And at this sound, the multitude assembled and was bewildered, because they were hearing, each one in his own native language, the Achim b'Moshiach speaking.  
[7] And they were nispo'yel (standing in awe) and marveled, saying, 'Hinei, are not all of these Galileans speaking?  
[8] 'And how are we hearing, each in our own language in which we were born?  
[9] 'We Parthians and Medes and Elamites; the ones living in Mesopotamia, Yehudah, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia,  
[10] Phrygia, Pamphylia, Mitzrayim (Egypt), and the regions of Libya around Cyrene; and the visiting Romans,  
[11] Both Yehudim and Gerim (Proselytes), Cretan, and Arabic, we hear them speaking in other languages [than their own] of the Gevurot (mighty acts) of Hashem'.  
[12] And all had real hispailus (overwhelming awe) and were bewildered saying one to another, 'What can this mean?'  
[13] But others, mocking, were saying, 'Of sweet wine they have been filled!'  
[14] But Kefa, having stood with the Achad Asar, lifted up his voice and declared to them, 'Anashim Yehudim! And the ones inhabiting Yerushalayim, have da'as of all this and be goires (listen to) my dvarim:  
[15] 'For these ones are not, as you assume, in their schnaps, for it is only the third hour of the day (nine o'clock in the morning).  
[16] 'But this is what has been spoken by Yoel HaNavi;  
[17] 'And it shall be that everyone whoever calls upon the Name of Adonoi will be saved'. '[BERESHIS 4:26; 26:25; TEHILLIM 105:1; YOEL 3:1-5 (2:28 32)]  
[18] And it will be that everyone whoever calls upon the Name of Adonoi will be saved; '[]'[BERESHIS 4:26; 26:25; TEHILLIM 105:1; YOEL 3:1-5 (2:28 32)]  
[22] 'Anshei Yisroel, listen to these dvarim: Yehoshua of Natzeret, a man having been attested by Hashem to you by gevurot and moftim which Hashem did through him in your midst, just as you yourselves have da'as  
[23] This one, delivered up by the determined cheshbon (plan) and yedi'ah mukdemet (foreknowledge) of Hashem, and by the hand of lawless Bnei Adam you made him talui al HaEtz (being hanged on the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23) and put him to death. [YESHAYAH 53:10]  
[24] 'But in fact Hashem made Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to stand up alive again, having destroyed the Chevele HaMavet, because it was impossible for Rebbe,
Melech HaMoshiach to be held by Death’s koach.
[25] 'For Dovid Hamelech says of him, SHIVVTI HASHEM L’NEGDI BAL EMMOT LAMIKDAH, and having received the havenport of the Ruach Hakodesh from Elohim HaAv, Moshiach poured out this which you also see and hear.

[26] 'Therefore my heart was cheered up and my tongue exulted and in addition also my flesh, my body, will live in secure [hope].'

[27] 'Because you will not abandon the nefesh (soul) of me to destruction nor will you give your Chasid [T.N. i.e., Moshiach the ultimate Chasid] to see corruption.'

[28] TODIEINI ORACH CHAYYIM SOVA SEMACHOT ES Panecha (‘You made known to me the path of Chayyim, you will fill me with simcha in your presence.’)

[29] 'Anashim Achim, it is permitted to speak with bitachon (confidence) to you henoigeia [regarding] Dovid Avinu, that also he died and his kever (tomb) is with us until this day.

[30] 'Therefore, being a Navi and having da’as that with a shevu’ah (an oath) HASHEM swore to him that from his loins his zera would sit upon his KISSE...'

[31] 'Foreseeing this, Dovid Hamelech spoke about the Techiyas HaMoshiach: neither was he ‘abandoned to destruction nor did his BASAR see corruption.’

[32] 'This Yehoshua in fact Hashem made to stand up alive again, of which we all are Edim (T.N. i.e., here the original language means “martyr witnesses unto mavet al Kiddush ha-Shem”).

[33] 'Having been exalted to the right hand of Hashem and having received the havenport of the Ruach Hakodesh from Elohim HaAv, Moshiach poured out this which you also see and hear.

[34] 'For Dovid Hamelech did not ascend into Shomayim, but he says, 'Hashem says to Adoni, SHEV LIMINI (‘sit down at my right hand’)

[35] 'Until I make OYVECHA (‘your enemies’) your footstool.'

[36] 'Therefore, assuredly let Klaal Yisroel have da’as that this Yehoshua, whom you made talui al HaEtz (being hanged on the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23), this one Hashem has made both Adoneinu and Rabbeinu, Melech HaMoshiach.'

[37] And when they heard this, they were pierced with_conviction in their levavot, and they said to Kefa and to the other of Moshiach’s Tevila
tesuvot of you, and each of you submit to a tevilah of teshuva in the Shem of Yehoshua HaMoshiach, for the selichat avon of you, and you will receive the matanah down at my right hand”)

[38] And Kefa said to them, ‘Make teshuva (repentance, turning from chet to Hashem) and each of you submit to a tevilah of teshuva in the Shem of Yehoshua HaMoshiach, for the selichat avon of you, and you will receive the matanah of the Ruach Hakodesh.

[39] 'For to you is the havenport and to your yeladim and to all the ones at a distance, as many as may YIKRA B’SEHIM ADONOI ELOHEINU!’ [YOEL 3:5; 2:28; YESHAYAH 44:3; 65:23; 57:19]

[40] And with many other dvarim, Kefa gave solemn edut (testimony) and was warning them, ‘Receive yeshu’at Eloheinu from this DOR IKKESH UFETALTOL (warped and crooked generation!’ DEVARIM 32:5)

[41] 'Those, who were mekal Besuras HaGeulah and welcomed his dvar, submitted to a tevilah of teshuva and there were added in that day nefeshot (souls) beerech (approximately, dacht zich) shloschet alafim (three thousand).

[42] And they were keseder (constantly) shtruk (steadfastly) devoting themselves to the Moshiach’s pnimiyus (innermost) Torah as handed on by Moshiach’s Shlichim (emmissaries of the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach) and to being mishtatef (involved, joining) in the Messianic Chavurah (fellowship, company, group, especially one eating the paschal lamb together) and to the tishen (shared meals) with Betzi’at HaLechem (Breaking Bread) at the Seudos Moshiach and to the Tefillos.

[43] All were filled with yirat Moshiach and were nispoyel (in awe), and many moftim and otot through Moshiach’s Shlichim were taking place.

[44] And all the [Jewish] Ma’amimin HaMeshichiyim were together and they were having all things in common.

[45] And they were selling their properties and possessions and were distributing tzedakah to everyone as someone had need. DEVARIM 28:1-14

[46] And yom yom, devoting themselves with one mind in the courts of the Beis Hamidkash, and from bais to bais, offering the Betzi’at HaLechem, they were together at tish with single-hearted exultation and hitlahavut.
Praising Hashem, and having favor with all the people while G-d was adding to their number yom yom those receiving yeshu'at Eloheinu.

Now Kefa and Yochanan were going up to the Beis Hamidkash at the hour of tefillah, the ninth hour (three oclock in the afternoon). [TEHILLIM 55:17]

And a certain ish, an ish (pisei'ach from the womb of his em), was being carried and they were putting him bederech klad (usually) yom yom at the sha'ar of the Beis Hamidkash, the one being called the Sha'ar Hatiferet, in order to beg for tzedakah from the ones entering into the Beis Hamidkash.

When the ish pisei'ach (lame man) saw Kefa and Yochanan being about to enter into the Beis Hamidkash, he began begging for tzedakah from the ones entering into the Beis Hamidkash.

But Kefa, as did Yochanan, gazed at him, saying, 'Look at us!' And the ish pisei'ach was paying heed to them, expecting to receive something from them.

And Kefa said, 'Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have I give to you. In ha-Shem Eloheinu.

Gold have I none, but such as I have I give to you. In ha-Shem Eloheinu.' [YESHAYAH 52:13;53:11]

But you denied Hashem, Elohei Ya'akov, the G-d of Avraham V'Elohei Yitzchak V'Avoteinu, has brought kavod and amazement at what had happened to him. Now while Kefa and Yochanan were being held by him, all the people ran together to them at the Portico which is called Ulam Shlomo, and the people were utterly astonished.

And when Kefa saw this, he answered the people, preaching, 'Anshei Yisroel, why are you bewildered at this or at us? Why are you gazing as if it were by our own ko'ach or chassidus that this man has become able to walk?'

'Hashem, Elohei HaMoshiach HaMishniach, should undergo Messianic yissurim (sufferings).'

Therefore, make teshuva (repentance, turning from chet [sin] to G-d) and turn in order that your chattat'im, your averos (sins) may be removed, [TEHILLIM 51:1; YESHAYAH 43:25; 44:22]

In order that times of rest may come from the presence of Adonoi, and that he may send the one having been proclaimed beforehand to you, that is, the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, [22] 'Moshe Rabbenu indeed said, 'NAVI KAMOCHA [my prophet is among you],' and you asked for a man who was a rotzeach (murderer) to be granted unto you,

'But the Sar HaChayyim was a rotzeach (murderer) to be granted unto you,' [DEVARIM 18:15,18]

And it may be the case that they will shomer you during the year of ha-Shem Adonoi, and that you Hashem Adonoi will raise up from your achim; to him you will give heed according to everything whatever he may speak to you.' [DEVARIM 18:15,18; VAYIKRA 23:29]

And it will be that every nefesh (soul) whoever LO YISHMA (does not listen) to that Navi (prophet) will be utterly destroyed from among the people. [DEVARIM 18:19; VAYIKRA 23:29]

And likewise all the Nevim (prophets) from Shmuel and his successors onward, also announced HaYom HaZeh.

You are the Bnei HaNevim (prophets) and you are the Bnei HaBrit which Hashem decreed to realize that according to a lack of da'as you acted, as did also your manhigim (leaders).
Now while they were speaking to the people, the kohanim and the Sar Tzeva HaHeikhal, and the Tzedukim (Sadducees), approached them.

And many of the ones having listened to the dvar Hashem had emunah; and the number of the men came to be lav davka (approximately) chameshet alafim.

And it came about on the chameshet alafim, Hashem raised up his EVED Moshiach Yeshoshua of Natzeret, whom you hanged on HaEtz (DEVARIM 21:22), whom Hashem made to stand up alive again from HaMesim —by this Shem this man stands here before you shalem b’guf (healthy).

And having ordered the Rashei Hakohanim and the Shlichim to step outside the Sanhedrin chambers, they were marveling boldness of Kefa and Yochanan, and having perceived that they are not yeshiva-trained Torah teachers, they were marveling and began to recognize them, that they had been with Yehoshua.

And seeing the man whom Hashem had released, the Moshiach’s Shlichim, they decided to examine on account of a handicapped man, as to by what means this one has been given refuah shleimah.

And it be known to all of you and to Klal Yisroel, that b’Shem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yeshoshua of Natzeret, whom you hanged on HaEtz (DEVARIM 21:22), whom Hashem made to stand up alive again from HaMesim —by this Shem this man stands here before you shalem b’guf (healthy).

And also Anan the Kohen Gadol and Caiapha and Yochanan and Alexander and as many as were of the mishpochah of the Kohen Gadol.

And when they had placed the Moshiach’s Shlichim in their midst, they were inquiring, 'By what ko’ach or in what Shem have you done this?'

Then Kefa, having been filled with the Ruach Hakodesh, said to them, 'Sarei HaAm and Zekenim,

If we today are being examined on account of a ma’aseh tov done to a handicapped man, as to by what means this one has been given refuah shleimah,

But let it be known to all of you and to Klal Yisroel, that b’Shem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yeshoshua of Natzeret, whom you hanged on HaEtz (DEVARIM 21:22), whom Hashem made to stand up alive again from HaMesim —by this Shem this man stands here before you shalem b’guf (healthy).

And there is no Yeshu’at hakhchashah of the fact.

But lest it may be spread further among the Am Yisroel, let us warn them no longer to speak to any man b’shem hazeh (in this name).

And, having summoned them, they commanded them not to say drashot or shiurim b’shem Yehoshua at all.

But Kefa and Yochanan in reply said to them, 'If it is tov before Hashem to listen to you rather than to Hashem, you be the Beit Din Dayan;

For we are not able to make drashot or shiurim b’shem Yehoshua at all.

Let it be known to all of you and to Klal Yisroel, that b’Shem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yeshoshua of Natzeret, whom you hanged on HaEtz (DEVARIM 21:22), whom Hashem made to stand up alive again from HaMesim —by this Shem this man stands here before you shalem b’guf (healthy).

And when they had threatened them further, they released them, finding no basis on which they might punish them, because of the people, vi-bahalt all were crying 'Baruch Hashem!' on account of what had happened.

For the man was more than ben arba’im shanah, upon whom this ot of refu’ah had been brought about.

And, after having been released, the Moshiach’s Shlichim came to their own, and reported all the things the Rashei Hakohanim and the Zekenim had said to them.

And having heard this, the people lifted their voices to Hashem with one mind, and said, 'Rabbono Shel Olam, you are the one BARAH ES HASHOMAYIM VES HAARETZ and the yam and all that is in them,

BERESHIS 1:1; NECHEMYAH 9:6; IYOV 41:11; YESHAyah 37:16; TEHILLIM 146:6; SHEMOT 20:11

And You are the One Who by the Ruach Hakodesh through the mouth of Avinu Dovid
Your eve, said, LAMMAH RAGESHU GOYIM ULUMIM YEHICU RIK (‘Why did the Goyim rage and the peoples plot vain and futile things?’)

[26] VITYATZYU MALKHEI ERETZ VROZINM NOSEDU YACHAD AL HASHEM VAL MOSHIACHO (‘The kings of the earth took their stand, and the rulers assembled together against Hashem and against His Moshiach.’) [TEHILLIM 2:12; DANIEL 9:25]

[27] ‘For be’emes (in truth) in this Ir (City), keneged (in opposition, against) Your Eved HaKadosh Yehoshua whom You did anoint, there were assembled both Herod and Pontius Pilate along with the Goyim and HaAm Yisroel, [TEHILLIM 61:1, 2:1f; YESHAYAH 53; ZECHARYAH 12:10]

[28] ‘To do whatever that was by Your hand and by Your ratzon (will) it was nitzrach (needy).’

[29] ‘And now, Adonoi, look upon their threats and grant that Your avadim may speak Your dvar with all ometz lev (courage, boldness), Your dvar with all ometz lev (courage, boldness), Your dvar with all ometz lev (courage, boldness), [TEHILLIM 138:3]

[30] ‘While You stretch out Your hand for refua and otot and moftim to occur through the Shem of Your Eved HaKadosh Yehoshua.’

[31] And after they had davened, the place in which they had assembled was shaken and everyone was filled with the Ruach Hakodesh and they were speaking the dvar Hashem with ometz lev (courage, boldness),

[32] Now the Messianic Kehillah vel (community) of the ones having had emunah had achdus in lev (heart) and nefesh (soul), and not one was saying that any of the possessions belonging to him was his own, but everything to them was in common.

[33] And with gevaltike (extraordinary) ko’ach (power) the Moshiach’s Shlichim were giving eidus (testimony) of the Techiyas of Yehoshua Adoneinu. And great Chen vChesed Hashem was upon them all.

[34] For there was no one needy among them, for as many as were owners of sadot or batim were selling them and were bringing the proceeds of the sale

[35] And were placing them at the feet of Moshiach’s Shlichim and were distributing to each one as anyone was nitzrach (needy).

[36] And Yosef, a Levi from Cyprus, a man having been named Bar-Nabba by the Moshiach’s Shlichim, a name which being translated means, ‘Son of Encouragement,’

[37] This one owned a sadeh which being translated means, ‘Son of Encouragement,’

And a certain man by the name Chananyah, with his wife Shappira, sold property

And he, with his wife in collusion as to da’as, misappropriated from the price, and having brought a certain part, laid it at the feet of Moshiach’s Shlichim.

And a man by the name Shappira, with his wife in collusion as to da’as, misappropriated from the price, that was the amount.’

And Kefa said to her, ‘Why was it agreed by the two of you to put the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem to the test? Hinei! The feet of the ones having buried your ba’al are at the petach (doorway), and they will carry you out.’

And she fell immediately at her feet and died. And, the bochrim, having entered, found her dead; and, having carried her out, they buried her with her ba’al.

And there came great yirat Hashem upon all the ones hearing these things.

Now by the hands of the Moshiach’s Shlichim were being effected many otot and moftim among the people and with a sense of achdus they were all in the Ulam Sh’lomo.

But none of the rest was daring to be mistatetf in a chavura (becoming involved, joining a fellowship) with them; however, the Am Yisroel held the Messianic Jews in high esteem.
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| 14 | And more and more ma'amim hameshichiyim in Adoneinu were being added, multitudes of anashim and nashim, |
| 15 | So much so that even out into the rekhovot they would carry the cholim and put them on pallets and mats, that when Kefa came by, at least his shadow might fall upon some of them. |
| 16 | And also the multitudes from the shhetlach surrounding Yerushalayim were coming together, carrying the cholim and the ones being tormented by ruchot teme'ot (unclean spirits); and they were all receiving refu'ah sheleimah. |
| 17 | But there was an uprising of the Kohen Gadol and all the ones with him of the Tzedukim kat, and they were filled with kinah. |
| 18 | And they laid their hands upon the Moshiach's Shlichim and they put them in a public beis hasohar. |
| 19 | And a malach Adonoi (an angel of Hashem) opened the doors of the beis hasohar halailah, and having led them out, said, [BERESHIS 16:7; SHEMOT 3:2; TEHILLIM 34:7] 'Go and stand and speak in the Beis Hamikdash at Moshiach's Shlichim and they put them in a public beis hasohar. |
| 20 | 'Go and stand and speak in the Beis Hamikdash to the people kol divrei HaChayyim ha'elech.' |
| 21 | And having heard, the Moshiach's Shlichim entered the Beis Hamikdash at Shachrit and were saying shiurim. And when the Kohen Gadol and the ones with him had come, they called together the Sanhedrin and all the assembly of Zekenim of the Bnei Yisroel, and they sent to the beis hasohar for the prisoners to be brought to them. |
| 22 | But their mesharetim, having come, did not find them in the beis hasohar. And having returned, they reported these things |
| 23 | Saying, 'We found the beis hasohar locked tight and the shomrim standing at the doors; but when we opened up, we found no one inside.' |
| 24 | And when the Sar Tzeva HaHeikhal of the Beis Hamikdash and the Rashei Hakohanim heard these words, they were perplexed about them, as far as what would come of all this. |
| 25 | But someone came and reported to them, 'Hinei, the men whom you put in the beis hasohar are in the Beis Hamikdash standing and saying shiurim to the people.' |
| 26 | Then the Sar Tzeva HaHeikhal went along with the mesharetim and brought the Moshiach's Shlichim back, but not with force--for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. |
| 27 | And when they had brought them, they stood the Moshiach's Shlichim before the Sanhedrin, and the Kohen Gadol questioned them, |
| 28 | Saying, 'Did we not with a strict command charge you not to say shiurim b'shem hazeh and, hinei, you have filled Yerushalayim with your torah and are determined to bring upon us the dahm of this man.' |
| 29 | And in reply Kefa and the Moshiach's Shlichim said, 'It is necessary to obey Hashem rather than Bnei Adam. [SHEMOT 1:17] ' |
| 30 | 'Elohei Avoteinu made Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua to stand up alive again, the very one whom you killed, having made him talui al haEtz (being hanged on the tree), [DEVARIM 21:23] ' |
| 31 | 'This one Hashem exalted as Sar and Mosh'a (Oisleizer) to His right hand to grant teshuva to Yisroel and selicha (forgiveness) of chatta'im (averos, sins). |
| 32 | 'And we are the eidus (witness) of these matters and so is the Ruach Hakodesh whom Hashem gave to the ones obeying Him.' |
| 33 | And the ones having heard were cut to the quick and in fury were deciding to do away with them. |
| 34 | But a certain Parush got up in the Sanhedrin, a moreh of Torah by name Rabban Gamliel, respected by kol Am Yisroel, and he gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. |
| 35 | And Rabban Gamliel said to them, 'Anshei Yisroel, pay attention to yourselves what you are about to do with these anashim. |
| 36 | 'For at an earlier tekufa (era, period), there was the uprising of Theudas, who claimed to be somebody himself, with whom were associated a number of anashim lav davka (approximately) four hundred; who was done away with and as many as were obeying him were all dispersed and it came to nothing. |
| 37 | 'After this there was Yehudah HaGelili in the yamim of the census; who misled the people to follow after him and that man perished and, as many as were obeying him, were all scattered. |
| 38 | 'And now I say to you, stay away from these anashim, and leave them alone, because if this cheshbon (plan) or this matter is of Bnei Adam, it will be overthrown. |
| 39 | 'But if it is from Hashem, you are not able to overthrow them--in that case you may even be found to be fighting keneged (against, opposing) Hashem.' And they were persuaded by Rabban Gamliel. [2Ch 13:12; Prov 21:30; Isa 46:10] |
And having called together the Moshiach's Shluchim and having flogged them, they warned them not to speak in the shem of Yehoshua, and they released them.

Therefore Moshiach's Shluchim were going rejoicing from the presence of the Sanhedrin, that they were considered worthy to suffer shame for ha-Shem (the Name).

And every day in the Beis Hamikdash and from bais to bais they did not stop saying shiurim and drashot about Yehoshua as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

Now in these yamim of the Messianic talmidim being increased, there was a complaint by the Greek-speaking Yehudim keneged (against) the Sabra Yehudim mitzad (as to) their Greek-speaking Jewish almanot being overlooked in the daily support.

And the Sheneym Asar, having called the multitude of the talmidim together, said, "It is not desirable for us to neglect the dvar Hashem in order to serve tishen.

But select from among you Achim b'Moshiach, that is, shivah anashim, being of shem tov (good reputation) and full of the Ruach Hakodesh and chochmah, whom we will appoint over this duty; [SHEMOT 18:21; NECHEMYAH 13:13]

But some of the men from the shul called the Beit Knesset of the Meshuchrarim (the Freedmen) and the Cyrenians and the Alexandrians, and the ones from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stefanos,

And they were not able to contradict the chochmah and the Ruach Hakodesh with which he was speaking.

Then they secretly induced anashim to say, "We have heard him committing Chilul Hashem in the words he spoke keneged (against) Moshe Rabbenu and Hashem." [MELACHIM ALEF 21:10]

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And they aroused the people and the Zekenim and the Sofrim and they came upon Stefanos and they seized him and they brought him to the Sanhedrin.

And edei sheker (false witnesses) swore falsely, saying, "This man is not ceasing to speak words keneged (against) Makom HaKadosh HaZeh and the Torah." [SHEMOT 23:1; TEHILLIM 27:12]

And Stefanos, full of the Chen v'Chesed Hashem and ko'ach (power), was effecting otot and moftim gedolim among the people.

But some of the men from the shul called the Beit Knesset of the Meshuchrarim (the Freedmen) and the Cyrenians and the Alexandrians, and the ones from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stefanos,

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And Hashem did not give to him a nachalah (inheritance) in it nor AD MIDRACH KAF REGEL ('even enough to put your foot on') DEVARIM 2:5; and yet, even when he had no ben, the havtachah (promise) of Hashem to him was ES HAARETZ HAZOT E'TEN (This land I will give) to him and to his zera (seed) after him; [DEVARIM 2:5; BERESHIS 12:7; 13:15; 17:8; 26:3; 48:4]

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them they will enslave and they will mistreat them ARBA MEOT SHANAH (‘four hundred years’). [Gn 15:13f; Ex 1:8 11; 12:40]

[7] ‘VGM AS HAGOY ASHER YAAVODU DAN ANOCHI (‘And whatever nation to which they shall be in bondage I myself will judge’ said Hashem, VACHAREI KHEN YETZU (‘And after that they will come out’) and serve me in this place.’ [BERESHIS 15:13,14; SHEMOT 3:12]

[8] ‘And he gave to him bris milah on the Yom HaShemini. [Ex 2:2]

[9] ‘And Hashem delivered Yosef from all his tzoros and mishpochah became known to Achim, and Yosef’s mishpochah became known to Pharaohh. [Gn 45:1 4, 16]

[10] ‘And Hashem delivered Yosef from all his tzoros and gave to him Chen v’Chesed. [Gn 39:1,2,21,23; 45:4; Hag 2:4]

[11] ‘Now as the time of the havtachah (promise) was drawing near, which Hashem promised to Avraham Avinu, the people grew and were multiplied in Mitzrayim. [Ex 1:7; Ps 105:24]

[12] ‘And Yaakov Avinu went down to Mitzrayim (Egypt) and he died, as did Avoteinu. [Gn 46:5 7; 49:33; Ex 1:6]

[13] ‘Now a famine came over Canaan and tzarah gedolah all Mitzrayim (Egypt) and they did not have binah (understanding). [Gn 23:16-20; 33:18, 19; 50:13; Josh 24:32]

[14] ‘And having sent, Yosef summoned Yaakov his Abba and all his mishpochah, SHIVIM (Seventy, BERESHIS 46:27) nefashot (souls). [Gn 45:9,10; 46:26,27; Ex 1:5; Dt 10:22]

[15] ‘And Yaakov Avinu went down to Mitzrayim (Egypt) and he died, as did Avoteinu. [Gn 45:1 4, 16]

[16] ‘And they were brought back to Shechem and were placed in the kever (tomb) which Avraham bought for a sum of silver from the banim of Chamor in Shechem. [Gn 23:16-20; 33:18, 19; 50:13; Josh 24:32]

[17] ‘And Moshe Rabbenu was born and he was nurtured for shloshah chodashim in the bais of his achim, and Yosef’s mishpochah became known to Achim, and Yosef’s mishpochah became known to Pharaohh. [Gn 45:1 4, 16]

[18] ‘And he gave to him bris milah on the Yom HaShemini. [Ex 2:2]

[19] ‘And Yaakov Avinu went down to Mitzrayim (Egypt) and he died, as did Avoteinu. [Gn 45:1 4, 16]

[20] ‘And at this time Moshe Rabbenu was born and he was well pleasing to Hashem; and he was nurtured for shloshah chodashim in the bais of his abba. [Ex 2:2]

[21] ‘And after he had been exposed, the bat Pharaoh took Moshe Rabbenu away, and brought him up as her own son. [Ex 2:3-10]

[22] ‘And Moshe Rabbenu was instructed in all the chochmah of the Egyptians and in dvarim (words) and pe’ulot (deeds) he was given ko’ach. [1Kgs 4:30; Isa 19:11]

[23] ‘But when arba’im shannah of his days were completed, it entered into his lev (heart) to visit his Achim of the Bnei Yisroel. [Ex 2:11]

[24] ‘And having seen one of them being treated unjustly he retaliated and brought yashrus (justice) for the one being oppressed by striking down the Egyptian. [Ex 2:12]

[25] ‘And wholesaling was ashen that his achim had binah that Hashem by the hand of Moshe was giving Yeshu’at Eloheinu to them, but they did not have binah (understanding).

[26] ‘And on the next day he came to them as they were fighting and Moshe was trying to reconcile them in shalom, saying, ‘Anashim, you are achim, why are you injuring one another?’ [Ex 2:13]

[27] ‘But the one injuring his re’a pushed Moshe aside, saying MI SAMECHA L’ISH KI YOARAKEHAI? “Who made you ruler and judge over us?”--Ex 2:14)

[28] ‘Halehargeni Atah Omer Kaasher Haragta Shivim (Seventy, BERESHIS 46:27) nefashot (souls). [Gn 45:9,10; 46:26,27; Ex 1:5; Dt 10:22]

[29] ‘And Moshe Rabbenu fled at this dvar and became a stranger in eretz Midyan, where he became the father of shnei banim. [Gn 4:37-45; Ps 105:20-22]

[30] ‘And Yaakov Avinu heard that there was grain in Mitzrayim (Egypt), he sent Avoteinu to them but they did not have chazon and, as he was approaching it to look more closely, there came the kol (voice) of Hashem, [Ex 3:1-4]
And Hashem said to him, "Take off your sandals from your feet" for the place on which you have stood is admat kodesh (holy ground). [Ex 3:5; Josh 5:15]

"I have seen the AMMI ASHER B'MITZRAYIM ('misery of my people in Egypt') and the groaning of them I heard and I came down to deliver them. And now come that I may send you to Mitzrayim (Egypt). [SHEMOT 3:5, 7-10; 2:24]

"This Moshe whom they denied, having said MI SAMECHA L'ISH SAR V'SHOFET? ('Who made you a ruler and a judge?') is the one whom G-d sent to be both SAR (ruler) and GO'EL (redeemer) with the help of the malach having appeared to him in the thorn bush. [SHEMOT 2:14]

"This one led them out, effecting moftim and otot in eretz Mitzrayim (Egypt) and in the Yam Suf and in the midbar arba'im shanah. [SHEMOT 7:3, 12:41; 33:1; 11:10; 14:21; 15:25; 17:5,6; BAMIDBAR 14:33]

"And at that time they made an egel (calf) and brought a sacrifice offering to the elil (idol) and were taking delight in the ma'asim (works) of their hands. [SHEMOT 32:4-6; TEHILLIM 106:19,20]

"But Hashem turned away and handed them over to serve the tzeva Shomayim, just as it has been written in the sefer haNevi'im, HAZEVACHIM UMINCHAH HIGASHTEM LI BAMIDBAR ARBA'IM SHANAH, BET YISROEL ('It was not to me that you offered victims and sacrifices forty years in the wilderness, was it, O House of Israel?') [AMOS 5:25-27; YEHOSHUA 24:20; YESHAYAH 63:10; YIRMEYAH 19:13]

"Having said to Aharon, Make for us g-ds who will go before us; for this Moshe who led us out of the land of Egypt we do not know what happened to him'. [SHEMOT 32:1,23]

"And Shlomo (Solomon) built for him a Beis. [MELACHIM ALEF 6:1-38]

"But HaElyon does not dwell in battim made by human hands, just as the Navi (prophet) says, [MELACHIM ALEF 8:27; MELACHIM BAIS 2:6]

"HASHOMAYIM KISSI V'HAARETZ HADOM RAGLAI ('Heaven is my throne and earth is the footstool for my feet'), EI-ZEH BAYIT ASHER TIVNU LI ('What kind of House will you build for me?') says Hashem, VEI ZEH MAKOM MENUCHATI ('Or where will my resting place be?') [YESHAYAH 66:1,2]

"Did not my hand ASATAH (make) all these things? [YESHAYAH 66:1,2]

"'You AM KESHEH OREF ('stiff-necked people' SHEMOT 33:5), you who are without the 'bris milah' of the lev (heart) and of the oznayim (ears), you always resist the Ruach
And Rav Sha'ul was giving approval to the murder of Stefanos. And there came about in that day a great pogrom keneged (against) the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in Yerushalayim, and everyone was scattered throughout the regions of Yehudah and Shomron except the Moshiach's Shlichim.

[2] And chasidim came and gave kevurah (burial) to Stefanos and they made loud lamentation over him.

[3] But Rav Sha'ul was making havoc of the Moshiach's Kehillah, barging in bais by bais, dragging off both anashim and nashim, and delivering them over to the beis hasohar.

[4] The ones therefore having been scattered went about preaching the dvar Hashem.

[5] Now Philippos [Ac 6:5], having gone down to the city of Shomron, was preaching to them the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[6] And the multitudes with one accord were paying attention to the things being said by Philippos, as they heard him and saw the oto which he was accomplishing.

[7] For many had ruchot teme'ot coming out, crying out with a kol gadol, and many having been paralyzed and many pisechim (lame ones) were given refu'ah shleimah.

[8] And there was great simchah in that city.

[9] Now a certain ish by name Shimon was previously in the city practicing magic and astonishing the people of Shomron, saying that he himself was an ish of gadlus (with remarkable superiority) and gadol.

[10] And to this certain Shimon everyone from katon to gadol was paying attention, saying, 'Hinei! This man is the ko'ach (power) of Hashem, the ko'ach hagadol.'

[11] And they were giving heed to him, because he for a long time had astonished them by magic tricks.

[12] But when they had emunah (faith) in what Philippos preached about the Malchut Hashem and the Shem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, they, both anashim and nashim, were submitting to Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva.

[13] And Shimon himself also had emunah, and, having submitted to Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva, was following Philippos, and, seeing oto and nifla'ot and motifim hagedolim taking place, he was constantly nispoyel (standing in awe).

[14] And when Moshiach's Shlichim heard in Yerushalayim that Shomron has accepted the dvar Hashem, they sent Kefa and Yochanan to them.


[16] For the Ruach Hakodesh had not yet fallen upon any one of them, but only they had received a tevilah of teshuva in a mikveh mayim b'Shem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

[17] Then Kefa and Yochanan were laying their hands upon them, and they were receiving the Ruach Hakodesh.

[18] And when Shimon saw that through the laying on of hands of Moshiach's Shlichim that the Ruach Hakodesh is given, he brought to them kesef.

[19] Saying, 'Give me also this ko'ach, that on whomever I may lay my hands such may receive the Ruach Hakodesh.'

[20] But Kefa said to him, 'May your kesef perish with
you because the matnat Hashem you thought by kesef to acquire. [2Kgs 5:16; Dt 5:17]

There is not to you a chelek (allotted portion) nor share in this matter, for your lev (heart) is krum (deviant) and not upright before Hashem. [Neh 2:20; Ps 78:37]

Therefore make teshuva from your wickedness and daven (pray) to Hashem if efsher (perhaps) you will receive selicha (forgiveness) for the intent of your lev,

For I see you are in bitter gall and the bond of haresha.' [Dt 29:18 TARGUM HASHIVIM; Jer 4:18; Isa 58:6]

And in reply Shimon said, 'Daven for me to Hashem of which you have spoken.' [SHEMOT 8:8; BAMIDBAR 21:7; MELACHIM ALEF 15:6; YIRMEYAH 42:2]

The ones then having testified and spoken the dror Adonoi were returning to Yerushalayim and to many villages of the Shomronim preaching the Besuras HaGeulah.

And a malach Adonoi spoke to Philippos, saying, 'Get up and go south on the derech going down from Yerushalayim to Gaza.' This is desert.

And having got up, Philippos went. And, hinei, an Ethiopian man, a eunuch, a court official of the Kandake of the Ethiopians! He was over a court official of the Kandake. Philippos went. And, hinei, myemim?' [Isa 56:3-5; 1Kgs 17:1; Jer 49:23]

Now as he goes, it came about that he comes near Damascus, and suddenly shone around him an Ohr Damascenes, and suddenly shining around him a light (Light) from Shomayim; and heard a kois (voice), saying to him, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why are you persecuting me?' [YESHAYAH 6:8]

And he fell on the ground, and heard a kol (voice), saying to him, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why are you persecuting me? What prevents me from being given Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva in the mikveh mayim?' [YESHAYAH 53:7,8; 57:?? TARGUM HASHIVIM]

And as they were going along the derech, they came upon some mayim and the eunuch says, 'Hinei, mayim! What prevents me from being given Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva in the mikveh mayim?'

[37] And Philippos said, "If you have emunah b'chol levavcha, it is mutar. And he answered, saying, Ani ma'amik ki Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Ben HaElohim hu."]

And he commanded the chariot to stop and both went down into the mikveh mayim, both Philippos and the eunuch, and Philippos gave him Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva in the mikveh mayim. [39] And when they came up from the mikveh mayim, the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem took Philippos away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer, but was going on his way with lev same'ach. [1Kgs 18:12; 2Kgs 2:16; Ezek 3:12,14; 8:3; 11:1,24; 43:5]

But Philippos was found in Ashdod, and passing through, he was preaching the Besuras HaGeulah to all the towns until he came to Gaasarea. afii.org/video.htm
And the anashim traveling with Rav Sha’ul had stood speechless, hearing the sound but seeing no one.

And Rav Sha’ul got up from the ground, and, though his eyes were open, he was seeing nothing. And leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

And he was shloshah yamim not seeing and neither did he eat nor drink.

Now there was a certain talmid in Damascus, by the name Chananyah, and Moshiach Adoneinu spoke to him in a chazon (vision), saying, ‘Chananyah.’ And he said, ‘Hinei, I am here, Adoni.’

And Moshiach Adoneinu said to him, ‘Get up and go to the rekhov (street) being called ‘Yashar’ (‘Straight’) and seek in the bais of Yehudah an ish by the name Sha’ul from Tarsus. For, hinei, he is davening, and place his hands upon him that he may see again.’

And Chananyah answered, ‘Adoni, I heard from many about this man, how many ra’ot (evil things) he did to your Kedoshim in Yerushalayim.

And here he has samchut (authority) from the Rashei Kohanim to bind all the ones davening b’Shem of you.’

But Moshiach Adoneinu said to him, ‘Go, for this one is a keli nivchar (chosen vessel) of mine to carry Shmi before both Goyim and melachim (kings) and the Bnei Yisroel.

And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and Rav Sha’ul saw again, and, having got up, he submitted to Moshiach’s tevilah of teshuva.

And having received okhel (food), Rav Sha’ul regained strength. Now he was with the talmidim in Damascus several yamim.

And immediately in the shuls Rav Sha’ul was preaching Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, saying, ‘He is the Ben HaElohim.’

And all the ones listening were astonished, and they were saying, ‘Is this not the one making havoc in Yerushalayim among the ones invoking this shem and was not his tachlis (purpose) in coming here to bind them over before the Rashei Hakodesh?’

But Rav Sha’ul even more was being strengthened and was confounding the unbelieving Yehudim dwelling in Damascus, by proving that this Yehoshua is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

But when yamim rabbim were completed, the ones of Shomron had shalom and was increasing, being built up, and going on in the yir’at Shomayim and in the yir’at Moshiach Adoneinu and beNechamat HaRuach HaMoshiach.

Then Moshiach’s Kehillah throughout all of Yehudah and the Galil and Shomron had shalom and was increasing, being built up, and going on in the yir’at Shomayim and in the yir’at Moshiach Adoneinu and beNechamat HaRuach Hakodesh.

Now it came about that Kefa, passing through all the parts of Eretz Yisrael, came down also to Moshiach’s kedoshim dwelling in Lud.

And there Kefa found a certain ish by the name Aeneas who had been bedridden shmoneh shanim, for he was paralyzed.
And Kefa said to him, 'Aeneas, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua make you whole. Get up and make your bed!' And immediately he got up.

And everyone dwelling in Lud and Sharon saw him, and they turned to Adoneinu.

Now in Yafo there was a certain talmidah by the name Tavitha, which, being translated, means 'gazelle.' This one was abounding in ma'asim tovim and in giving tzedakah, which she was always doing.

And it came about in yamim hahem that this one, having become ill, passed away. When the women had washed her body, they laid it in the aliyyah.

And since Lud was near to Yafo, Moshiach's talmidim, having heard that Kefa was there, sent shnei anashim to him, summoning Kefa that he not delay in coming to them.

Kefa, getting up, went with them. And when he arrived, they brought him up into the aliyyah (upper story room), and all the almanot stood beside him, weeping and showing the tunics and garments that Tavitha made while she was with them.

But Kefa, having put everyone outside, and having fallen down, davened. And when he turned to the nifteret (deceased), he said, 'Tavitha, get up!' And she opened her eynayim and, having seen Kefa, she sat up.

And having given his hand to her, he made her to stand up alive again; and, having called the Moshiach's Kedoshim and the almanot, Kefa presented her lebedik (alive) before them.

It became known throughout all Yafo, and rabbim (many) had emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu.

And it came about that Kefa remained in Yafo yamim rabbim with a certain Shimon, a tanner.

Now a certain ish in Caesarea by name Cornelius, a centurion from what was called the Italian cohort, a devout man, a yire Elohim, as was all his bais, who practiced much tzedakah for the benefit of Am Yisroel, and davened to Hashem continually.

Cornelius clearly saw in a chazon (vision) lav davka (approximately) at the ninth hour of the day (three o'clock in the afternoon) a malach Hashem having come to him and having said to him, 'Cornelius!' [TEHILLIM 55:17]

And having looked intently at him and having become afraid, Cornelius said, 'What is it, Adon?' The malach said to him, 'Your tefillos and your giving tzedakah have ascended as a zikaron (memorial) before Hashem. [TEHILLIM 20:3]

I know you have always heeded the word of Hashem and have performed the commandments of Hashem. But now, listen to me, my word to you...'

And the bat kol came to Kefa again for a second time, 'What Hashem made tahor (clean), you should no longer regard as tameh (unclean).' [BERESHIS 9:3]

This happened shloshah pe'amim; and immediately the object was taken up into Shomayim.

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Now, while Kefa was greatly perplexed within himself as to what the chazon which he saw might be, hinei, the anashim, who had been sent by Cornelius, and who had, by inquiring, found the bais of Shimon who is also called Kefa.

'What is this one staying with a certain Shimon, a tanner, whose bais is by the sea.' And, when the malach speaking to him had departed, Cornelius summoned shnayim of the household avadim and a devout chayial (soldier) from among the ones in his service, and sent them to Yafo.

And having explained everything, sent them to Yafo. Now on the next day, as these were traveling and drawing near to Yafo, around the sixth hour (noon), Kefa went up on to the roof to daven (pray).

And Kefa became hungry, and was wanting to have a meal; but while they were preparing it, Kefa fell into a trance;

And he sees Shomayim having been opened, and a certain object descending like a large linen cloth lowered by four corners upon haAretz.

In this were all the fourfooted animals and remasim haAdamah (creepers of the earth) and oph haShomayim (birds of heaven, birds of the air).

And there came a bat kol (voice) to him, 'Get up, Kefa, kill and eat!'

But Kefa said, 'Chalilah li, Adonoi! For I have never eaten basar piggul (unclean meat) or shikkutz tameh (abominable unclean thing).'

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And, calling out, they were asking if Shimon, the one called Kefa, is staying here.

And while Kefa was reflecting on the chazon, the Ruach Hakodesh said to him, 'Hinei, shloshah anashim are looking for you.
[20] 'But get up and go downstairs and accompany them without apprehensions, for I myself have sent them.'

[21] And Kefa went downstairs to the anashim and said, 'Hinei, I am the one whom you are seeking; for what reason did you come?'

[22] And they said, 'Cornelius, a centurion, an ish tzaddik, and a yire Elohim with a shem tov with all the Am HaYehudim, was directed by a malach kadosh to summon you to his bais and to hear a message from you.'

[23] Therefore, having invited them in, Kefa gave them hachnosas orchim (hospitality, lodging). And on the next day Kefa got up and went away with them, and some of the Achim b'Moshiach from Yafo accompanied him.

[24] And on the following day, Moshiach's Shliach Shimon Kefa entered into Caesarea, and Cornelius was expecting them, having called together his krovey mishpokhot (relatives) and close friends.

[25] Now when it came about that Kefa entered, Cornelius met him, falling at his feet to pay him reverence. [DANIEL 7:14; 3:18]

[26] Kefa made him stand up, saying, 'Get up. I myself am only a ben Adam like everyone else.'

[27] And as he conversed with Cornelius, Kefa entered and finds many having assembled, [28] And he said to them, 'You have dra's that it is asur (prohibited) for an ish Yehudi to associate with or to approach a nokhri (foreigner). And yet to me Hashem showed to call no one shikkutz (abomination) or tameh (unclean).

[29] Therefore, also, when summoned, I came, raising no objections. And so I ask for what reason you summoned me?'

[30] Cornelius said, 'Four days ago to this hour, I was davening in my bais at the ninth hour, and, hinei, a being stood before me enrobed in shining radiance, [31] And he said, 'Cornelius, your tefillah was heard and your tzedakah is remembered before Hashem.

[32] Therefore, send to Yafo and summon Shimon who is called Kefa. He is staying in the bais of Shimon the tanner by the sea.'

[33] 'At once I sent for you and you did well having come. Now, therefore, we all are present before Hashem to hear all the things that have been commanded to you by Adonoi.'

[34] And opening his mouth, Kefa said, 'Omein, I have binah that Hashem is not one to show masso panim (partiality), [Dt 10:17; 2Ch 19:7; Job 3:4:19]

[35] 'But in every nation the ones who have yirat Shomayim and work Tzidkat Hashem are acceptable to him.

[36] 'The dvar which he sent to the Bnei Yisroel, preaching shalom through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua (Hu Adon Kol!) [Isa 52:7; Ps 107:20; 147:18 TARGUM HASHIVIM]

[37] 'That word, I say, you know the thing which took place throughout all Yehudah, having begun from the Galil after the tevilah of teshuva which Yochanan preached; [38] You know Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua from Natzeret, how Hashem anointed him with the Ruach Hakodesh and with ko'ach (power), and how he went about doing mitzvot and giving refu'ah shlemah to all the ones being oppressed by what they were oppressing.

[39] 'Therefore, also, when summoned, I came, raising no objections. And so I ask for what reason you summoned me?'

[40] 'This one Hashem made to stand up alive again on the Yom HaShelishi and granted to him to be visible, [Acts 17:8,9]

[41] 'Not to Klal Yisroel, but to us who ate and drank together with him at Tish after the Techiyas HaMoshiach. [Acts 2:33] Moshiach gave mitzvah to us to preach to the people and to bear solemn edut that this one is the one having been appointed by Hashem as Shofer HaChayyim v'HaMesim.

[42] 'This one all the Nev'im bear witness that through ha-Shem of him [Moshiach Yehoshua, Yeshua] everyone who has emunah in him has selicha (forgiveness) of chatta'im (averos, sins).

[43] While Kefa was still speaking these words, the Ruach Hakodesh fell upon all the ones hearing the dvar. [Acts 11:15,16]

[44] And the Messianic Jews who had come with Kefa were nispoyel (standing in awe) that also upon the Goyim the matnat HaRuach Hakodesh has been poured out.

[45] For they were hearing them speaking in leshonot and exalting Hashem. Then Kefa answered, [Acts 11:16]

[46] 'Surely no one can refuse the mikveh mayim for these to be given Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva who have received the Ruach Hakodesh just as we did, can he?' [Ac 2:4; cf Lk 3:16; Ac 11:16]
And Kefa directed for them to be given Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva in the Shem of Moshiach Yehoshua (Yeshua). Then they asked him to remain some yamim.

And the Moshiach's Shlichim and the Achim b'Moshiach, the ones throughout Yehudah, heard that also the non-Jews received the dvar Hashem.

But when Kefa went up to Yerushalayim, those of the faction of the Bris Milah were taking issue with him, saying, "You entered into a bais of anashim arelim (uncircumcised men) and you sat at tish with them.'

But Kefa began explaining to them beseder (in order), saying,

'I was davening in the shtetl of Yafo and in a trance I saw a chazon (vision) of a certain object descending like a large linen cloth lowered by four corners from Shomayim, and it came up to me.

And when I had gazed upon it, I saw fourfooted animals of ha'aretz and chayyat hasadeh and remasim haAdamah and oph HaShomayim.

And I heard also a bat kol saying to me, 'Get up, Kefa. Kill and eat.'

But I said, 'By no means, Adoni, because nothing common or tameh (unclean) has ever entered into my stomach.'

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'And the bat kol answered for a second time from Shomayim, 'What Hashem made tahor (clean) do not declare tameh (unclean).'"

'This happened shlosh pe'amim, and everything was pulled up again into Shomayim.

'Hinei, at once shloshah anashim stood at the bais in which I was, having been sent from Caesarea to me.

'And the Ruach Hakodesh said to me to accompany them without hesitating and these sheshet haAchim b'Moshiach came with me also, and we entered into the bais of the ish.

'He reported to us how he saw the malach in his bais having stood and having said, 'Send to Yafo and summon Shimon, the one being called Kefa,'

'Who will speak words to you by which you and all your bais will find Yeshu'at Eloheinu.'

'As I began to speak, the Ruach Hakodesh fell upon them, just as also upon us in the beginning.

'And I remembered the dvar of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu, how he used to say, 'Yochanan gave a tevilah of teshuva with a mikveh mayim, but you will be given a tevilah with the Ruach Hakodesh.'

'If then Hashem gave the same matanah to them as also to us after believing in Moshiach Adoneinu, who then was I to stand in the way of Hashem?'

'And having heard these things, they were silenced and glorified Hashem, saying 'Then also to the Nations Hashem has given teshuva unto Chayyim.'

'Then the ones, that is, those having been scattered because of the tzoros that happened in connection with Stefanos, came to Phoenixia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking to no one the dvar Hashem except only to Yehudim.

'And there were some of them, anashim of Cyprus and Cyrene, who having come to Antioch, were speaking also to the Yevanim, proclaiming the Besuras HaGeulah of Adoneinu Yehoshua.

'The hand of Adonoi was on them and a large number, having had emunah, turned to Moshiach Adoneinu.

'The report about them was heard in the ears of the Kehillah of Moshiach in Yerushalayim, and they sent out Bar-Nabba to go to Antioch;

Who, having come, and having seen the Chen v'Chesed Hashem, rejoiced and was encouraging everyone with deveykus (devotion) to HaAdon to remain true to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu.

For Bar-Nabba was a mentsh, a gavra, an ish tov full of the Ruach Hakodesh and of emunah. And a great multitude was added to Adoneinu.

And Bar-Nabba left for Tarsus to look for Sha'ul, and, having found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year, they met with Moshiach's Kehillah there, and taught a large multitude.

And it was in Antioch that the talmidim were first called Ma'amimim HaMeshichiyim (Messianic Believers).

Now in these yamim, nevi'im came down from Yerushalayim to Antioch. One of them, by name of Agav, having got up, indicated through the Ruach Hakodesh a great famine was about to come all over the world. And this famine actually occurred during the time of Claudius.

Now the talmidim decided that according to their means, each of them would send support to the Achim b'Moshiach dwelling in Yehudah;

Which also they did, having sent to the Ziknei HaKehillot by the hand of Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul.
Now during that time Herod the king laid his hands on Moshiach’s Kehillah to harm some of them.

2 He killed Ya’akov the ach Yochanan with a cherev (sword).

3 Having seen that this was pleasing to the Judeans, Herod proceeded to arrest Kefa also. This happened during the yamim of Chag HaMatzot. [SHEMOT 12:15; 23:25]

4 When he had Kefa seized, he put him in the beis hasohar, having handed him over to four squads of chayyayim to guard him, intending after Pesach to bring him before the people.

5 Therefore, Kefa was being kept in the beis hasohar. But tefillah to Hashem was earnestly being made by Moshiach’s Kehillah for him.

6 But b'lailah, when Herod was about to lead him out, Kefa, bound with two sharsherot (chains), was sleeping between two chaiyalim; and, before the delet (door), were shomrim (guards) keeping watch over the beis hasohar.

7 Then a malach HaAdon approached and ohr (light) shone in the cheder (room), and, having struck the side of Kefa, he awoke him, saying, "Get up quickly!" And the kavlei varzel (shackles of iron) fell off his hands. [TEHILLIM 107:14; 149:8]

8 The malach said to Kefa, 'Put on your gartel and tie your sandals.' And Kefa did so. And the malach says to him, 'Put on your kaftan and follow me.'

9 And having gone out, Kefa was following the malach, and he did not have da’as that the thing was happening grahda (as a matter of fact, in reality), but he was thinking he was seeing a chazon through the malach.

10 And having gone through the shomrim (guards), the first and the second, they came upon the Sha’ar HaBarzel leading to the Ir Kodesh. This was opened to them by itself. And having gone out, they went along one rekhov (street), and immediately the malach went away from him.

11 And Kefa, having come to himself, said, 'Now I have da’as for sure that HaAdon sent out his malach and delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Judean people.' [TEHILLIM 34:7; DANIEL 3:28; 6:22]

12 Having realized this, Kefa came upon the bais of Miryam the Em (mother) of Yochanan, the one being called Markos, where there were many having been assembled and davening.

13 And when Kefa knocked on the delet (door) of the gate, a na’arah by name Rhoda, approached to listen.

14 And having recognized the kol (voice) of Kefa, from simcha she did not open the gate but, having run inside, she reported that Kefa stood at the gate.

15 But the ones there said to her, 'You are meshuggah!' But she kept insisting it was so. But they were saying, 'It is his malach.'

16 But Kefa continued knocking. And having opened the gate, they saw him, and were nispoyel (standing in awe).

17 And having motioned to them with his hand to be silent, he told them how HaAdon led him out from the beis hasohar. Then Kefa said, 'Report to Ya’akov [see p.848] and to the Achim b’Moshiach these things.' And having gone out, Kefa went to another place.

18 Now when it was boker, there was not a little commotion among the chayyayim as to what had become of Kefa.

19 Now Herod, having sought after him and not having found him, after questioning the shomrim, commanded them to be led away to execution. Then Herod went down from Yehudah to Caesarea, and was staying there.

20 Now Herod was gor (very) angry with the people of Tzor and those of Tzidon, and with one mind they were coming to him; and, having won over Blastus, the king’s chamberlain, they were requesting shalom, because their country was fed by the king’s lands. [MELACHIM ALEF 5:9,11; YECHEZKEL 27:17]

21 Now on the appointed day, Herod, having clothed himself with royal malbush (clothing) and having sat down on the kes hamishpat, was delivering a public address to them.

22 And the multitude was crying out, 'Hinei, the kol of a g-d and not of an ish!'

23 Immediately, a malach Adonoi struck him, because he did not give the kavod to Hashem. And, having become eaten with worms, Herod died. [SHMUEL ALEF 25:38; SHMU’EL BAIS 24:16,17; MELACHIM BAIS 19:35]

24 But the dvar Hashem was growing and increasing.

25 And Bar-Nabba and Sha’ul returned from Yerushalayim, having fulfilled their shlichus (mission) to deliver the tzedakah and having taken along with them [back to Antioch], Yochanan the one called Markos.
Now there was in Antioch among the Moshiach's Kehillah nevi'im and morim: Bar-Nabba, and Shimon called Niger, and Lucius from Cyrene, and Menachem (brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Rav Sha'ul.

They were ministering to Adonoi and under a tzom when the Ruach Hakodesh said to them, "Set apart for Me Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul for the avodas kodesh ministry to which I have called them.

Then, having continued the tzom and having davened and having laid their hands upon them, they sent them off.

They, then, having been sent out by the Ruach Hakodesh, went down to Seleucia, and from there sailed away to Cyprus.

Having arrived in Salamis, they were proclaiming the dvar Hashem in the shuls, with Yochanan Markos also as ozer (helper).

Having passed through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain ish, a magician, a Jewish navi sheker, by name of Bar-Yehoshua, who was with the proconsul Sergius Paulus, an ish of seichel. This one, having summoned Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul, sought to hear the dvar Hashem.

But Elymas the magician was opposing them—for thus is his name translated—and was seeking to be mashpia on the proconsul (seeking to sway him to think undesirably) about the emunah (faith).

But Rav Sha'ul, the one also called Paulos, having been filled with the Ruach Hakodesh, gazed at him, and said, "O ish full of all mirmah (deceit, fraud) and all resha, ben haSatan, oyev (enemy) of all Tzedek, will you not cease making crooked the straight paths of Hashem?

"Now—hinei—the yad Hashem is on you, and you will be blind, not seeing the shemesh (sun) for awhile." Immediately mistiness and choshech (darkness) fell on him, and, going about, he was seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

Then, the proconsul, having seen what had happened, had emunah, being the torah about Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu.

And having put out to sea from Paphos, Rav Sha'ul and those with him came to Perga of Pamphylia. But Yochanan (Markos), having left them, returned to Yerushalayim.

But having gone on from Perga, they came to Pisidian Antioch, and, having entered the shul on Shabbos, they sat down.

After the kri'at HaTorah (reading of the Sefer Torah) and the kri'at HaNevi'im, the Rashei Beit HaKnesset sent to them, saying "Anshei Yisroel, and Yirei Elohim, listen!

"Elohei HaAm Yisroel chose Avoteinu. Hashem made the people great during their sojourn in Eretz Mitzrayim, and with an uplifted arm He led them out of it, [SHEMOT 6:1,6,7; 14:8; DEVARIM 7:6-8]

"and lav davka (approximately) ARBA'IM SHANAH He put up with them in the desert [DEVARIM 1:31; BAMIDBAR 14:33,34; TEHILLIM 95:10; SHEMOT 16:35]

"and having destroyed SHIYAH GOYIM in eretz Kena'an, he gave as a nachalah (an inheritance) their land [DEVARIM 7:1; YEHOSHUA 14:2; 19:51; TEHILLIM 78:55]

"during lav davka (approximately) arba me’ot vachamashim shanah. After these things, He gave shofetim until Shmuel HaNavi [SHOFETIM 2:16; SHMUEL ALEF 3:19,20]

"and then they asked for a melech, and Hashem gave to them Sha’ul Ben Kish, an ish from the shevet of Binyamin, for arba’im shanah [SHMUEL ALEF 8:5,19; 10:1, 9:1,2]

"And after having removed Sha’ul, Hashem raised up Dovid as a Melech for them. About Dovid also Hashem testified, saying 'I found Dovid Ben Yishai an ISH KILEVAVO ["a man after His (G-d's) heart"] who will do all My ratzon.' [SHMUEL ALEF 15:23; 16:13; TEHILLIM 89:20; SHMUEL ALEF 13:14; YIRMEYAH 3:15; YESHAYAH 44:28]

"From the zera (seed) of this man, according to the havtachah (promise), Hashem has brought to Yisroel a Moshi'a (Savior), Yehoshua. [SHMUEL BAIS 7:11; 22:51; YIRMEYAH 30:9]

"Now previously, before the coming of Moshiach, Yochanan proclaimed to Klal Yisroel a tevilah of teshuva. [YESHAYAH 30:11]

"Now as Yochanan was completing his course, he was saying, ‘What do you suppose
me to be? I am not! But, hinei, he comes after me of whom I am not worthy to untie the sandal of his feet.”

T.N. The first Shlichus Journey (46-48 C.E.) was followed by the second (49-52 C.E.) and then by the third (53-57 C.E.) with the trip to appear before Nero (59-60 C.E.) but everything begins here in chp. 13. This material is of great important in the Bible. Here we see the world kiruv outreach of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach in action. Notice the beginning of Chapter 13. The whole world is affected, is even turned upside down, by what happens in one little Messianic kehillah in Antioch, where believers are engaged in worship, and waiting on G-d in prayer and fasting. This kehillah has various ministries, including nevi'im and morim. See Ru 12:6-8; Ep 4:11; IC 12:28-29. Notice that ministers are set apart for avodas kodesh service, and what they do is not their own choice but the choice of the Ruach Hakodesh. Just as the Levi’im were consecrated and set apart for their holy service in the Beis Hamikdash, so believers are called to preach the Besuras Hageulah to the ends of the earth. Hashem by His Ruach Hakodesh calls them, equips them, trains them, raises them up, and sends them, empowering them and leading them every step of the way. Notice that these men have a recognized call by a body of believers who lay hands on them, who recognize their gifting and calling and lay on hands to consecrate them for the L-rd’s work. These two men do not embark as religious freelancers. A body of believers stands behind them to pray for them and the two ministers are accountable to this sending body for their doctrine and service. Notice that the Ruach Hakodesh is directing this world kiruv outreach, it is His Work, and He is empowering all the dynamics of it. Rav Sha’ul will make three of these journeys and he will complete his course, just like Yochanan of the tevilah of teshuva. Like Yochanan he will pay the ultimate price, dying al kiddush ha-Shem for his edus to the truth of the Besuras HaGeulah as a Messianic martyr for the faith. But everything that is accomplished is by the power of the Ruach Hakodesh. Notice as Rav Sha’al goes to the whole world and to every creature, he always goes to the Jewish people first. See Ac 13:14; 14:1; 17:1,10; 18:4, 19; 19:8. Why? Is this merely an expediency or a pragmatic decision? As anyone should be able to see by reading this translation, The Orthodox Jewish Bible, salvation is from the Jewish people, from Jewish prophets and writings, from Jewish servants of the G-d of Israel. Salvation is not a Gentile commodity available from a Gentile religion, and primarily directed toward non-Jews. Salvation is of the Jewish faith and therefore it would be both intrinsically misleading and also cruelly anti-Semitic to avoid or by-pass the Jewish people in preaching the saving Jewish message of Besuras HaGeulah (Good News of Redemption) that offers to all men the Yeshu’at Eloheinu (Salvation of our G-d). In this thirteenth chapter of the Geruot MeyRuach HaKodesh (Acts of the Holy Spirit) we see that an important theme is spiritual blindness. Those who do not have the Ruach Hakodesh and blindly hinder and even oppose the work of the Ruach Hakodesh will not succeed. The Roman proconsul of Cyprus is an important contact and, if he could be won over to the Messianic faith, doors would open to the entire island. Hasatan’s worker, Elymas, is positioned demonically to keep exactly that from happening. What follows is a power encounter between the Ruach Hakodesh and the occult powers of a sorcerer. There are those who would pervert the right ways of Hashem, who twist and try to garble the holy words of the Scripture. There may be some who will oppose this Bible translation and will try to mock it, vilify it, demean it, oppose it, attack it and try to keep it from readers, even physically attack it and burn it. But like this Elymas they will not succeed. “No weapon formed against us will prosper.” And G-d will watch over his Word and protect it. It is my prayer that just as Rav Sha’al was blinded by the Moshiach and was taught about his own spiritual blindness by a judgment miracle, wherein he was temporarily blinded as a warning, and just as Elymas was also blinded by Hashem for a time so that he would also have an opportunity to repent and come to the truth and turn away from Hasatan who had taken him captive to do his will—so it is my prayer that anyone, Jewish or non-Jewish, who attempts to attack this translation and keep it from being read by Jewish people or anyone else, will come to their senses and see what blindness they are laboring under, and that Hashem will open their eyes to the light of the salvation that we have in Moshiach Adoneinu. Omein.
26] 'Achim, Bnei Mishpochah Avraham, and Yirei Elohim, it is to us that the dvar of this Yeshu'ah HaGedolah (Great Deliverance) was sent out. [TEHILLIM 107:20]

27] ‘For the ones dwelling in Yerushalayim and their moshlim (rulers) did not have da'as of this one or of the dvarim of the Nevi'im being read every Shabbos; they fulfilled these dvarim by condemning him. [TEHILLIM 107:20]

28] ‘For Dovid, after in his own dor (generation) he had served birtzon Hashem, fell asleep, and VAYISHKAV DOVID IM AVOTAV (“and Dovid rested with his fathers”) and he experienced decay. [SHMUEL BAIS 7:12; MELACHIM ALEF 2:10; SHOFETIM 2:10; DIVREY HAYAMIM BAIS 29:28]

30] ‘But Hashem made him to stand up alive again from the Mesim, and he was seen over many yamim by the ones having come up with him from the Galil to Yerushalayim who now are his edim to the people. [SHOFETIM 2:10; DIVREY HAYAMIM BAIS 29:28]

31] ‘And we were brought to the end of the earth by the Goyim who are hefesh (loving) of the nations and to the Goyim. [YEHOSHA 55:3]

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came to Iconium; [52] And the talmidim were being filled with simcha and the Ruach Hakodesh.

14 Now it came about in Iconium that together they entered into the shul and the same thing transpired: they spoke with the result that both Yehudim and a great multitude of Yevanim became ma'aminim hameshichiyim.

[2] And the Yehudim who disobeyed were the ones who aroused and stirred up in anger the nefashot (souls) of the Goyim koneged (against) the Achim b'Moshiach.

[3] Therefore, they continued for a long zman (time) speaking with ometz lev (boldness) for Hashem, who gave edut to the dvar of Chen v'Chesed Hashem by granting otorot and motifim to take place by the hands of Moshiach's Shluchim.

[4] And the multitude of the city was divided, and some were with the [disobedient, 14:2] Yehudim but, others, with the Moshiach's Shluchim.

[5] And when an attempt came by both the Yevanim and the Yehudim with their rashim (heads, leaders) to mistreat and to stone them, [6] when the Moshiach's Shluchim became aware of this, they fled to the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra, and Derbe, and the surrounding countryside.

[7] And there the Moshiach's Shluchim were preaching the Besuras HaGeulah.

[8] And a certain ish in Lystra, powerless in his feet, was sitting, pise'ach from womb of his Em, a man who had never walked.

[9] This one heard Rav Sha'ul speaking, and when he gazed at the man and saw that he has emunah (faith) to be restored to health,
Upon their arrival in Syrian Antioch, they assembled the Moshiach's Kehillah there, and were reporting what Hashem had done with them and how he had opened for the Nations a sha'ar of emunah.

And they were spending not a little zman with the talmidim.

And some men came down from Yehudah to Syrian Antioch and were teaching the Achim b'Moshiach that if you lack the bris milah as prescribed by Moshe Rabbenu, it is impossible for you to come to Yeshu'at Eloheinu.

Now this brought them into a dispute and a debate of no little proportion with Rav Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba, who were appointed to go up with some others from them to bring this she'elah (question) before the Moshiach's Shlichim and Zekenim in Yerushalayim.

Then having been sent on their way by the Kehillah, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Shomron telling in detail how the Nations were turning to Hashem and they were bringing great simcha to all the Achim b'Moshiach.

And having come to Yerushalayim, they were there received by Moshiach's Shlichim and the Zekenim, and they reported what things Hashem had done with them.

But some of the ma’amanim hameshchiyim from the kat of the Perushim rose up, saying, ‘It is necessary to give the Goyim thebris milah and to command them to be shomer mitzvot, keeping the Torah of Moshe Rabbenu.’

And the Moshiach’s Shlichim and the Zekenim were gathered together as a council to consider this matter.

And after much deliberation had taken place, Moshiach's Shliach Shimon Kefa got up. Kefa said to them, ‘Anashim, Achim b'Moshiach, you have da’as that in the early days Hashem chose that among you I would be the one and through my mouth the Goyim would hear the dvor Hashem of the Besuras HaGeulah and would come to emunah [in the Orthodox Jewish faith].

And the One who has da’as of levavot, Hashem, bore solemn edut and stood as their witness, having given the non-Jews the Ruach Hakodesh just as Hashem did also to us Jews [Acts 2:4; 10:46; 11:15-16].

And in making tehorot their levavot by emunah, in this respect Hashem did not differentiate between us Jews and those non-Jews.

Therefore, now why are you testing Hashem by laying an ol (yoke) upon the neck of the talmidim which neither Avoteinu nor we were able to bear? [Dt 9:5-6; Jer 31:31-34]

On the contrary, Anu Ma’aminim (We believe) that we Jews come to Yeshu'at Eloheinu by the Chen v’Chesed Hashem of the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu in the same Derech Hashem as those non-Jews do also.” [Ro 3:9,30; Ga:3:12-13; Isa 53:9-12; Pp:3:9; Dt 9:4-6; Lk 18:11-12]

And then all the multitude was silent and they were listening to Bar-Nabba and Rav Sha’ul describing what otot and moftim Hashem did among the Nations through them.

And after Rav Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba fell silent, Moshiach's Shliach Ya’akov responded, saying, ‘Anashim, Achim b'Moshiach, listen to me.

Shimon explained how Hashem first concerned Himself to receive from the Nations a people for SHMO [ZECHARIAH 6:12].

And this is in agreement with the dvarim of the Nevim, just as it has been written,

‘After these things I will return and AKIM ES SUKKAT DOVID HANOFELET VHARISOTAV AKIM UVENITIHA (“I will restore the tent of Dovid which has fallen and the things having been torn down of it I will rebuild and I will restore it”),

So that the she’erit (remnant) of anashim might seek Hashem and all the GOYIM who are called by my Name,

“Says the L-rd, who makes these things known from long ago. [Amos 9:11f Targum HaShivim, 12; Jer 12:15; Isa 53:9-12; Ro 3:9,30; Ga:3:12-13; Lv 3:17; 7:26; 17:10; 13; 19:26; Dt 12:16,23]

‘For Moshe Rabbenu from ancient dorot in every shetel has his maggidim and in the shuls every Shabbos he has been read.’

Then it was mekabel (received) by the Moshiach's Shlichim and the Zekenim with the entire Kehillah to choose anashim from them to send to Syrian Antioch with Rav Sha’ul and Bar-Nabba, also Yehudah called Bar-Sabbah, and Sila, all manhigim among the Achim b'Moshiach,
[23] With the following iggeret: ‘From the Achim b'Moshiach, Moshiach's Shlichim and the Zekenim: to the Achim b'Moshiach throughout Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, to those from among the Nations, Shalom!'

[24] Vi-bahlt (since) we heard that certain men had gone out from us, though not having any directives from us, and have given you mitzvot with dvarim unsettling your nefeshot (souls).

[25] It was mekabel to us, having come to achdus in mind and having chosen anashim to send to you, along with our beloved chaverim Bar-Nabba and Sha'ul.

[26] ‘Anashim who have imperiled their lives for haShem of Moshiach Adonenu Yehoshua.'

[27] ‘Therefore we have sent Yochanan called Markos. 'Let's return, then, and visit Antioch saying shiurim and drashot with also many others, the content of these being the dvar Hashem."

[28] And Bar-Nabba was deciding to take along also Yochanan called Markos.

[29] But Rav Sha'ul was insisting not to take along this one, the one having withdrawn from them from Pamphylia, not having gone with them to the avodas kodesh ministry of the Moshiach's Shlichus.

[30] Therefore, having been dismissed, they went down to Syrian Antioch, and having gathered together the multitude, they delivered the iggeret.

[31] And having read it, there was a response of simcha gedolah at the exhortation. Both Yehudah and Sila, being themselves nevi'im hameshichiyim also, with many dvarim comforted the Achim b'Moshiach and gave them chizzuk.

[32] And after they had spent considerable time, they were dismissed with shalom from the Achim b'Moshiach and sent back to the ones having dispatched them. [1Sm 1:17]

[33] [Notwithstanding it seemed tov to Sila to remain there.]

[34] And Rav Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba were staying in Syrian Antioch saying shiurim and drashot with also many others, the content of these being the dvar Hashem.

[35] And after some yamim Rav Sha'ul said to Bar-Nabba, ‘Let's return, then, and visit the Achim b'Moshiach throughout every city in which we proclaimed the dvar Hashem to see how they are doing.'

[36] And Bar-Nabba was coming down to Troas. We ran a straight course throughout every city in which we had been commended to the Chen Chesed Hashem by the Achim b'Moshiach throughout every city in which we proclaimed the dvar Hashem to see how they are doing."

[37] And after some yamim Rav Sha'ul observed that a certain man from Macedonia who had been standing and was begging him, saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

[38] And during the lailah a chazon (vision) appeared to Rav Sha'ul. It was of a certain chazon, immediately we sought to cross over to Macedonia, concluding that Hashem had called us to preach the Besuras HaGeulah to them.

[39] And having set sail from Troas, we ran a straight course throughout every city in which we had been commended to the Chen Chesed Hashem by the Achim b'Moshiach among the Nations, Shalom!'

[40] And Rav Sha'ul chose Sila and departed, having been commended to the Chen Chesed Hashem by the Achim b'Moshiach. And they were traveling through Syria and Cilicia strengthening the Moshiach's Kehillot.

[41] And they traveled through the regions of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Ruach Hakodesh to speak the dvar Hashem in [the Roman Province of] Asia.

[42] And having come to the border of Mysia, they were trying to go toward Bithynia, and the Ruach of Moshiach did not permit them.

[43] So, passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

[44] And during the lailah a chazon (vision) appeared to Rav Sha'ul. It was of a certain man from Macedonia who had been standing and was begging him, saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

[45] And when Rav Sha'ul saw the chazon, immediately we sought to cross over to Macedonia, concluding that Hashem had called us to preach the Besuras HaGeulah to them.

[46] And having set sail from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrace, and, on the next day, to Neapolis;
And from there, to Philippi, which is a chashuve city of the district of Macedonia, a Roman colony. And we were in this city, staying some yamim. And on Shabbos, we went outside the sha'ar to a river where there was a mikveh mayim, supposing there we would find a minyan davening, and having sat down, we were speaking with the nashim who had assembled. And a certain isha, by the name Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, of the city of Thyatira, a yirat Elohim, was listening, and Hashem opened her lev (heart) to pay attention to the things being spoken by Rav Sha'ul. And when she was given the Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva along with all her household, she said, “If you have judged me ne'emanah to Hashem, enter into my bais and stay there.” And she prevailed upon us. And it came about when we were going to where they held the minyan, that a certain shifchah having a ruach of the python (i.e., a shed, demon) came out to meet us. She was bringing much profit to her adonim by divination. This one was following Rav Sha’ul, crying out, saying, “These anashim are avadim of G-d HaElyon and are proclaiming to you the Derech HaYeshu’at Eloheinu.” And having inflicted klop after klop upon these Jewish men, they threw Rav Sha’ul and Sila into the beis hasohar, giving orders to the soher to guard them securely. And about chatzot halailah Rav Sha’ul and Sila were davening and were singing niggunim to Hashem, and the prisoners were listening to them. And, suddenly, there came a gevaltike earthquake, so that the beis hasohar was shaken to its foundations, and immediately were opened all delatot (doors) and all sharsherot (chains) were unfastened.

And the soher reported these words to Rav Sha’ul, saying, ‘The magistrates sent word that you may be released; now, therefore, go and depart in shalom.’

But Rav Sha’ul shouted with a kol gadol, saying, ‘Do no harm to yourself, for we are all here.’ And having asked for lights, he rushed in and, starting to tremble with pachad, he fell down before Rav Sha’ul and Sila. Then, leading them outside, the soher said, ‘Rabbotai, what is it necessary for me to do that I may come to Yeshu’at Eloheinu?’ And Moshiach’s Shlichim said, ‘Have emunah in the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua, and you will come to Yeshu’at Eloheinu, you and your bais.’ And they spoke to him the dvar Hashem together with all the ones in his bais. And having taken them in that hour of the lailah, the soher washed their wounds, and at once he did getoivult (was given Moshiach’s tevilah of teshuva), as well as his entire mishpochah. After that he led them to tish in his bais, and he set before them okhel, and he with his whole bais had simcha gedolah that they had come to emunah in Hashem. And in the boker, the magistrates sent the soterim (policemen), saying, ‘Release those men.’ And the soher reported these words to Rav Sha’ul, saying, ‘The magistrates sent word that you may be released; now, therefore, go and depart in shalom.’

But Rav Sha’ul said to them, ‘After giving us a public flogging, though we are uncondemned Roman citizens, they threw us into the beis hasohar; and now are they secretly sending us out?’
No, indeed! Let them come themselves and lead us out in public.'

[38] And the sotirim reported these words to the magistrates, and the magistrates were afraid, hearing that Rav Sha'ul and Sila were both Roman citizens.

[39] So the magistrates came, and entreated Rav Sha'ul and Sila, and brought them out, asking them to depart from the city.

[40] And having come out from the beis hasohar, they came to Thessalonica, where they saw and encouraged the Achim b'Moshiach of the Kehillah that met in Lydia's bais, Rav Sha'ul and Sila departed.

17 Now having passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, Rav Sha'ul and Sila came to Thessalonica, where there was a shul.

[2] And as he did bekvius (regularly), Rav Sha'ul joined their minyan, and on shloshah Shabbatot, he gave them drashot from the Kitvei HaKodesh, saying these things. And the yirei Elohim and the Yehudim received the dvar Hashem with all readiness, taking it up and examining and horiva over day by day making a chazora (review) and examining and horiva over (analyzing) the Kitvei HaKodesh, to see if these things might be so. [Dt 29:29]

[3] Making a Messianic midrash (homiletical interpretation of the Scriptures) and giving the pshat (rationale) for the yissurim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, that it was necessary for him to suffer and to stand up alive from the Mesim, saying, 'This one is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, this Yehoshua whom I am proclaiming to you.'

[4] And some of them were persuaded and were being mitsatef (join, become involved) in a chavurah with Rav Sha'ul and Sila, as did a large number of yirei Elohim (Yevanim) and not a few of the chashuve nashim.

[5] And the Yehudim without emunah, being filled with kinah, and having rounded up from the people of the market the gornisht and the no-goodniks, and having formed a mob, were throwing the city into an uproar. And the crowd was seeking to bring out Moshiach's Shlichim and throw them to the mob, so they attackted the bais of Jason.

[6] But not having found the Moshiach's Shlichim, they were dragging Jason and some other Achim b'Moshiach to the city manhigim, shouting, 'These, who have been turning the Olam Hazeh upside down, have come here also!'

[7] 'And Jason is the one who has received them into his bais! And all these ones are acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is a king other than Caesar, this Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua!'

[8] And they stirred up the mob and also the city manhigim who heard them saying these things.

[9] And having taken the bond money from Jason and the rest, they released them.

[10] And, immediately during the lailah, the Achim b'Moshiach sent both Rav Sha'ul and Sila to Berea. When Moshiach's Shlichim arrived, they joined the minyan in the shul.

[11] But these Bereans were more noble-minded than the Thessalonians. The Berean Yehudim received the dvar Hashem with all readiness, yom yom [street preaching] to the ones who happened to be there.

[12] Therefore, many of them became Messianic Jews, and also of the chashuve Yevanim, not a few nashim and anashim came to emunah.

[13] But when the Yehudim without emunah from Thessalonica realized that also in Berea the dvar Hashem was being proclaimed by Rav Sha'ul, they came also to Berea, agitating and stirring up mobs.

[14] And immediately, then, the Achim b'Moshiach sent away Rav Sha'ul to go as far as to the sea, but both Sila and Timotiyos remained in Berea.

[15] Now the ones escorting Rav Sha'ul brought him as far as Athens, and after receiving instructions to have Sila and Timotiyos come to Rav Sha'ul in Athens as quickly as possible, the ones escorting him departed.

[16] And awaiting them in Athens, the rochach of Rav Sha'ul was being distressed within him as he observed the city being full of ellim.

[17] Therefore, Rav Sha'ul was dialoguing and arguing in the shul with the Yehudim and with the yirei Elohim and also in the marketplace yom yom [street preaching] to the ones who happened to be there.

[18] Also some of the Apikoros (Epicurean) and Stoic philosophers started conversing with Rav Sha'ul, and some were saying, 'What might this babblor wish to say?' And others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign deities.' They said this because of what Rav Sha'ul was proclaiming: Yehoshua and the Techiyas HaMesim.

[19] And having taken hold of Rav Sha'ul, they brought him to the Areopagus, saying, 'Are we able to have da'as of what this new teaching is, which is being spoken by you?'

[20] 'For some surprising things you bring to our hearing. Therefore, we desire to have da'as of what these things mean.'
[21] Now all the Athenians and the visiting foreigners and tourists in Athens used to spend time doing nothing but shmoozing about the latest novelty in the news.

[22] And Rav Sha’ul, taking his stand in the middle of the Areopagus, said, ‘Anashim, Athenians, with respect to everything how very religious indeed I observe you to be.

[23] ‘For passing through and looking carefully at your objects of worship, I found also an altar on which had been inscribed ‘To the unknown g-d.’ Therefore, what you worship without da’as, this I proclaim to you.

[24] ‘Hashem, the One having made HaOlam and all the things in it, this One being Adon HaShomayim vaHaAretz, does not dwell in temples made by human hands. [Isa 42:5 Dt 10:14; Isa 66:1; 1Kgs 8:27]

[25] ‘Nor is Hashem served by human hands, as if Hashem were in need of something, since He gives to all Chayyim and breath and everything. [Ps 50:10-12; Isa 42:5]

[26] ‘And Hashem made from one ancestor every nation of anashim dwelling pnei kol haAretz. And Hashem has set the zmanim and the fixed boundaries of their habitations, [Dt 32:8; Job 12:23]

[27] ‘So that they would seek Hashem, if efsher (perhaps) they might grope for Him and might find Him, though Hashem is not far from each one of us. [Dt 4:7; Isa 55:6; Jer 23:23;24]

[28] ‘For ‘we live in Him and in Him we move and have our being,’ as also some of your poets have said, ‘For we are all His offspring.’ [Dt 30:20; Job 12:10; Dan 5:23; Epimenides; Aratus]

[29] ‘Therefore, being offspring of Hashem, we ought not to think that Hashem’s essence is like gold or silver or stone, a tzelem (image) made by the skill and thought of Bnei Adam. [Isa 40:18-20] [30] ‘While Hashem has disregarded and let pass the Am HaAretz times of ignorance, now, however, Hashem proclaims to kol bnei Adam everywhere, Make teshuva,

[31] ‘Because he set a day in which he is about to bring MISHPAT (TEHILLIM 9:8) on the Olam Hazeh in tzdeek [DANIEL 9:24] by an ISH (ZECHARIAH 6:12) whom he appointed, having furnished proof to all by having made him to stand up alive again from the Mesim.’ [Ps 9:8; 96:15; 98:9; Isa 53:11 MEGILLOT YAM HAMELACH (DEAD SEA SCROLLS)]

[32] ‘And when they heard of the Techiyas HaMesim, some were mocking Rav Sha’ul. But others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’

[33] ‘Thus did Rav Sha’ul go out from the midst of them. [34] ‘And some anashim were mocking of him, thinking that the chavurah of Rav Sha’ul was made up of evil men, and others said, ‘We will hear you again about this.’

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After these things Rav Sha’ul left Athens and went to Corinth.

[2] ‘And in Corinth Rav Sha’ul found some Messianic Jews, namely Aquila hailing from Pontus, having recently come from Italy, where Claudius ordered a decree of Jewish expulsion from Rome, and Priscilla, his isha. Rav Sha’ul went to see them.

[3] ‘And because he had the same parnasah (livelihood), Rav Sha’ul was staying with them, and he was working with them, for they were tentmakers by trade.

[4] ‘And Rav Sha’ul was debating in the shul every Shabbos, and he was convincing Yehudim and Yeveanim.

[5] ‘Now when both Sila and Timotiyos came down from Macedonia, Rav Sha’ul was farumen (preoccupied) and totally absorbed with the dvar Hashem, bearing solemn edut to the Yehudim that Yehoshua is the Moshiach.

[6] ‘But when some began opposing Rav Sha’ul, and when they began committing Chillul Hashem, Rav Sha’ul shook out his kaftan and said to them, ‘The responsibility of your lot be upon your own head! For I am tahor (clean); from now on, I go to the Nations.’ [2Sm 1:16; Ezek 33:4; 3:17-19; Neh 5:13]

[7] ‘And so Rav Sha’ul left them, and entered into the bais of a certain ish by the name Titius Justus, a yire Elohim whose bais was right next door to the shul!!

[8] ‘And Crispus, the Rosh Beit HaKnesset, came to emunah in Moshiach Adoneinu along with his entire bais; also many of the Corinthians who heard came to emunah, and were being given Moshiach’s tevilah of teshuva.

[9] ‘Then in the lailah, through a chazon, Adonoi said to Rav Sha’ul, ‘Do not fear, but speak out, and do not keep silent,

[10] ‘For I am with you, and no one will attack you to harm you; I have many people in this city.’

to them on the dvar Hashem.

[12] And when Galio was proconsul of Achaia, the [disobedient] Yehudim rose up with one accord keneged (against, in opposition to) Rav Sha'ul, and they took him to court,

[13] Saying, This one persuades anashim to worship Hashem in a manner hepech der Torah (contrary to the Torah),'

[14] Rav Sha'ul was about to open his mouth when Galio spoke to the Yehudim, 'If this matter concerned some wrong or heinous crime, O Yehudim, I might reasonably put up with you;

[15] But if it is kashes (questions) about a dvar and shemot (names) and your Torah, you will see to it for yourselves. I do not intend to be a shofet (judge) of these things.'

[16] And he had them ejected from the courtroom.

[17] They seized Sosthenes, the Rosh HaKnesset, and were beating him in full view of the Kes HaMishpat (Judgment Seat), and none of these things created a concern for Gallio.

[18] But Rav Sha'ul still remained a number of yamin and then took leave of the Achim b'Moshiach, and was sailing away to Syria; and with him were Priscilla and Aquila. In Chencrea he cut his hair, for he had taken a neder (vow). [BAMIDBAR 6:2,5,18]

[19] Then they arrived in Ephesus, and Rav Sha'ul left them there, but he joined the minyan in the shul and debated with the Yehudim.

[20] And when they were asking Rav Sha'ul to stay for a longer time, he did not give his consent.

[21] But taking leave of them, he said, "I will return again" im yirtzeh Hashem (G-d willing)." Then Rav Sha'ul set sail from Ephesus.

[22] And having come down to Caesarea and having gone up and greeted the [Yerushalayim] Kehillah of Moshiach, then Rav Sha'ul went down to Antioch.

[23] And having spent some time, he embarked, passing through the area of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the Moshiach's talmidim.

[24] Now a certain man, a Yehudi, arrived in Ephesus, Apollos by name, sailing, hailing from Alexandria, a lamedan (a Torah scholar with prodigious knowledge), being tief (deep and profound, erudite, keen) in the Kitvei HaKodesh.

[25] This one had been taught the Derech Hashem and was on fire in the Ruach Hakodesh and saying shiurim and drashot accurate and true to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. But Rav Apollos was acquainted only with the tevilah of teshuva of Yochanan [see Lk 3:16].

[26] And this rabbi began to speak with ometz lev (boldness) in the shul. And having heard him, Priscilla and Aquila took him and more accurately instructed him in the Derech Hashem.

[27] When Rav Apollos desired to go to Achaia, the Achim b'Moshiach encouraged him and wrote iggrot to Moshiach's talmidim there to welcome him. When Rav Apollos arrived, he greatly helped the ones who through the Chen vChesed Hashem had come to emunah.

[28] For Rav Apollos was publicly and powerfully refuting the [unbelieving] Yehudim, showing through the Kitvei HaKodesh that Yehoshua is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

19 And it came about while Rav Apollos was in Corinth that Rav Sha'ul traveled through the upper regions and arrived at Ephesus, finding some of [Moshiach's] talmidim there.

[2] And Rav Sha'ul said to them, 'Did you receive the Ruach Hakodesh when you came to emunah?' But they said to Rav Sha'ul, 'But we never heard that there is a Ruach Hakodesh!'

[3] And Rav Sha'ul said, 'Into what then were you given tevilah? And they said, 'Into the tevilah of Yochanan.'

[4] And Rav Sha'ul said, 'Yochanan gave a tevilah of teshuva to the people, saying that they should have emunah in Hu HaBah [Moshiach], the one coming after him, that is, in Yehoshua.' [Lk 3:16]

[5] And having heard this, they were given Moshiach's tevilah of teshuva in haShem of the Moshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.

[6] And when Rav Sha'ul placed his hands upon them, the Ruach Hakodesh came upon them, and they were speaking in leshonot and they were speaking dvarim hanevu'ah.

[7] And the anashim were about sheneym asar in number.

[8] And having joined the minyan at the shul, Rav Sha'ul was speaking with ometz lev during the course of shloshah chodashim, debating and persuading concerning the things of the Malchut Hashem.

[9] But when some unbelievers in the shul were being hardened and were disobeying, speaking Chillul Hashem of the Derech Hashem before the multitude, Rav Sha'ul withdrew from them. Rav Sha'ul took the
And a number of the ma'asim, disclosing them. And many of the ones having come to emunah were exalting haShem of Adoneinu Yehoshua. And this happened over a period of two years with the intended result that all the ones inhabiting [the Roman Province of] Asia heard the dvar Hashem, both Yehudim and Yevanim. And many of the ones inhabiting [the Messiahian] yeshiva of Tyrannus. And having come to emunah were overpowered and subdued all [shivah] the ruach hara'ah leaped upon them, and they fled, naked and wounded, from the bais. And this became known to all the Yehudim and also the Yevanim inhabiting Ephesus, and pachad (terror) fell upon all of them, and they were exalting haShem of Adoneinu Yehoshua. And in reply the ruach hara'ah (the shed, demon) said to them, ‘I am acquainted with Rav Sha'ul, but, you, who are you?!’ And some traveling Jewish exorcists attempted to use haShem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua over the ones possessed of ruchot ra'ot, saying, ‘I exorcize and cast you out by the Yehoshua whom Rav Sha'ul preaches!’ And this was known to all the ones inhabiting the Province of Asia heard the dvar Hashem, both Yehudim and also the temple of the great Artemis of the Ephesians. And also some of the Asiarchs who were his chaverim, sent to him, begging him not to venture into the theater. And some began shouting one thing, some another, in the theater, for the kahal was in confusion, and most had no da'as of the purpose of the kahal (assembly). And knowing what the man was, that he was a Yehudi, all in the theater shouted in unison for lav dovka two hours crying out, ‘Gedolah is Artemis of the Ephesians.’ And the town clerk, when he had restrained the crowd, said, ‘Anashim, citizens of Ephesus, who indeed is there among Bnei Adam who does not have da'as that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the tzelem (image) that fell from Shomayim? May be considered as nothing, and also may be about to suffer the loss of her majesty, which all Asia and the Olam Hazeh worship.’ And having listened and having become full of ka'as, the idol makers were crying out, saying, ‘Gedolah is Artemis of the Ephesians!’ And the city was filled with tohu, and they rushed with one impulse into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, who were Macedonians and traveling fellow po'alin of Rav Sha'ul. And Rav Sha'ul desired to enter into the crowd in the theater, but the talmidim were not allowing him. And after a certain Shabbos, being come from Ephesus, he stayed a little while longer at the hands of Rav Sha'ul, and niflaot Hashem effected at the hands of Rav Sha'ul, and was brought to the mesharetim (ministers, servants) with him --Timotiyos and Erastus, while Aristarchus, who were Messianic ministers (ministers, servants) with him, said, ‘I am acquainted with the Yevanim inhabiting Ephesus, who indeed is there among Bnei Adam who does not have da'as that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the tzelem (image) that fell from Shomayim? May be considered as nothing, and also may be about to suffer the loss of her majesty, which all Asia and the Olam Hazeh worship.’ And having listened and having become full of ka'as, the idol makers were crying out, saying, ‘Gedolah is Artemis of the Ephesians!’ And the city was filled with tohu, and they rushed with one impulse into the theater, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, who were Macedonians and traveling fellow po'alin of Rav Sha'ul. And Rav Sha'ul desired to enter into the crowd in the theater, but the talmidim were not allowing him. And also some of the Asiarchs who were his chaverim, sent to him, begging him not to venture into the theater. And some began shouting one thing, some another, in the theater, for the kahal was in confusion, and most had no da'as of the purpose of the kahal (assembly). And from the multitude Alexander was pushed forward by Yehudim and some prompted him with shouts, while Alexander waved his hand, wanting to defend himself to the kahal. But having known what the man was, that he was a Yehudi, all in the theater shouted in unison for lav dovka two hours crying out, ‘Gedolah is Artemis of the Ephesians.’ And the town clerk, when he had restrained the crowd, said, ‘Anashim, citizens of Ephesus, who indeed is there among Bnei Adam who does not have da'as that the city of Ephesus is the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis and of the tzelem (image) that fell from Shomayim?'
And after the uproar had ended, Rav Sha'ul summoned the Moshiach's talmidim and, having exhorted them, and having taken his leave, he departed to go to Macedonia.

And accompanying Rav Sha'ul from Berea was Sopater the son of Pyrrhus; from Thessalonica was Aristarchus and Secundus; from Derbe, Gaius; and from Asia, Timiotiyos, Tychicus and Trophimus.

And these, having gone ahead, were waiting for us in Troas.

And we sailed away after the Yamim HaMatzot [i.e., Pesach] from Philippi, and within chamash yamim we came to them in Troas, where we stayed shivah yamim.

And on Yom Rishon, when we met for tish (it was Motzoei Shabbos when there was a Melaveh Malkei communal meal), Rav Sha'ul was saying a shiur to them, since he would have to depart early the next day and was having to extend the message until chatzot halailah.

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And after he had spent shivah yamim there, he began to succumb to a deep sleep while Rav Sha'ul was saying a shiur that went on and on. Overcome by this sleep, Eutychus fell from the third story downwards, and began to succumb to a deep sleep while Rav Sha'ul was saying a shiur that went on and on. Overcome by this sleep, Eutychus fell from the third story downwards, and was picked up dead.

And having come down, Rav Sha'ul fell upon him, and, having embraced him, Rav Sha'ul said, 'Do not be troubled, for his neshamah is in him.'

And having gone up and, at the Betzi'at HaLechem, having partaken of it, and having spoken until Shacharis, thus Rav Sha'ul departed.

And they led away the bocher chai! And they were not a little comforted.

And we wept over him and set sail for Assos, where we were intending to take Rav Sha'ul on board, for he had arranged it so, intending to travel himself there by land.

When Rav Sha'ul met us in Assos, we took him on board and came to Mitylene.

And from there, having sailed away, we arrived on the next day opposite Chios. And then the day following we crossed over to Samos, and, on the following day, we came to Miletus.

For Rav Sha'ul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so he would not have to spend time in the [Province of] Asia, for he was hurrying in order that, if possible, he might by Shavu'os go up to Yerushalayim.

And from Miletus, having sent to Ephesus, Rav Sha'ul summoned the Ziknei HaKehillah.

And when they came to him, he said to them, You have da'as from the yom harishon in which I set foot in Asia how I was with you the entire time.

My avodas kodesh service to Hashem with all anavah (humility) and tears and tzoros, and all that happened to me by the kesharim of the [unbelieving] Yehudim; how I kept back nothing profitable from you, but kept giving you messianic drashot and shiurim publicly and communal meals when we met for tish (Motzoei Shabbos), both to Yehudim and Yevanim.

Bearing solemn edut to both to Yehudim and Yevanim about teshuva toward Hashem and emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.
'Lailah, I did not stop shloshah shanim, yomam remembering that for "Therefore, be shomer, themselves. draw away talmidim after perverted doctrines in order to will rise up anashim speaking [YECHEZKEL 34:5] "And from you yourselves (flock). [YECHEZKEL 34:5] you, not sparing the eder (wolves) will come in among my departure savage ze'evim. "I have da'as that after my departure savage ze'evim (wolves) will come in among you, not sparing the eder (wolves) will come in among my departure savage ze'evim." For I did not shrink back from preaching and disclosing to all of you the whole etzat Hashem (counsel, plan of G-d). For I did not shrink back from preaching and disclosing to all of you the whole etzat Hashem (counsel, plan of G-d). And from you yourselves will rise up anashim speaking perverted doctrines in order to draw away talmidim after themselves. Therefore, be shomer, remembering that for shloshah shanim, yomam vlailah, I did not stop admonishing each one of you with tears. 'And now I commend you to Hashem and to the Dvar HaChen v'Chesed Hashem which is able to build you up and give you a nachalah (inheritance) among all the kedoshim. 'I coveted no one's silver or gold or shitreim. 'You yourselves have da'as that these hands of mine supported all my needs as well as the needs of those with me. 'In all this I was showing you a mofet (example) that thus working hard it is necessary to help the weak and to have zikaron of the dvarim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua, that he himself said, "Beser (better) togeben (give) than to nemen (take).," 'And having said these things, Rav Sha'ul fell down and, with them all, began davening. And when it came about that we set sail, having parted from them, having run a straight course, we came to Cos. And on the next day we got to Rhodes, and from there to Pataro. And having found an oniyah crossing over to Phoenicia, we went on board and set sail. And having come within sight of Cyprus, and leaving Cyprus behind on our left, we were sailing to Syria and we arrived in Tzor, for there the oniyah was unloading its cargo. And after having searched for Moshiach's talmidim there, we stayed in Tzor shivah yamim. And Moshiach's talmidim were telling Rav Sha'ul by the Ruach Hakodesh not to make any aliyah (ascent) to Yerushalayim. But when our yamim there were ended, we departed and everyone, including nashim and yeladim, were accompanying us as far as the outskirts of the city. And falling down on the beach, we all were davening. And having bid them 'Shalom,' we embarked in the oniyah, and they returned to their own batim. And when we had completed the voyage from Tzor, we arrived in Ptolemais, and, having given a 'Shalom' greeting to the Achim b'Moshiach there, we stayed yom echad with them. And on the next day, having left, we came to Caesarea; and entered the bais of Philippos, the maggid of the Besuras HaGeulah who was one of HaShivah [see 6:3]; And we stayed with him. And Philippos was the abba of arbah banot, betulot, Caesarea; and entered the bais of Philippos, the maggid of the Besuras HaGeulah who was one of HaShivah [see 6:3]; And we stayed with him. And Philippos was the abba of arbah banot, betulot, who were gifted in giving a dvar nevuah. [Ex 15:20; Judg 4:4; Neh 6:14] And remaining there many yamim, a certain one came down from Yehudah, a navi, Agav by name. And remaining there many yamim, a certain one came down from Yehudah, a navi, Agav by name. And when he came to us, he took Rav Sha'ul's garotel and, having bound his own feet and hands with it, Agav said, 'So says the Ruach Hakodesh: this is the way the Yehudim in Yerushalayim will bind the man who owns this garotel, and they will hand him over to the Goyim.' And when he came to us, he took Rav Sha'ul's garotel and, having bound his own feet and hands with it, Agav said, 'So says the Ruach Hakodesh: this is the way the Yehudim in Yerushalayim will bind the man who owns this garotel, and they will hand him over to the Goyim.'
And when we heard these things, we were begging Rav Sha’ul, both we and the locals, not to make any aliyah (ascent) to Yerushalayim.

Then Rav Sha’ul answered, ‘What are you doing weeping and breaking my lev (heart)? For I am prepared not only to be bound but to die al kiddush ha-Shem in Yerushalayim, for haShem of the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.’

And not persuading him, we remained silent, having said, ‘Let the ratzon Hashem be done.’

And after these yamim, having made preparations, we were making an aliyah to Yerushalayim.

And also some of Moshia’h’s talmidim from Caesarea traveled with us, bringing us for hachnosas orchim to the bais of the Cyprian Mnason, one of Moshia’h’s talmidim of long standing [an early disciple].

And when we arrived in Yerushalayim, the Achim b’Moshia’h there gave us a kabbalat panim welcome with lev same’ach.

And on the following day Rav Sha’ul was going in with us to Ya’akov [see p.848], and all the Ziknei HaKehillah came.

And having given them a ‘Shalom’ greeting, Rav Sha’ul was explaining one by one the things Hashem did through his avodas kodesh as Moshiach’s Shliach to the Umot ha-Olam.

And the ones who heard were saying, ‘Baruch Hashem!’ And they said to him, ‘You see, Ach b’Moshia’h, how many thousands there are among the Yehudim who have emunah [in our Moshia’h] and they all have kanous (jealousness), are shomer mitzvot for the Torah [Sinai Covenant and its mitzvot].

‘And these Orthodox Jewish ma’amanim hameshichiyim have heard a rumor informing them about you, that you teach the Yehudim living among the Goyim in the Golus to be shmad and to commit apostasy from Moshe [Rabbeinu, i.e., Orthodox Judaism], telling them to abandon bris milah for Bnei Yisroel and not to be shomer regarding the darkhei haTorah (“ways of the Torah,” i.e. the Sinai Covenant and its mitzvot).’

‘What then is to be done? Certainly these Orthodox Jewish ma’amanim hameshichiyim [i.e., who have emunah in our Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua, Ac 21:20] will get word that you have come.

This, therefore, do what we tell you. There are with us arba’ah anashim who are under a neder Nezirim.

‘Go! Take these for hitkaddeshut (purification) and purify yourself with them, that they may cut their hair; then shall all have dras that there is no emes to the rumor; then it shall be clear that you yourself are in agreement and frum regarding the darkhei haTorah and that you are chareidi and shomer mitzvot, in the ranks of those who practice Orthodox Judaism.’

‘And concerning the Goyim coming to [Orthodox Jewish] emunah, we have sent an iggeret with our decision that they avoid what is offered to elilim and dahm and what is strangled and zehut.’

Then Rav Sha’ul took the anashim on the following day, and he went with them for hitkaddeshut (purification) and was entering the Beis Hamikdash, giving notice of the completion of the yamim of the tohorah until was offered for each one of them the korban. [BAMIDBAR 6:13 20 www.afii.org/job1.pdf]

Now when the shivat yamim were about to be completed, unbelieving Yehudim from the Province of Asia [Ephesus], having seen Rav Sha’ul in the Beis Hamikdash, were stirring up all the multitude, and they laid their hands on him, [YIRMEYAH 26:8]

‘Crying out, ‘Anashim, Bnei Yisroel, help us! This one is the ish who is giving shiurim to everyone everywhere keneged (against, in opposition to) HaAm [Yisroel] and the Torah of Moshe Rabbienu and this Makom HaKadosh, and in addition also he brought Yevanim into the Beis Hamikdash and has defiled Makom HaKadosh HaZeh [the Beis Hamikdash].’

‘For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Rav Sha’ul and they had jumped to the conclusion and made the unwarranted assumption that Rav Sha’ul had brought Trophimus past the Soreg [barrier of the holy precinct] in the Beis Hamikdash.

And the whole city was aroused and the people were rushing together, and they seized Rav Sha’ul, and they were dragging him outside the Beis Hamikdash; and immediately the delatot were shut.

And while they were trying to kill him, a report went up to a tribune of the Roman cohort that all Yerushalayim was in an orthodox Jewish Bible.
Sha’ul addressed the multitude in the language of the Hebrews.

22 And when they heard that Sha’ul was addressing them in the language of the Hebrews, they were even more quiet. And Rav Sha’ul said,

3 Then the Roman tribunal came near and took hold of Rav Sha’ul and ordered him to be bound with two sharsherot (chains), and the tribunal was inquiring who he might be and what he had done.

4 Some in the crowd were shouting one thing, some another, and the tribunal was not able to have da’as of anything definite because of the noise, so he ordered him to be brought into the barracks.

5 And when Rav Sha’ul was on the steps, it came about that he was carried by the chayailim, because of the violence of the multitude,

6 For the crowd kept shouting one thing, some another, and the tribune was not able to have da’as of anything definite because of the noise, so he ordered him to be brought into the barracks.

7 And when Rav Sha’ul was addressing them in the language of the Hebrews, they were even more quiet. And Rav Sha’ul said,

8 ‘I am an ish Yehudi, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but having been brought up in a yeshiva in this city of Yerushalayim at the feet of Rabban Gamliel, having learned with irreprouachable frumkeit according to all machmir chumra strictness the Torah of Avoteinu, and I have a kinat Hashem just as all of you do today; [MELACHIM ALEF 19:10] I brought redifah on this Derech, even to the point of mavet, binding and delivering both anashim and nashim over to the beis hasoahar.

9 ‘As even the Kohen Gadol and all the Zekenim of the Sanhedrin could give solemn eidus for me. From for them I was also authorized with iggrot to the Achim in Damascus, and I was going there to lead away also the ones who were there in order to bring them back bound to Yerushalayim to have them punished.

10 ‘And it happened to me while traveling and drawing near to Damascus, aiv davka (approximately) noon, suddenly from Shomayim, a very bright ohr (light) shone around me;

11 ‘And I fell to the ground. Then I heard a bat kol saying to me, ‘Sha’ul, Sha’ul, why are you bringing redifah on me?’

12 And I answered, ‘Who are you, Adoni?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Yehoshua of Natzeret, upon whom you are bringing redifah.’

13 Came to me and stood near to me, saying, ‘Ach bMoshiach Sha’ul, receive your sight.’ And at that moment I looked up at him.

14 ‘And he said, ‘Elohei Yisroel, the one you were seeking for you have found: Me, Oviad, from the city of Tarsus of Cilicia.

15 ‘For you will be an eidus (witness) to him to all anashim and nashim, to the nations, to kings, and to all the Yehudim living in Damascus,

16 ‘Come to me and stood next to me, saying, ‘Ach bMoshiach Sha’ul, receive your sight.’ And at that moment I looked up at him.

17 ‘And he said, ‘Elohei Yisroel, the one you were seeking for you have found: Me, Oviad, from the city of Tarsus of Cilicia.

18 ‘For you will be an eidus (witness) to him to all anashim and nashim, to the nations, to kings, and to all the Yehudim living in Damascus,

19 ‘And the ones with me saw the ohr (light) but they did not have real hearing (understanding) of the voice speaking to me.

20 ‘And I said, ‘What shall I do, Adoni?’ And HaAdon said to me, ‘Get up and go into Damascus, and there you will be told about everything which has been appointed for you to do.’

21 ‘And because I had been blinded from the kavod (glory) of that ohr (light), I was led by the hand by the ones who were with me and who led me into Damascus.

22 ‘A certain man, Chananyah by name, an ehrliche Yid (a truly pious Jew), sharedi according to the Torah and with a shem tov with all the Yehudim living in Damascus,

23 ‘Come to me and stood next to me, saying, ‘Ach bMoshiach Sha’ul, receive your sight.’ And at that moment I looked up at him.

24 ‘And he said, ‘Elohei Yisroel, the one you were seeking for you have found: Me, Oviad, from the city of Tarsus of Cilicia.

25 ‘For you will be an eidus (witness) to him to all anashim and nashim, to the nations, to kings, and to all the Yehudim living in Damascus,

26 ‘And now what do you intend to do? Get up and receive Moshiach’s tevilah of teshuva and wash away your averos (sins) by calling upon SHMO: [VAYIKRA 8:6; TEHILLIM 51:2; YECHZEKEL 36:25; JOEL 3:5(2:32) ZECHARYAH 6:12] And it happened that after I had returned to Yerushalayim and as I was davening in the Beis Hamikdash, that I fell into a trance,
And Moshiach said to me, ‘Go! For I will send you out, far away to the Goyim.’

And after this, the Roman tribune said to Rav Sha’ul, ‘Tell me, are you a Roman?’

And the Roman tribune answered, ‘It cost me a large sum of money for me to acquire my Roman citizenship.’ And Rav Sha’ul said, ‘But indeed I have been born a Roman citizen.’

And when the Roman tribune asked, ‘What are you about to do? You to scourge him?’ Rav Sha’ul answered, ‘If a man is a Roman citizen and uncondemned, it is lawful for you to scourge him.’

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And the Roman tribune said to Rav Sha’ul, ‘Tell me, are you a Roman?’ And Rav Sha’ul said, ‘Etiam.’

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And as he gazed at the Sanhedrin, Rav Sha’ul said, ‘Anashim, Achim, I have lived before Hashem until this day with a lev tahor.’

And the Kohen Gadol Chananyah ordered the ones standing by Rav Sha’ul to strike his mouth.

Then Rav Sha’ul said to him, ‘Hashem is about to strike you, you white-washed wall! You sit judging me according to the Torah and yet in violation of the Torah you command me to be struck?’

And the Kohen Gadol Chananyah ordered the ones standing by Rav Sha’ul to strike his mouth.

And the Roman soldiers stretched Rav Sha’ul out with the straps, he said to the centurion who was standing by, ‘If a man is a Roman citizen and uncondemned, it is lawful for you to scourge him?’

And having heard this, the centurion approached the tribunal and reported, saying, ‘What are you about to do? For this man has
| 13 | Now there were more than arba'm anashim (forty men) who joined in this keshet. |
| 14 | After they approached the Rushei HaKohanim (Chief Priests) and the Zekenim (Elders), they said, 'We have bound ourselves with a shevu'ah (oath) to eat nothing until we have killed Rav Sha'ul. |
| 15 | 'Now, therefore, you with the Sanhedrin notify the tribune so that he may bring Rav Sha'ul down to you as if intending to determine more accurately the things concerning him, and, before he draws near, we are ready to kill him.' |
| 16 | Now when Rav Sha'ul's achyon (nephew) heard about the ma'arav (ambush), he went and gained entrance into the barracks and reported this to Rav Sha'ul. |
| 17 | And Rav Sha'ul summoned one of the centurions and said, 'Bring this bochur to the tribune for he has something to report to him.' |
| 18 | So the centurion took the bochur and brought him to the tribune and says, 'The prisoner Rav Sha'ul has summoned me and asked me to bring this bochur to you; he has something to say to you.' |
| 19 | The tribune grasped the bochur's hand and drew him aside privately, inquiring, 'What is it you have to report to me?' |
| 20 | And the bochur said, 'The Judeans agreed to ask you to bring Rav Sha'ul down machar (tomorrow) to the Sanhedrin as if intending to inquire something more accurate concerning him. |
| 21 | Therefore, you should not be persuaded by them, for more than arba'im anashim are lying in wait for him and these took a shevu'ah upon themselves neither to eat nor to drink until they have assassinated him, and now they are ready, waiting for your consent.' |
| 22 | Therefore, the tribune dismissed the bochur, ordering him, 'Tell no one that you reported these things to me.' |
| 23 | And having summoned two of the centurions, the tribune said, 'Prepare to leave for Caesarea by nine o'clock tonight the following: two hundred chayailim, seventy horsemen, and two hundred bowmen. |
| 24 | 'And also provide mounts for Rav Sha'ul to ride, that he may be given safe passage to Felix the Moshel.' |
| 25 | Then the tribune wrote an iggeret to this effect: |
| 26 | 'Claudius Lysias to the most excellent Moshel, Felix. Greetings. |
| 27 | 'This man was seized by the Judeans and was about to be killed by them, but when I learned that he is a Roman citizen, I came with the chayailim and rescued him. |
| 28 | 'Desiring to have da'as of the charge for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their Sanhedrin. |
| 29 | 'I found he was being accused about issues of their Torah and the charge was nothing worthy of mavet or of imprisonment. |
| 30 | 'And when I received information of a kesher (plot) keneged (against) the man, I sent him immediately to you, having given orders also to his accusers to state their case against Rav Sha'ul before your excellency.' |
| 31 | Therefore, as they were ordered, the chayailim took Rav Sha'ul along and brought him under cover of lailah to Antipatris. |
| 32 | And on the next day, having allowed the horsemen to go on with Rav Sha'ul, they returned to the barracks. |
| 33 | When the horsemen entered into Caesarea, they delivered the iggeret to the Moshel and also presented Rav Sha'ul to him. |
| 34 | And having read it, and having asked from what province Rav Sha'ul hailed, the Moshel learned that he was from Cilicia. |
| 35 | 'I will give you a hearing,' Felix said, 'when also your accusers arrive.' Then the Moshel commanded Rav Sha'ul to be watched by shomrim in the Praetorium of Herod. |

And after chamash yamim, the Kohen Gadol Chananyah came down with some Zekenim and an orator, a certain Tertullus, who explained to the Moshel the charges keneged (against) Rav Sha'ul. When Rav Sha'ul had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, 'Your Excellency, much shalom has been attained through you, and reforms have come to this nation by your foresight. This in every way and everywhere, we acknowledge, most excellent Felix, with todah rabbah. But in order that I may not detain you any longer, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly. For having found this man a troublemaker and an inciter of riots among all the Yehudim throughout kol haaretz,
a manhig of the kat [of Judaism], the Natzratzi Kat.

[6] 'He even tried to desecrate the Beis Hamikdash! And so we apprehended him, [and would have tried him according to our own law.]

[7] 'But the sar haelef Lysias came, and with great ko'ach took him away out of our hands, and ordered his adversaries to come unto you.'

[8] 'When you examine him, you will be able to find out yourself regarding all these things of which we accuse him.'

[9] And the rest of the Judeans joined in the attack, saying that these things were so.

[10] And when the Moshel nodded to him to speak, Rav Sha'ul answered, 'Knowing that for many years you have been a shofet (judge) to this nation, I cheerfully make my hitstaddekut.

[11] 'You will be able to learn that not more than twelve days have elapsed since I made an aliya to worship in Yerushalayim.

[12] 'And neither in the Beis Hamikdash did they find me conversing with anyone nor did they find me stirring up the multitude either in the shuls or anywhere in Yerushalayim.

[13] 'Nor are they able to prove to you concerning the things of which now they are accusing me.

[14] 'For Ani modeh (I confess) this to you, that according to the Derech Hashem, which they call a ‘kat’ [of Judaism], I serve the Elohei Avoteinu, having emunah in everything written according to the Torah and the Nevi'im.

[15] 'I have a tikvah (hope) in Hashem, which also these ones themselves anticipate, the coming Techiyas HaMesim of both the Tzaddikim and the Resha'im.

[16] 'In view of this, I always do my best to keep a matzpun naki (clear conscience) before Hashem and before anashim.

[17] 'Now after many years, I came bringing nedavot (donations) to my people and also to make korbanot (sacrifices).

[18] 'And this is how they found me, having undergone purification in the Beis Hamikdash, not with rioters nor with any disturbance.

[19] 'But there were some Yehudim from the Province of Asia who ought to be present before you to make accusation, if they might have something against me.

[20] 'Or let these themselves say what crime they found in me when they stood me before the Sanhedrin.

[21] 'unless it is about this one statement, which I stood and cried out among them, and that statement was concerning the Techiyas HaMesim, and it is for this that I am being judged today by you.'

[22] But Felix, who was already rather well informed about the Derech Hashem, adjourned the meeting, saying, 'When Lysias the tribune comes down, I will decide your case.'

[23] Then Felix gave orders to the centurion to guard Rav Sha'ul, but to grant him considerable liberty and not to prevent his chaverim from ministering to his needs.

[24] And after some yamim, Felix came bringing nedavot (donations) to his people and also to make korbanot (sacrifices). And as Rav Sha'ul was conversing about tzdeek of both the Tzaddikim and the Resha'im.

[25] And having stayed with them no more than shmonah or asarah yamim, Felix went down to Caesarea; the next day he sat on the Kes HaMishpat and ordered Rav Sha'ul to be brought in.
When Rav Sha’ul came in, the Judeans who had come down from Yerushalayim stood around him and brought serious charges against him, which they were not able to prove.

Rav Sha’ul defended himself, saying, ‘Neither against the Torah nor against the Beis Hamikdash nor against Caesar have I done anything wrong.

But Festus, wishing to grant the Judeans a favor, said in reply to Rav Sha’ul, “Do you want to go up to Yerushalayim to be judged by me there concerning these things?”

And Rav Sha’ul said, “I am standing before the Kes HaMishpat of Caesar, where it is necessary for me to be tried. I have done no wrong to my Jewish people, as you also have da’as very well.

Now if I have done wrong and am worthy of mavet, I am not trying to escape the penalty. But if there is nothing to the charges these bring against me, no one is able to hand me over to them. Therefore, I appeal to Caesar.’

Then Festus, having talked with his council, answered, ‘To Caesar you have appealed, to Caesar you will go.’

After several yamim had passed, Agrippa HaMelech and Bernice arrived in Caesarea, having paid their respects to Festus.

And while they were spending many yamim there, Festus laid out to the Melech the things with respect to Rav Sha’ul, saying, ‘There is a man here who was left behind in the beis hasohar by Felix.

When I went to Yerushalayim, the Rashei Hakohanim and the Zekenim of the Yehudim informed me about this man, requesting keneged him a sentence of condemnation.

I answered them that it violated Roman law to hand over any man before the accused met face to face with his accusers and had an opportunity for a hitstaddekut (defense) concerning the accusation.

Therefore, they were assembled here; I allowed no delay, and on the next day, I sat down on the Kes HaMishpat and ordered the man brought in.

But when the accusers stood up, no charge were they bringing of any crimes I was expecting.

Instead it was an internal matter having to do with questions regarding Orthodox Judaism, and certain disagreements they had with Rav Sha’ul, and regarding a certain Yehoshua who was deceased, but whom Rav Sha’ul asserted was alive.

Since I was not qualified to investigate these religious questions, I was saying he might wish to go to Yerushalayim and there to be judged concerning these things.

But Rav Sha’ul appealed that he be kept in custody for the decision of Caesar, so I ordered him to be kept until I send him to Caesar.

And Agrippa said to Rav Sha’ul, ‘It is permitted for you to speak concerning yourself.’ Then Rav Sha’ul, having stretched out his hand, was making his hitstaddekut (defense), saying,

‘I have considered myself fortunate that it is before you, Agrippa HaMelech, that I am able to make my hitstaddekut today concerning everything of which I am accused by Yehudim.

Most of all, you are a bukki (expert, meivin) in all the minhagim and issues of the Yehudim; therefore, I beg you to listen patiently to me.

All the Yehudim have da’as of my Yiddishkeit from my earliest youth, a life spent from the beginning among my own people and in Yerushalayim.

They have had da’as of this for a long time, if they are willing to bear edut, that according to the most machmir kat of our Orthodox Jewish faith my life has been lived out as a Parush.

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And Agrippa said to Rav Sha’ul, ‘It is permitted for you to speak concerning yourself.’
And now I stand here on trial on account of my tikvah in the havtacha made to Avoteinu," 

A havtacha Sheneym Asar Nevim and Moshe Rabbenu Jewish faith based on what the Gedolim, testifying about before both ketanim and solemn edut (testimony) Hashem, to stand and give they receive selichat avon and nachalalah among the ones having been set apart in kedushah by emunah in me.'

A havtacha Sheneym Asar Avoteinu, in the havtacha made to trial on account of my tikvah

And now I stand here on the ground. Then I heard a kol around the ones traveling with shining around me and brilliant than the shemesh, Shomayim an ohr, more O Melech, I saw from

At noon on the derech, from the Rashei Hakohanim, authorization and permission traveling to Damascus with as far as foreign cities. bringing redifah on them even so enraged against them, I was Chillul Hashem gidduf forcing them to commit shuls I often punished them,

And throughout all the shuls I often punished them, forcing them to commit Chilul Hashem gidduf (blasphemy), and since I was so enraged against them, I was bringing redifah on them even as far as foreign cities.

This it was, that as I was traveling to Damascus with authorization and permission from the Rashei Hakohanim, At noon on the derech, O Melech, I saw from Shomayim an ohr, more brilliant than the shemesh, shining around me and around the ones traveling with me.

And we all fell down to the ground. Then I heard a kol saying to me in the language of the Hebrews, 'Sha'ul, Sha'ul, why are you bringing redifah upon me? It is hard for you to kick keneged (against) the prod.'

And I said, 'Who are you Adoni?' And HaAdon said, 'I am Yehoshua upon whom you are bringing redifah.

But get up and stand on your feet. For this tachlis, then, I appeared to you, to give you smichah as a mesharet, an eved, and an eidus (witness), both of what things you have seen and the things which I will reveal to you. [Ezek 2:1; Dan 10:11]

I will deliver you from your own people and from the Goyim to whom I am sending you, [YIRMEYAH 1:8,19]

To open their eyes, to turn them from choshech to ohr and from the samchut of Hasatan to Hashem, that they receive selichat avon and nachalalah among the ones having been set apart in kedushah by emunah in me.'

But beginning with the ones in Damascus and also with those in Yerushalayim, and with all the region of Yehudah and with the Goyim, I was preaching they should make teshuva and turn to Hashem, doing ma'asim worthy of teshuva.

Because of these things, the unbelieving Yehudim seized me while I was in the Beis Hamikdash, and were trying to kill me.

To this day I have obtained ezer (help) from Hashem, to stand and give solemn edut (testimony) before both ketanim and Gedolim, testifying about nothing beyond the Orthodox Jewish faith based on what the Nevim and Moshe Rabbanu said would happen:

That is, the yissurim (sufferings) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and that by being rishon to stand up alive in the Tchichiya HaMoshiach, he would proclaim ohr both to Klal Yisroel and the Nations.'

And while he was saying these things in his histaddektuk, Festus in a kol gadol shouts, 'Rav Sha'ul, all your yeshiva learning has made you meshuggah!'

But Rav Sha'ul says, 'I am not meshuggah, most excellent Festus; I am speaking dvarim of Emes and Ta'am (Reason).

For HaMelech has da'as of these matters, to whom also I am speaking freely, for I am sure that absolutely none of these things escape his notice, for this has not been done in a corner.

Agrippa HaMelech, do you believe in the Nevim? I have da'as that you do believe.'

And Agrippa said to Rav Sha'ul, 'You think, do you, that things you have seen and the things which I will reveal to you. [YIRMEYAH 1:8,19]

And Agrippa HaMelech, I was not disobedient to the chazon from Shomayim. [YESHAYAH 50:5]

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And Agrippa said to Rav Sha'ul, 'You think, do you, that as quick as that you can make me mekabel Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach?'

But Rav Sha'ul said, 'I would daven that Hashem, quickly or not, might make not only you but all listening to me today as I am, apart from these sharsherot (chains).'

HaMelech and the Mosheh and Bernice and the ones sitting with them got up. And having withdrawn, they were saying to one another, 'This man does nothing worthy of the death penalty or imprisonment.'

And Agrippa said to Festus, This man could have been released, if he had not appealed to Caesar.'

And when it was decided that we set sail to Italy, they were handing over both Rav Sha'ul and some other prisoners to a centurion, Julius by name, of the Imperial Cohort.
And having embarked in an oniyah of Adramyttium about to sail to the ports along the coast of Asia, we set sail, Aristarchus a Macedonian of Thessalonica being with us. The next day, we put in at a harbor in Tzidon; and Julius treated Rav Sha'ul with kindness, permitting him to be cared for by his chaverim. And from there, having put out to sea, we sailed under the lee of Crete because the winds were against us. Then having sailed across the open sea along the coast of Gecilia and Pamphylia, we came down to Myra of Lycia. And there the centurion found an Alexandrian oniyah sailing to Italy and put us on board. But for many yamim we sailed slowly and with difficulty along the coast of Cnidus, and as the wind was not permitting us to go vaiter (farther), we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone. And with difficulty sailing past it, we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, near the city of Lasea. And since considerable time had been lost and it was already unsafe for a voyage, because Yom Kippur had already come and gone; therefore, Rav Sha'ul gave them this eitza (suggestion), Saying to them, 'Anashim, I see that the voyage will be hardship and much peril, not only of the cargo and the oniyah, but also of our lives.' But the centurion was persuaded by the pilot and the owner rather than by the dvarim of Rav Sha'ul. But the port being unfavorably situated for spending the winter, the majority decided to set sail from there, if somehow they could reach Phoenix to spend the winter. It was a harbor of Crete, facing southwest and northwest. A gentle south wind began to blow, and they thought they could attain their matarah (objective), so they weighed anchor and they were sailing past Crete, close by the shore. After not much time a violent, typhoon force wind rushed down from Crete, the so called Euraquilo, the Northeasteur. And the oniyah, having been caught in it, and not being able to directly face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven. By running under the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were able only with difficulty to get the lifeboat secured. After hoisting it up, they were using frapping cables, passing them underneath the oniyah; then, fearing lest on the shallows of Syrtis they might run aground, they lowered the sea anchor, and so they were being driven along. And we were being violently tossed by the storm, so much so that the next day they were throwing the cargo overboard. And on the Yom Shlishi, with their own hands, they threw out the tackle of the oniyah. And neither shemesh (sun) nor kochavim appeared for many yamim and no small tempest assailed us. Lemaskana (finally) all halailah (midnight), the sailors were suspecting that we were getting close to land. And having taken soundings, they found twenty fathoms. And fearing lest we might run aground on some place we might run aground, they threw four anchors off halailah, the Adriatic Sea, toward chatzot halailah (midnight), the sailors were suspecting that we were getting close to land. And having taken soundings, they found twenty fathoms and, having sailed a little vaiter (farther), again they took soundings, and they found fifteen fathoms. And fearing lest somehow against the rough places we might run aground, they threw four anchors off the stern, and they were praying for the dawn to break. Now when the fourteenth night had come, while we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, toward chatzot halailah (midnight), the sailors were suspecting that we were getting close to land. And after much loss of appetite, then Rav Sha'ul stood up in the midst of them, and said, 'Anashim, you should have obeyed me and not put out to sea from Crete and thereby spared yourselves this hardship and this loss. And now I advise you to have ometz lev (courage), for there will be no loss of life among you, except the oniyah. For a malach Hashem stood by me during lailah hazeh, of the G-d whom I serve, Saying, 'Do not be afraid, Sha'ul. It is necessary for you to stand before Caesar; and, hinei, Hashem has given to you all the ones sailing with you.' Therefore have lev same'ach, Anashim. For I have emunah in Hashem that it will be exactly as he has told me. 'But it is necessary for us to run aground on some island.' Now when the fourteenth night had come, while we were being driven about in the Adriatic Sea, toward chatzot halailah (midnight), the sailors were suspecting that we were getting close to land. And after much loss of appetite, then Rav Sha'ul stood up in the midst of them, and said, 'Anashim, you should have obeyed me and not put out to sea from Crete and thereby spared yourselves this hardship and this loss. 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28 And having been brought safely through, we then found out that the island is called Malta.

[2] And the natives were showing not the ordinary kindness to us for, because of the geshem (rain) that had set in and because of the cold, they lit a hadlakah (bonfire).

[3] And when Rav Shaul gathered some brushwood and placed the sticks on the hadlakah (bonfire), a nachash (serpent) from the heat came out and fastened onto Rav Shaul's hand.

[4] And when the natives saw it hanging from his hand, they were saying to one another, 'Surely this man is a rotzeach (murderer); for though he was expecting him to be about to swell up or suddenly to fall down. But they watched him expectantly for a long time, and when they observed nothing unusual happening to him, they changed their minds and were saying that he was a g-d.

[5] Then, having shaken off the nachash into the eish (fire), Rav Shaul suffered no ill effects. (Mk 16:18)

[6] But the natives were expecting him to be about to swell up or suddenly to fall down. But they watched him expectantly for a long time, and when they observed nothing unusual happening to him, they changed their minds and were saying that he was a g-d.

[7] Now in the area around that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, Publius by name, who welcomed us and gave us hachnosas orchim.

[8] And it came about that the abba of Publius was bedfast, suffering fevers and dysentery. Rav Shaul approached him, and having davened, laid his hands on him and administered refuah shleimah to him.

[9] And when this happened, also others on the island, the cholim, were approaching Rav Shaul and were receiving refuah shleimah.

[10] The natives bestowed matanot rabbot on us and, while being put out to sea, they gave us the provisions for our needs. [TEHILLIM 15:4]

[11] And after shloshah yamim, we set sail in an oniyah, having spent the winter on the island. It was an Alexandrian oniyah marked by the insignia of the twin Achim.

[12] And having put in at Puteoli. On the second day we came to Rhegium.

[13] Then we weighed anchor and arrived at Rhegium. And after one day, a southwest wind sprang up and on the second day we came to Puteoli.

[14] There we found Achim b'Moshiach and we were invited by them to stay shivah yamim. And so we came to Rome.

[15] And from there, the Achim b'Moshiach when they heard of us, came out to meet us, even as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns. On seeing them, ometz lev came to Rav Shaul and he said a bracha, davening hodah to Hashem.

[16] Now when we entered into Rome, Rav Shaul was permitted to live by himself in his own quarters with a chayial guarding him.

[17] And it came about after shloshah yamim, that Rav Shaul called together the chashuve Yehudim. And when they had assembled, Rav Shaul was saying to...
them, ‘Anashim, Achim, though I had done nothing keneged (against, in opposition to) our Jewish people or to the minhagei Avoteinu of Orthodox Judaism, I was arrested in Yerushalayim and delivered over into the hands of the Romans,

[18] Who, having examined me, were desiring to release me, because I had done nothing worthy of the death penalty.

[19] But when the Yehudim spoke keneged (in opposition to, against) this, I was forced to appeal to Caesar, but only to defend myself, not to bring accusation against Am Yisroel, my people.

[20] On account of this reason, therefore, I summoned you, to see you and to speak with you, since it is for the sake of the tikvat Yisroel that I am wearing these prison sharsherot (chains).’

[21] And they said to Rav Sha’ul, ‘We neither received iggrot about you from Yehudah nor have any of the Achim arrived and reported or spoke any lashon hora about you.

[22] ‘But we desire to hear from you what you think, for lichora (apparently) with regard to this kat of Judaism, we have da’as that it is spoken keneged everywhere.’

[23] And they set a day for him, and they came to him in his lodgings, and there were many of them. And Rav Sha’ul was making a midrash, bearing solemn edut about the Malchut Hashem, and persuading them about Yehoshua from both the Torah of Moshe Rabbenu and from the Nev’im, from haboker to haerev.

[24] And some Yehudim were being persuaded by the things being said, but others had no emunah (faith).

[25] And so they disagreed with one another. And as they were leaving, Rav Sha’ul said a final dvar. ‘Rightly the Ruach Hakodesh spoke through Yeshayah HaNavi to your Avot,

[26] ‘Saying, ‘Go to this people and say, In hearing SHIMU SHAMOA VAL TAVINU URU RAO VAL TEDAU (‘You will hear and yet by no means understand and seeing you will see and yet by no means perceive.’)

[27] HASHMEN LEV HAM HAEZEH VAZNAV HAHKBED VENAV HASHA PEN YIREH VEINAV UVAZNAV YISHMA ULEVAZO YAYIN VASHA V’RAFA LO (‘For the heart of this people has become dull and with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes; lest they should see with their eyes, and with their ears may hear and with their heart they may have binah and they may turn and I will heal them. [TEHILLIM 119:70; YESHAYAH 6:9,10; also YESHAYAH 53:5]

[28] ‘Therefore, let it be known to you that to the GOYIM (TEHILLIM 67:2) this Yeshuat Eloheinu of Hashem was sent, and they will listen.’

[29] [And when he had said these things, the Yehudim departed, and argued greatly among themselves.]

[30] And he remained an entire two years in his own rented bais, and was welcoming all the ones coming to him,

[31] Preaching the Malchut Hashem and saying shiurim concerning the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua with all openness and without hindrance.

From Sha’ul, an eved of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, summoned to be a Shliach, set apart for the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem, Which Hashem promised beforehand through His Nev’im in the Kitvei HaKodesh, the Good News of Redemption of Hashem concerns the Zun fun der Oybershter (Ben HaElohim of Hashem) born from the zera Dovid, as far as basar is concerned, But, as far as the Ruach Hakodesh is concerned, appointed to be Zun fun der Oybershter in power by means of Moshia’h’s Techiyah [Resurrection] from HaMesim. Through him and for the kavod of His Name, we have received unmerited Chen vChesed Hashem and the Shlichus for the tachlis (purpose) of bringing about the mishma’at of emunah among all Nations, Among whom you also are summoned to belong to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua; To all who are in Rome, ahuevi Hashem (beloved ones of G-d), summoned by Hashem’s kri’ah (calling) to be kedoshim (holy ones)– unmerited Chen vChesed Hashem and Shalom Hashem from Elohim Avinu and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu. First of all, modeh Ani (I thank) my G-d through Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua for all of you, because your emunah (faith), your bitachon, is being reported abroad bchol haOlam (all over the world). For der Oybershter is my eidus! (G-d is my witness!), Whom I serve with my neshamah

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in the Besuras HaGeulah of the Zun fun der Oybershter of Hashem, how, when I daven, I constantly mention you in my tefillos,

[10] Always making techinnah (supplication) and petitioning that I might somehow now at last efsher (perhaps) succeed im yirtzeh Hashem (if the L-rd wills) to make my way to you.

[11] For I am longing to see you, that I may impart to you some mattanah ruchanit (spiritual gift) for the tachlis (purpose) of imparting chizzuk (strengthening, encouragement) to you and be mechazek (be strengthened spiritually);

[12] Or rather, so that there may be mutual chizzuk (strengthening, encouragement) among you through each other's emunah (faith), both yours and mine.

[13] Now I do not want you to lack da'as, Achim b'Moshiach of mine, of how I often made plans to come to you, though I have been prevented thus far, in order that I might have some p'ri for Hashem among you as well, just as among the rest of the ethnic peoples.

[14] I am meshubad (obligated) morally, under shiebud (obligation), to both cultured Greek-speakers and non-Greek-speaking barbarians, both the learned and the untutored.

[15] Hence my eagerness to preach the Besuras HaGeulah to you who are in Rome as well.

[16] For I am not ashamed of the Besuras HaGeulah of the Zun fun der Oybershter of Hashem, how, when I daven, I constantly mention you in my tefillos, (the righteousness of Hashem, 2C 5:21; Ro 8:4; Pp 3:9) is having its hisgalus (revelation) in the Besuras HaGeulah by emunah (faith) from first to last, from orthodox Jewish Faith to orthodox Jewish Faith, as it is written, V'TZADDIK BEEMUNATO YICHE’YEH (‘The righteous by his faith shall live’ CHABAKUK 2:4; Ga. 3:11; MJ 10:35).

[17] For the Tzidkat Hashem, (the righteousness of Hashem, 2C 5:21; Ro 8:4; Pp 3:9) is having its hisgalus (revelation) in the Besuras HaGeulah by emunah (faith) from first to last, from orthodox Jewish Faith to orthodox Jewish Faith, as it is written, V'TZADDIK BEEMUNATO YICHE’YEH (‘The righteous by his faith shall live’ CHABAKUK 2:4; Ga. 3:11; MJ 10:35).

[18] For the Charon Af Hashem (the burning anger of G-d Ro 1:18; 2:8; 3:5; 4:15; 5:9; 9:22; 12:19; 13:4) is being revealed from Shomayim. It is being revealed against all without yirat Shomayim and Tzedek, all bnei Adam who wickedly repress HaEmes of Hashem, All anashim who, even though what is knowable about Hashem lies plainly before their eyes (for G-d has shown them!), they nevertheless cling to their resha and wickedly suppress HaEmes of Hashem.

[19] For his invisible characteristics from the Bri'at HaOlam (the creation of the world) are perceived intellectually in the things which have been created; that is, both his eternal ko'ach and Elohat are discernable. So Bnei Adam have no terutz (excuse) and are inexcusably culpable (before an angry G-d),

[20] Because, even though they in actual fact knew G-d, they did not ascribe Him kavod (glory) as G-d or give hodayah (thanksgiving) to Him, but became filled with hevel (futility, vanity, emptiness, worthlessness) in their thinking, and their senseless levavot were darkened.

[21] Claiming to be chachumim (wise ones), they became kesilim (fools),

[22] And traded in the kavod (glory) of the incorruptible G-d for the mere likeness of the demut (image, icon) of corruptible man, birds, beasts, and reptiles.

[23] For this reason, Hashem (in wrath) delivered them over to paskudneh (contemptible) sexual desires. For their females traded off natural sexual intercourse for unnatural.

[24] Likewise also the males abandoned natural sexual intercourse with the female counterpart and were inflamed with craving for one another, males with males committing what is indecent and receiving back (in exchange) in themselves the appropriate gemul (retribution YESHAYAH 3:11) for their toyos (error).

[25] And as far as G-d's worthiness to be recognized by them was concerned, vi-bahlt (since) they marked G-d down as failing the test, therefore G-d (in wrath) delivered them over to a failure of a brain, one that has a mind bent on doing what is perversely unworthy --filled with all resha, wickedness, chamdanut (greediness), and what is damagingly evil-- full of kin'a
(jealousy), retzach ('murder), rivalry, mirmah ('deceit), merivah ('strife), remiyah ('guile, deceit), all kinds of lashon hora, malicious,
[30] Backbiters, slanderers, haters of G-d, insolent, arrogant, braggarts (see Ro 4:2); contrivers of evil, disobedient to horim.
[31] Without seichel, without neemanut ('faithfulness'), without ahavah ('love'), without rachamanut.
[32] Although they have known full well the just requirements of Hashem [His just gezetz ('law')], that is, that those who practice such things are b'nei mavet [see Gen 2:16-17; Ro 5:12], they not only do the very same, but even give their perverted bracha ('blessing') on those who practice such.

For this reason, you are without terutz ('excuse') for yourself (before an angry G-d), you, sir, each one of you who passes judgment. For in that you pass judgment on the other, you condemn yourself; for you practice the very things on which you pass judgment.

And we have da'as that the judgment of Hashem HaShofet (Ro 1:32) against those who practice such things is in accordance with HaEmes Hashem (Ro 1:25).

You, sir, you who pass judgment on those who practice such things and yet do the same yourself, do you suppose then that you will escape the Mishpat Hashem? Or do you think lightly of the wealth of his n antid (generosity) and of his chessed (benevolence) and of his being ERECH APAYIM ('slow of anger, forbearing' SHEMOT 34:6) and of his savlanut (patience), disregarding the fact that the Chessed Hashem (the kindness of G-d) is to lead you to teshuva (Tehillim 19:7[8])?
[5] As a result of your KESHI (stubbornness, hardness, DEVARIM 9:27) and your levavot without teshuva, you are storing up for yourself Charon Af Hashem (the burning anger of G-d) in the Yom Af (the Day of Wrath TEHILLIM 110:5, i.e., the Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment), when will be revealed the Mishpat HaTzedek of Hashem,
[6] Who will render LISH KMAASEI HU (to each according to his works) TEHILLIM 62:13 [12].
[7] To those who, by zititzfleisch (patience), persevere in doing hatov (the good), seek for kavod (glory) and honor and incorruptibility (TEHILLIM 16:10), He will give Chayyei Olam (Eternal Life).
[8] But to those who are self-seeking and who have no mishma'at (obedience) to HaEmes Hashem (Ro 1:25), but instead have mishma'at to resha, there will be Charon Af Hashem and fury.

There will be affliction and distress on every living neshamah who brings about what is rah (evil), Yehudi above all and Yevani (Greek) as well.

But tiferet and kavod (glory) and shalom to everyone who brings about what is tov (good), Yehudi above all and Yevani as well.

For ki ein masso panim shel Moshe Rabbeinu) who are tzaddikim who are accounted to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM ('justified with G-d' IYOY 25:4). It is the Shomrei HaTorah (the keepers of the Torah) who will be counted to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM.
[14] For when non-Jews [Ro 11:13] who have not a Torah, may do by nature [see 2K 1:4] what the Torah requires [see Ro 8:4], they not having a Torah are a gezetz ('law') for themselves,
[15] In that they demonstrate the Torah at work (Yirmeyah 31:33; Ro 8:4; 2C 5:17), the Torah written in their levavot, their matzpun (conscience, Act 24:16) also bearing witness [Ro 9:1], while their thoughts bring accusation (Gal 2:11) or even make defense (2C 7:11) among themselves,
[16] In the Yom [HaDin (Day of Judgment)] when, according to my Besuras HaGeulah, Hashem, through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, is to judge the secrets of kol Bnei Adam (all men).
[17] But if you are called by the name Yehudi ('Jew') and rely on the Torah and boast in the name Yehudi above all and Yevani (Greek) as well.
[18] And have da'as of His secrets of kol Bnei Adam (all men).
[19] And being confident that you are a moreh derech (guide) of the ivrim (blind ones), an ohr for those in choshech,
[20] A rabbinic moreh (teacher) of the foolish, a melammed (instructor) of the young, having the embodiment of datas (knowledge) and Emes (Ro 1:25) in the Torah...
[21] You, then, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach LO TIGNOV (‘Do not steal!’ SHEMOT 20:15),
do you steal?

[22] You who say, LO TINAF ('Do not commit adultery!'

SHEMOT 20:14), do you commit adultery? You who abhor elilim (idols), do you rob pagan temples?

[23] You who boast [Ro 4:2; Lu 17:10] in Torah [Ro 2:29; 3:20; Ga 2:15-21], through deviating from the Torah, you commit Chilul Hashem.

[24] As it is written, Among the Goyim KOL HAYOM HASHEM HAELOHIM MINNOATZ ('All the day long the Name of G-d is being blasphemed' [YESHAYAH 52:5] because of you.

[25] For the milah (circumcision) is an asset [T.N. contra Acts 21:21] if you stand in mishma'at (obedience) to the Torah. But if you're mefur (violator) of the Torah (T.N. see Ro 8:4), you will come of it? The gezar din (verdict of ashem (guilty) on them is well deserved.

[26] If then the ben Adam without milah who is shomer (meritorious strict)] letter. He has yhodeh (praise Yehudah, yadah praise...see BERESHIS 29:35 ) that comes not from Bnei Adam but from Hashem [T.N.Jer 31:31-34].

[27] And the naturally uncircumcised ben Adam who has mishma'at (obedience) to the Torah (T.N. Ro 2:15) will arise as a judgment on you. You! The very one who through chumra (stringency, strict adherence to the letter of the law) and circumcision (uncircumcision—Ro 2:25) are the transgressor [Ro 7:22-23; Yn 7:19] of Torah!

[28] For the true Yehudi (Jew) is not the one [humanly] perceived as such, nor true milah that which is performed visibly in the flesh;

[29] The true Yehudi is so in Hashems hidden way, and true milah is of the lev, in the [hitkhdshut (renewal) of the (Yn 3:3)] Ruach Hakodesh, not in chumra (stringency, boasting of zokheh in machmir meritorious strict)] letter. He has yhodeh (praise Yehudah, yadah praise...see BERESHIS 29:35 ) that comes not from Bnei Adam but from Hashem [T.N.Jer 31:31-34].

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[29] The true Yehudi is so in Hashems hidden way, and true milah is of the lev, in the [hitkhdshut (renewal) of the (Yn 3:3)] Ruach Hakodesh, not in chumra (stringency, boasting of zokheh in machmir meritorious strict)] letter. He has yhodeh (praise Yehudah, yadah praise...see BERESHIS 29:35 ) that comes not from Bnei Adam but from Hashem [T.N.Jer 31:31-34].
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Now to him who works, the one who does not 'work' but has emunah (faith), such emunah is credited to him for YITZDAK IM HASHEM (righteousness of G-d) to vindicate his Tzidkat Hashem. (see Ro 4:2). By the Torah of Emunah (the Law of Faith, that is, the Law understood in terms of emunah).

For we reckon that a man is acquitted and pronounced to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM by emunah (personal faith, trust), apart from depending on [(supposed) zokheh-earning] ma'asim of gezetz.

Or is Hashem G-d of the Yehudim only? Is Hashem not also G-d of the Nations? Ken, of non-Jews, too, of non-Jews, too, (flesh) is Avraham Avinu? For we say, emunah "was reckoned", "was counted", reckoned, accounted to him for righteousness' Gen 15:6. (see Ro 4:2).

But not before Hashem! For if Avraham Avinu was accounted to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM and acquitted before Hashem on the basis of ma'asim (of gezetz), he has something to boast about. But not before Hashem!

For we say, emunah 'was counted, reckoned, credited' to Avraham Avinu for TZEDAKAH (righteousness) of non-Jews, too, (flesh) is Avraham Avinu? For we say, emunah 'was counted, reckoned, credited' to Avraham Avinu for TZEDAKAH (righteousness) of non-Jews, too, (flesh) is Avraham Avinu? For we say, emunah 'was counted, reckoned, credited' to Avraham Avinu for TZEDAKAH (righteousness) of non-Jews, too, (flesh) is Avraham Avinu? For we say, emunah 'was counted, reckoned, credited' to Avraham Avinu for TZEDAKAH (righteousness) of non-Jews, too, (flesh) is Avraham Avinu? For we say, emunah 'was counted, reckoned, credited' to Avraham Avinu for TZEDAKAH (righteousness) of non-Jews, too, (flesh) is Avraham Avinu?
the state of circumcision? Or when Avraham Avinu did not have the bris milah and was in the state of uncircumcision?

|11| Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision! And he received the ot (sign or distinguishing mark) of the milah (circumcision) as a chotam (seal) of the Tzidkat HaEmunah (the Righteousness of Faith) which he had in his uncircumcision, in order that he might be father of all who believe through uncircumcision, that to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM might be reckoned, counted to them as well.

|12| And in order that he might be Av (Father) to the Nimolim (Circumcised ones), to those who are not only HaNimolim but also who follow in the footsteps of the emunah of Avraham Avinu, which he had in his uncircumcision.

|13| For the havtachah (promise) to Avraham Avinu and his Zera (seed), that he should be Yoresh HaOlam (Heir of the World), did not come through the context of gezetz but through the Tzidkat HaEmunah (the Righteousness of Faith).

|14| For if those depending on [zokheh of] works are yoreshim (heirs), emunah (faith) is rendered invalid and the havtachah (the promise) is annulled,

|15| for gezetz (law) brings about the Charon Af Hashem (Ro 1:18; 3:20; SHEMOT 32:8-10), and where there is no gezetz there is no averah (transgression, violation of the Law, see Romans 9:11-12).

|16| For this reason the havtachah (promise) is of emunah (faith), in order that it might be in accordance with unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem, that the havtachah might be certain to all the zera (seed), not to him who is of the Torah only, but also to bnei emunat Avraham (the sons of the faith of Avraham Avinu, to those who are of the faith of Abraham). Avraham Avinu is the father of us all,

|17| as it is written, AV HAMON GOYM N'TATICHAYA ('I have made you father of many nations' BERESHIS 17:5). This was in the sight of Hashem in whom he believed,' G-d who gives Chayim to the Mesim and calls things which have no existence into existence.

|18| Against tikvah (hope), in tikvah he believed,' in order that he might become AV HAMON GOYM ('father of many nations' BERESHIS 17:5) in accordance with what had been said, 'So shall your ZERA ('seed') be BERESHIS 17:5.

|19| Without weakening in emunah (in personal faith, bitachon, trust) he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead vi-baḥlt (since) he was about one hundred years old, and also the deadness of Sarah's womb.

|20| He did not, in disbelief, doubt the havtachah of Hashem (the promise of G-d), but was strengthened in emunah (faith), giving kavod (glory) to Hashem,

|21| Being fully convinced that what Hashem had promised He also was able to do.

|22| Therefore, V'YACHSHEVEH-HA LO TZEDAKAH ('it [his faith in G-d, see also Gal 2:16] was credited to him for righteousness' BERESHIS 15:6).

|23| Nor was it written down for his sake alone that 'it was reckoned to him,'

|24| But also for us, to whom it is to be reckoned, who believe in Him who raised Yehoshua Adoneinu from the mesim (dead ones),

|25| Who was handed over for PEYSHA'EINU (our transgressions, YESHAYAH 53:5) and made to stand up in his Tachiya HaMoshiach that we be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (be justified with G-d, that we have our justification, our acquittal, vindication see Ro 5:18).

5 Therefore, having been acquitted and declared not guilty, declared to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (YOV 25:4) on the yedos (basis) of our emunah (faith), we have shalom (peace) in relation to Hashem through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu,

|2| Through whom also we have HaSh'ar laHashem (gate to approach G-d's presence, access of the Tzaddikim TEHILLIM 118:20) by emunah into this unmerited Chen v'Chesed in which we stand and glory in tikvah of the kavod Eloheinu.

|3| Not only so, but we also glory in tzoros (troubles, afflictions), knowing that tzarah (trouble) produces zitzfleisch (patience),

|4| Zitzfleisch produces tested charater and midos, and tested character and midos produce tikvah.

|5| And tikvah does not in the end lead to our being meyayesh (despairing) in disillusionment and bushah (shame) (TEHILLIM 25:3), because the Ahavas Hashem (G-d's love) has been poured out in our levavot through the Ruach Hakodesh given to us.

|6| For while we were still helpless, Moshiach died for the resha'im (the unrighteous persons, the wicked), doing so at the appointed time [DANIEL 9:24-26].

|7| For only rarely will someone die for a tzaddik (righteous man); though efsher (perhaps) it is conceivable
that someone will dare to die for the tzaddik.

[8] But Hashem demonstrates His ahavah for us in that while we were still chote'im, Moshiach died for us.

[9] How much more then, having now been acquitted and pronounced to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (IYOV 25:4) on the basis of the Moshiach's DAHM (blood) and sacrificial death (YESHAYAH 53:11-12), how much more then shall we be delivered through him from the eschatological Charon Af Hashem (burning anger of G-d)!

[10] For if when we were [G-d's] oyevim (enemies) we were reconciled to Hashem through the histalkus (passing), the mavet (death, YESHAYAH 53:12; DANIEL 9:26) of the Zun fun der Oybershter [Moshiach], how much more, having been reconciled and no longer oyevim, shall we be delivered by his [Techiyah (Resurrection)] Chayyim!

[11] Not only so, but we also glory in Hashem though Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu, through whom we have now received the ritztzuy (reconciliation, cessation of enmity, hostility between a wrathful holy G-d and sinful men).

[12] Therefore, just as through one Adam (one man, humanity, Adam), Chet (Sin) entered into the Olam Hazeh and, through Chet (Sin), entered Mavet (Death, Ro 1:32; Gen 2:16-17) and so Mavet passed through to kol Bnei Adam (all Mankind, all the sons of Adam), because all sinned.

[13] For before (the epoch of) the Torah (Law), Chet (Sin, Chet Kadmon, original sin) was in HaOlam (HaZeh, the world). But Chet (Sin) is not accounted, recorded [to make charges for death penalties] in the absence of Gezetz [i.e., no Law, no violation, death penalty].

[14] Nevertheless, Mavet (Death) reigned supreme from (the epoch of) Adam until (the epoch of) Moshe Rabbeinu, even over those who did not sin in the very same manner of Adam's averah (transgression, disobedience, commandment rebelled against and recorded for death penalty)– that is, Adam who is a tipus (pattern, prophetic type), a demut he'atid (a future figure) of Hu HaBah ('He who comes,' Moshiach the Coming One, the Coming Go'el Redeemer YESHAYAH 59:20; IYOV 19:25).

[15] But the averah (transgression) was not like the effect of unmerited chesed (grace). For if by the averah of the one, the rabbin (many) died, how much more the unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem (grace of G-d) and the matnat hachesed (free gift of grace) of the Adam HaEchad (one Man) Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua have overflowed LARABBIM (to the many, YESHAYAH 53:11).

[16] And the matanyahu (free gift) is not like the effect of that one Adam’s averah (BERESHIS 3:6). For the mishpat (judgment) is from one averah (transgression) to the gezar din (verdict) of ashem (guilty), to harsha’ah (condemnation as guilty); but the effect of the unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem is from averot rabbot (many transgressions) to zikkuy (acquittal), to that of being YITZDAK IM HASHEM (justified with G-d) through G-d's (of Moshe Rabbeinu) YITZDAK IM HASHEM (IYOV 25:4, i.e., acquittal, justification with Hashem of the Many, YESHAYAH 53:11).

[17] For if by the averah (transgression) of the one, Mavet (Death) reigned supreme through the one Adam, how much more those, who receive the abundance of unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem (grace) and of the Matnat HaTzedakah (the gift of righteousness), shall reign in life through the one Adam, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

[18] So, then, as through one Averah (transgression) [of Adam] to kol Bnei Adam to harsha'ah (condemnation as guilty), so also through one Mitzvah (righteous or worthy deed) [of Moshiach] to kol Bnei Adam to justification unto Chayei [Olam].

[19] For as through the disobedience of the one Adam, the many were made chote'im (sinners), so also through the mishma'at (obedience) of the one Adam [Moshiach], the many will be made tzaddikim (righteous ones) [YESHAYAH 53:11].

[20] The (epoch of) the Gezetz (righteousness) came to increase the averah (transgression); but where Chet (Sin, Chet Kadmon) increased, unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem overflowed in abundance,

[21] In order that as Chet (Sin) reigned in Mavet (Death), so also Chessed might reign through Tzedek Olamim to Chayei Olam through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu [DANIEL 9:24].

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What then shall we say? Are we to persist in Chet (sin) in order that the unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem might increase?

[2] Chas v'shalom! Vi-bahlt (since) we have died to Chet, how can we still live in it?

[3] Or do you lack da'as that all we who were given a mikveh mayim tevilah into Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach...
Yehoshua were given a tevilah into Moshiach's histalkus, into his mavet (death)?
[4] So then we were co-buried, buried together with KIVRO (Moshiach's kever, YESHAYAH 53:9) through a tevilah into mavet, in order that just as Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach was given the Techiyah (Resurrection) from HaMesim (the Dead ones) through the Kavod HaAv, so we also should have a halakhah (walk [lifnei Hashem]) in hitkhadshut (renewal, regeneration), in Chayyim Chadashim (New Life).
[5] For if we have become grown together with the very likeness of his histalkus, his mavet (death), we shall certainly also be grown together with the very likeness of his Techiyah from HaMesim (Resurrection).
[6] Having da'as of this, that, with Moshiach, our old humanity (in Adam) has been put to death on Moshiach's Etz (Tree [the Etz HaKelelat Hashem, the Tree of the Curse of G-d—DEVARIM 21:23]) in order that the etsem HaAdam HaChet (the essence of the sinful human condition) might be done away with, so that we might no longer serve Chet (sin) [cf.Ro 6:23].
[7] For he who has died is declared niftar (freed, deceased) from Chet.
[8] But if we have died with Moshiach, we believe that we shall also live with him.
[9] Having da'as that Moshiach, having been given the Techiyah (Resurrection) from the Mesim (Dead ones), no longer dies, Mavet (death) and Histalkus no longer exercise control over him.
[10] For the Mavet Moshiach died, he died to Chet (sin) once and for all; but the Chayyim Moshiach lives, he lives to Hashem.
[11] So also you must reckon yourselves mesim (dead ones) to Chet (Sin) but Chayyim.
[12] Therefore, do not let Chet (Sin) reign in your mortal body to obey its ta'avor [Ro 5:17, 21],
[13] And do not give Chet (sin) control of your natural capacities as neshek (weapons) of peysha (unrighteousness, transgression), but present yourselves to Hashem as ones alive from the Mesim and present to Hashem your natural capacities as neshek (weapons) of Tzedek Olamim.
[14] For Chet (sin) shall not exercise bailus (sovereignty, ownership, dominion) over you; for you are not under Gezetz [Ro 8:2] but under Chesed (Grace).
[15] What then? Should we commit averah, because we are not under (see Ro 8:2) Gezetz (Law) but under Chesed (Grace)? Chas v'shalom!
[16] Do you not know that when you give control of yourselves as someone's avadim (slaves) to obey him, you are the avadim (slaves) of the one you obey, whether of Chet (Sin) resulting in mavet (death), or of Lishmo'a b'kol Hashem (Listening to the voice of Hashem, mishma'at, obedience) resulting in Tzdeek Olamim?
[17] But Baruch Hashem (Blessed be G-d) that you used to be avadim (slaves) of [slave master] Chet, but you gave your mishma'at shebalev (obedience from the heart) to the pattern of Torah [the pmnimius Torah of Moshiach YESHAYAH 42:4] to which you were handed over.
[18] Having been set free from [slave master] Chet (sin), you became an eved of the Tzidkat Hashem (the righteousness of G-d).
[19] I speak in human terms on account of the weakness of your frail fallen humanity. For just as you handed over your natural capacities as avadim (slaves) to tum'a (uncleanness) and to lawlessness which results in lawlessness, so now hand over your natural capacities as servants of Tzidkat Hashem which results in kedushah (holiness).
[20] For when you were avadim (slaves) of Chet, you were free in relation to Tzdeek Olamim.
[21] What pri for Hashem did you produce then? Things for which you now have bushah (shame), for the end result of those things is mavet (death).
[22] But now, having been set free from [slave master] Chet (sin) and having been made an eved Hashem (a servant of G-d), you have your pri for Hashem, resulting in kedushah, and the end is Chayyei Olam (Eternal Life).
[23] For the loin (wages) that [slave master] Chet (Sin) pays out of its own payroll is mavet (death); however, the gracious matnat hachesed Hashem (the gift of the grace of G-d) is Chayyei Olam baMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

Do you not have da’as, Achim b’Moshiach, for I speak to those who know the Torah, that the Torah exercises marut (authority, rule) over a man so long as he lives?
[2] For the agunah (woman whose husband’s whereabouts are unknown) is bound by the gezetz to her husband while he lives; but in the case that her husband’s death

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can be confirmed, she is no longer an agunah and is released from the gezetz of her husband.
[3] Accordingly she will be named noeh-fet (adulteress) if, while her husband lives, she becomes another man's. But if her ba'al (husband) dies, she is free from the gezetz, so that she is no noeh-fet (adulteress) if she becomes another man's.
[4] So then, Achim b'Moshiach, you also were put to death in relation to the Gezetz through the basar of Moshiach (TEHILLIM 16:9-10; Ro 8:3), in order that you might become another's, bound to Moshiach who was given Techiyah (Resurrection) from the Mesim, so that we might bear pri for Hashem.
[5] For when we were in the basar (in the fallen condition of the old humanity), through the Gezetz, the ta'avat besarim, the sinful passions (i.e., Chet Kadmon's yetzer harah of the fallen human condition) were working in our natural capacities, so as to bear pri for mavet (death) [cf. Ro 4:15].
[6] But now we have become niftur (freed, deceased) from the dominating ownership of the Gezetz, having died to that by which we were confined, so that we might serve in the Ruach Hakodesh of hitkhadshut and newness and not in the yoshen (oldness) of chumra (stringency, strict adherence to the letter of the law) (Ro 2:29).
[7] What then shall we say? That the Gezetz is considered as chet (sin)? Chas v'shalom! Nevertheless, I would not have experienced chet (sin) except through the Gezetz; for I would not have known chamananut (covetousness, greediness) if the Torah had not said, LO TACHMOD (Thou shalt not covet' SHEMOT 20:17).
[8] But Chet (Sin), seizing its opportunity through the mitzvoh (commandment), stirred up all manner of chamananut (covetousness) in me. For in the absence of the Gezetz, Chet (Sin) is dead.
[9] And in the absence of the Gezetz I was once alive. But when the mitzvoh (commandment) came [BERESHIS 2:16-17], Chet (Sin) became alive.
[10] And I died. The mitzvoh (commandment) intended as the Derech L'Chayyim (Way to Life) proved for me a means to mavet (death).
[11] For Chet (Sin), seizing its opportunity through the mitzvoh (commandment), deceived me and, through the mitzvoh (commandment), killed me [BERESHIS 3:1-6].
[12] So that the Torah is kedoshah (holy) and the mitzvoh (commandment) is kedoshah and yasharah and tovah.
[13] Did that which is good, then, become mavet (death) to me? Chas v'shalom! But Chet (Sin), it was Chet, working mavet (death) in me through that which is tovah, in order that Chet might be shown as Chet (Sin), and in order that Chet through the mitzvoh (commandment) might become chata'ah gedolah ad meid (utterly sinful).
[14] For we have da'as that the Torah is Ruchanit (Spiritual, of the Ruach Hakodesh); but I am of the basar (fallen humanity) sold under the power of (slave master Chet Kadmon) Chet.
[15] For I do not have da'as what I do. For that which I commit is not what I want; no, it is what I hate that I do!
[16] But if that which I do is what I do not want, I agree with the Torah that the Gezetz is good.
[17] But now it is no longer I doing this, but [the power of] Chet (Sin) which dwells within me [Ro 5:13-14; 6:23].
[18] For I have da'as that there dwells in me, that is, in my basar (my fallen humanity enslaved to Chet Kadmon) no good thing; for the wish (to do what is right) lies ready at hand for me, but to accomplish the good is not.
[19] For I fail to do good as I wish, but HaRah (The Evil) which I do not wish is what I commit.
[20] But if what I do not wish is that which I do, it is no longer I doing it but [the power of] Chet (Sin, Chet Kadmon, Original Sin) which dwells within me (cf. Ro 8:7-8).
[21] I find then it be a Gezetz that for me who wishes to do HaTov (The Good), that for me HaRah (The Evil) lies ready at hand.
[22] For I rejoice, I have simcha Torah in the Torah of Hashem, so far as the adam hapenimi (Eph 3:16) is concerned,
[23] But I see another gezetz (law) in my natural capacities at milchamah (war) with the Torah of my mind and making me a prisoner to the Gezetz of Chet (Sin) which is a power in my natural capacities.
[24] Wretched man am I! Who will deliver me from the body of this mavet (death)?
[25] Hodu l'Hashem (thanks be to G-d) baMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu. So then I myself with my mind serve the Torah of Hashem and with my basar I serve the Gezetz of Chet (the Law of Sin).
T.N. The total spiritual turn-around here described is when the conviction of the intellect, emotion, and will “obey from the heart the form of doctrine laid out here in Scripture” as we are born anew in the humanity of the new Man and die to the old depraved Adam.]
Therefore, now there is no gezar din (verdict) of ashem (guilt), no harsha’ah (condemnation as guilty) for those in Moshiach Yehoshua (cf. Ro 5:18).


[3] For what the Gezetz was unable to do in that it was weak through the basar (fallen human nature under Chet Kadmon and without hitkhabdshut renewal and regeneration by the Ruach Hakodesh), G-d sent his own Zun fun der Oybershter [Moshiach] in the very demut (likeness) of the basar of sinful humanity and as a chattat (sin offering, sin atoning sacrifice, 2C 5:21) and both pronounced and effected a sentence of death on HaChet baBasar (Sin in the Flesh, in the fallen old humanity)

[4] In order that the maleh chukat haTorah (the full statute requirement of the Torah, see VAYIKRA 18:5) might be fulfilled in us whose halakhah is in the Derech HaChayyim (the Way of Life) according to the Ruach Hakodesh and not in accordance with the basar.

[5] For those who exist in terms of the basar take the side of the basar, whereas those who exist in terms of the Ruach Hakodesh take the side of the Ruach Hakodesh.

[6] For the way of thinking of the basar is mavet (death), whereas the way of thinking of the Ruach Hakodesh is Chayyim and Shalom.

[7] Because the way of thinking of the basar is hostility, eyvah (enmity BERESHIS 3:15) toward G-d, for it does not submit itself to the Gezetz of G-d; for it cannot.

[8] And those who are in the basar are not able to please Hashem.

[9] However, you are not in the basar [i.e., unregenerate] but in the Ruach Hakodesh, assuming that the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem does indeed dwell in you—if anyone does not have the Ruach HaMoshiach, that person does not belong to Moshiach.

[10] And if Moshiach is in you, the body (of the basar) is dead because of sin [5:12] but the Ruach [Hakodesh] is life for you because of Tzedek (righteousness [cf. Ro 5:18]).

[11] But if the Ruach Hakodesh of Him who gave Yehoshua Techiyah (Resurrection) from the Mesim dwells in you, He who raised Moshiach from the Mesim will give Chayyim to your mortal bodies as well, through His indwelling Ruach Hakodesh in you.

[12] So then, Achim bMoshiach, we are under no obligation to the basar to live in accordance with the basar.

[13] For if you live in accordance with the basar (old fallen humanity under slave master Chet Kadmon) you will certainly die; but if by the Ruach Hakodesh you put to death the [shameful] acts of the body, you will live.

[14] For as many as are led by the Ruach HaElohim, they are bnei HaElohim.

[15] For you did not receive a spirit of avdut, falling back into pachad (fear); but you received the Ruach of Mishpat HaBanim (Adoption), having Ma'amad HaBanim [the standing as Sons [9:4]], by which we cry, ‘Abba, Avinu!’

[16] The Ruach Hakodesh himself bears eidus (witness) with our [regenerate, Yn 3:6] ruach that we are bnei HaElohim.

[17] And if bnei HaElohim, then also yoreshim (heirs) of G-d and co-heirs (Ro 4:13f) together with Moshiach, provided that we suffer with him in order that we might also be set in kavod (glory, eschatological glorification) with him.

[18] For I reckon that the yisurim (suffering) of zman hazeh (of this present time) are not to be compared with the coming kavod (glory) to be revealed in us.

[19] For the eager expectation of HaBri’ah (the Creation) awaits the heavenly hisgulas (revelation, unveiling) of the bnei HaElohim.

[20] For HaBri’ah (the Creation) was subjected to hevel (futility), not willingly, but on account of Him who subjected it, in tikvah (hope), [21] Because HaBri’ah also itself will be set free from the avadt (slavery) of corruption into the deror (freedom YESHAYAH 61:1) of the kavod (glory) of the bnei HaElohim.

[22] For we have da’as that the whole Bri’ah groans and suffers the chevlei leydah (pangs of childbirth) until now.

[23] And not only so, but also we ourselves who have the bikkurim (first fruits) of the Ruach Hakodesh also groan within ourselves, eagerly awaiting the Mishpat HaBanim Adoption, that is, the pedut geviyyateinu [ransom for Geulah redemption of our body BERESHIS 4:7:18] for the Techiyah from HaMesim. [See Ro 3:24-25; 9:4]

[24] For in tikvah (hope) we were delivered in eschatological salvation. But tikvah (hope) which is seen is not tikvah, for who hopes for what he sees?
[25] But if we have tikvah for what we do not see, we eagerly await it with salvanut.
[26] In the same way, the Ruach Hakodesh helps us in our weakness (as creatures: see Ro 5:6). For as we daven, we do not know as we should for what to make tefillos (prayers), but the Ruach HaKodesh Himself intercedes on our behalf with labor pang groans not intelligibly uttered.
[27] And He (Rev 2:23) who searches the levavot knows what is the way of thinking of the Ruach Hakodesh, because He interceded as G-d would have it on behalf of the Kedoshim.
[28] And we have da’as that for those who love Hashem everything co-operates toward HaTov (the right hand of G-d) for them. Moshiach HaElohim (the summoned, called ones) according to the etzah (wisdom) of the tochnit Hashem (G-d’s purposeful and willed plan or goal Ro 9:11).
[29] For those Hashem had da’as that for them He intercedes as G-d would for them. Moshiach HaElohim (the summoned, called, named, summoned) according to the da’as of beterem (beforehand YIRMEYAH 1:5), Hashem also decided upon from the beginning to be conformed to the hand of G-d--TEHILLIM 110:1), who also intercedes on our behalf (see Ro 8:26-27).
[30] And those Hashem decided upon from the beginning Hashem also summoned, called; and those Hashem summoned, called Hashem also acquitted, pronounced to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM; and those Hashem acquitted and pronounced to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM Hashem also set in eternal kavod (glory).
[31] In view of these things, what therefore shall we say? If Hashem is for us, who is against us?
[32] He who indeed did not spare His own Zun fun der Oybershter, but gave him up for us all, how shall He not also with him give us all things (see Ro 8:12-17; 4:13f).
[33] Who will bring charges against the Bechirei HaElohim (chosen ones of Hashem)? It is Hashem who acquits and pronounces to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (justified with G-d).
[34] Who is there to bring a judgment of harsha’ah (condemnation, to condemn to Onesh Gehinnom, cf. Ro 8:1)? It is Moshiach Yehoshua who died, rather was kam litechiyah (raised to resurrection), who also is at LIMIN HASHEM (the right hand of G-d--TEHILLIM 110:1), who also intercedes on our behalf (see Ro 8:26-27).
[35] Who will separate us from the Avahav Moshiach (love of Moshiach)? Tzoros (affliction, trouble), or distress, or refidiot (persecutions), or hunger, or nakedness, or danger, or cherev (sword 13:4)?
[36] As it is written, KI ALECHA HORAGNU KOL HAYOM NECHESHAVNU K'TZON TIVCHAH (‘For Your sake we are being killed all the day; we are reckoned as sheep for slaughter’ TEHILLIM 44:23 (22).)
[37] But in all these things we prevail bichlal (entirely) through Him who had avahav for us.
[38] For I am convinced that neither Histalkus nor Chayyim nor Malachim nor Rulers, neither things present nor things to come nor kochot (powers), no neither height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the ahavas Hashem which is in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.
[39] Neither height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the ahavas Hashem which is in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

I speak HaEmes in Moshiach, I do not speak sheker (conscience) bearing me eidus (witness) in the Ruach HaKodesh,
[2] That there is great agmat nefesh to me and unceasing anguish in my heart.
[3] For I could wish that my neshamah be put under cherem (ban of destruction), under Churban, and Onesh Gehinnom, cut off from Moshiach for the sake of my achim, my own kinsmen, my people and flesh and blood relatives,
[4] In as much as they are Bnei Yisroel: theirs is the Mishpat HaBanim Adoption, the Muamad HaBanim Standing as Sons, and the Kavod (glory) and the Shechinah (glorious presence of G-d) and the Beritot (covenants), the Torah, the Avodas Kodesh (worship) and the Haytachot (promises);
[5] Theirs are the Avot (the Patriarchs), and from them came, in so far as his humanity is concerned, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, al hakol hu HaElohim mam’vorach l’Olam va’ed. Omein.
[6] But it is not as though the Dvar Hashem has failed. For not all those descended from Yisroel are truly redeemed Yisroel (of the eschatological Geulah Redemption).
[7] Nor is it as though all the banim of Klal Yisroel are the ZERA of Avraham Avinu, but (as it is written) BEYITZCHAK YIKARE L’CHA ZERA (‘In Yitzchak shall your seed be called, named, summoned’ BERESHIS 21:12).
[8] That is, it is not the b’nei habasar (old humanity without hitkdashut) who are the b’nei HaElohim (children of G-d) but the b’nei HaHavtachah (children...
of the promise) who are reckoned as ZERA (seed, children, including the right of the heir in relation to the father).

[9] For this word is one of havtachah (promise): KAET SHOV ASHUH ULSARAH BEN (‘About this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son’ BERESHIS 18:10,14).

[10] Not only so, but also in the case of Rivkah (Isaac’s wife) who conceived by the one act of sexual intercourse with Yitzchak Avinu.

[11] For when they were not yet born nor had they done any mitzvah or averah, in order that the etzah (wisdom) of the tochnit Hashem (purposeful and willed plan of G-d Ro 8:28) should stand in terms of bechirah (divine election, selection, choosing).

[12] Not from [zokheh-earning] Tzidkat Torah (the hand of the G-d of gracious, free mercy). For to Moshe Rabbeinu Hashem says, VCHANNOTI ES ASHER ACHON VRICHAMETTI ES ASHER ARACHEM (‘I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion’ SHEMOT 33:19).

[13] As it is written, VAOHAV ES YAakov VES EsaV SANEITI (‘Yaakov have I loved, but Esaau have I hated’ MALACHI 1:2:3).

[14] What then shall we say? There is no avla (injustice) with G-d, is there? Chas vshalom!

[15] For to Moshe Rabbeinu Hashem says, VATZIDUK TOVEIKHU VACHHAVOTI ENOCHAI TZOAIIR (‘the elder will serve the younger’ BERESHIS 25:23).

[16] So then, it is not a matter of the one who wills or the one who runs. It is a matter of the YAD HASHEM HACHANI-NAH (the hand of the G-d of gracious, free mercy).

[17] For the Kitvei Hakodesh says to Pharaoh, BAAVUR ZOT HEEMADTITCHA BAAVUR HAROTECHA ES KOCHI ULEMAAN SAPER SHMI BECHOL HAARETZ (‘For this purpose I raised you up, in order that I might demonstrate in you my power and in order that my Name might be proclaimed in all the earth’ SHEMOT 9:16).

[18] So then, to whom Hashem wills Hashem shows chaninah (mercy, free grace), but whom Hashem wills he hardens (that is, makes unresponsive or more mired down in KESHI [stubbornness, hardness DEVARIM 9:27]).

[19] You will say to me, “Then why does Hashem still find fault? For who has resisted His will?”

[20] On the contrary, who are you, a human being, to answer back to G-d? VEYETZER AMAR LEYOTZRO (“Can the potter say to the potter’ YESHAYAH 29:16), ‘Why have you made me thus?’

[21] Or does the potter not have the right over the clay [YIRMEYAH 18:6] to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

[22] But what if naniach (supposing) Hashem, willing to demonstrate His Charon Af Hashem (burning anger of G-d) and to make known His ko’ach (power)[1:18,16], put up with and endured with savlanut (patience) vessels which are objects of G-d’s Charon Af (burning anger), objects made ready for Churban[9:3],

[23] And in order that He might make known the wealth of His kavod (glory) on vessels which are objects of Hashem’s chaninah (mercy, free grace) which He prepared beforehand for kavod? [8:29:30]

[24] By which I mean us, whom also He called, not only from the Yehudim but also from the non-Jews,

[25] As it says in Hoshea, VAMARTI LLO AMMI AMI ATAH (‘And I will call the ‘not my people’ my people’ HOSEA 2:25 [23]) and the ‘not loved’ loved;

[26] ‘And it shall be in the place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they shall be called B’NEI EL CHAI (‘sons of the living G-d—HOSEA 2:1’).

[27] Yeshayah proclaims concerning Yisroel, ‘Even if the number of the Bnei Yisroel are as the sand of the sea, only the She’erit (Remnant) will return (be saved),’

[28] For Hashem will complete and cut short and will perform His Word on the earth YESHAYAH 10:22-23.

[29] And as Yeshayah said beforehand, ‘Except Adonoi Tzvaot had left us SARID KIMAT (‘some survivors’ [Ro 9:7]), we would have become like Sdom and we would have been the same as Amora’ YESHAYAH 1:9.

[30] What then shall we say? That Goyim who do not pursue Tzidkot (righteousness) have attained Tzidkot which is Tzidkot through emunah,

[31] Whereas Yisroel pursuing a [supposed zokheh-earning] Tzidkat Torah did not arrive at that Torah?

[32] Why so? Because it was not on the mekor (basis) of emunah but on the mekor (basis) of [zokheh-earning] ma’asim (works[3:20,28; 4:2,6; 9:11-12]). They have stumbled over the EVEN NEGEF (‘Stone of Stumbling’ Isa 8:14; 28:16),

[33] As it is written ‘Hinei, I place in Tziyon a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense; and he who believes in Me shall not be put to shame’ (Isa 8:14; 28:16).
Achim b'Moshiach, the great tsuka (desire, longing) of my lev and my tefillah to Hashem is for the Yisroel (salvation of Israel).

[2] For I can be meid (provide testimony, attest) regarding them that they have a kinat Hashem (zeal for G-d), but not in accordance with saving binah and da'as.

[3] For, having no saving da'as of the Tzidkat Hashem (righteousness of G-d), and seeking to establish their own (that is, self-attained) they have not subjected themselves to the Tzidkat Hashem (righteousness of G-d 1:17; 3:5,21,25-26; 6:18).

[4] For Moshiach is the goal of the Torah as a means to being YITZDAK IM HASHEM, for all who have emunah.

[5] For Moshe Rabbeinu writes with reference to the (accessibility of) Tzidkat Torah (righteousness which is from the Torah), 'The man YAASEH OTAM VACHAI ('who does these things will live') by them VAYIKRA 18:5).

[6] Whereas the Tzidkat Emunah (righteousness which is from faith) speaks thus: 'Do not say (looking for Messianic salvation being merited by superhuman attainments in works) in your lev, 'Who will go up into Shomayim? (that is, to bring Moshiach down)?

[7] Or 'Who will go down into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Moshiach up from the Mesim).

[8] But what does it say? 'The Dvar is near you, in your MOUTH and in your HEART' [DEVARIM 30:14]. That is, the Dvar of Emunah which we proclaim.

[9] Because if you make hoda'ah (confession) 'with your PEH' of Adoneinu Yehoshua, and have emunah 'in your LEV' that G-d raised him from the Mesim, you [see Mt 16:15-18] will be delivered.

[10] For with the 'heart' one has emunah unto being YITZDAK IM HASHEM and with the 'mouth' hoda'ah is made unto Yeshu'at Eloheinu.


[12] For there is no distinction between Yehudi and Yevani [cf 3:9], for the same one is Adon Echad l'chulam (one L-rd over all), rich to all who call upon Him.


[14] How therefore shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without someone doing the hatafah (preaching)?

[15] And how shall they do the hatafah (preaching) unless they have been sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach' Besuras HaGeulah YESHAYAH 52:7.

[16] But not all have mishma'at (obedience) to the Besuras HaGeulah.

[17] For Yeshayah says (YESHAYAH 53:1): MI HEEMIN LISHMU'ATEINU ('Who has believed that which is heard, our report?') [cf. DEVARIM 9:4]

[18] So, then, emunah comes from hearing, and hearing comes through the Dvar HaMoshiach.

[19] But I say, is it the case that they have not heard? On the contrary: 'Their sound has gone out into all the earth and their words to the ends of the inhabited world' TEHILLIM 19:4.

[20] And Yeshayah HaNavi is bold as to say: 'I have been found by those who do not seek Me; I have revealed Myself to those who do not ask for Me' YESHAYAH 65:1.

[21] But concerning Yisroel he says: 'All the day I stretched out My hands to a disobedient and obstinate people' YESHAYAH 65:2.

I ask, therefore, has Hashem repudiated His people? Not at all! Chas v'shalom! For I too am a ben Yisroel, of the zera Avraham (seed of Avraham Avinu), of the tribe of Binyamin.

[2] Hashem has not repudiated His people whom He foreknew [TEHILLIM 11:94:14; Ro 8:29]. Or do you not have da'as what the Kitvei Hakodesh says in the section about Eliyahu HaNavi, how he appeals to Hashem against Yisroel?

[3] 'Adonoi, they have killed your Nevi'im, they have torn down your mizbe'ach (altars), and I alone have been left, and they seek my life.' [MELACHIM ALEF 19:10]

[4] But what is Hashem's answer to him? 'I have kept for Myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al.' [MELACHIM ALEF 19:18]

[5] Thus, therefore, also in the zman ha'ezah, there has come into being a she'erit (remnant, remainder) in accordance with the bechirah (election) of chesed (free, unmerited favor or grace).
[6] But if on the mekor (basis) of chen v’chesed (unmerited favor, grace), then not on the mekor (basis) of [loin (wages), batsolen (pay) for] ma’asim (works), vi-baḥilt (since) otherwise chesed would no longer be chesed (4:5).
[7] What then? What Yisroel sought for, that is what it did not obtain; but hannivcharim (the elect, the chosen ones) obtained it. And the rest were hardened (9:17-18).
[8] As it is written, 'G-d gave to them a ruach tardemah (spirit of deep sleep), eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, until this very day' Isa 29:10.
[9] And Dovid said, 'Let their shulchan (table) become a snare and a net, a trap and a retribution for them; [10] 'Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever.' TEHILLIM 68:23-24.
[11] I ask, therefore, have they stumbled so as to fall? Chas v’shalom! But by their peysha (transgression), Yeshu’at Eloheinu is coming to the Goyim in order to provoke them to jealousy.
[12] And if their peysha (transgression) means riches for the world, and their failure means riches for the Goyim, how much more will their fullness mean!
[13] I am speaking to you Goyim. So then, in as much as I am Shliach of the Ethnic Groups, I magnify my avodas kodesh (holy), in the tikvah (hope) that I might provoke my kinfshim to jealousy and might make them to fear.
[14] Consider then the nividut (generosity), the chesed of Hashem, and also the fearful judgment of Hashem: to those who fell (11:15), severity; but to you the goodness of Hashem, provided that you continue in that goodness; otherwise, you too will be cut off.
[15] Whereas, they also, if they do not continue in a condition of no emunah, shall be drafted in; for Hashem is able to graft them in again.
[16] If the termuḥah haissa (portion, offering of the dough) that is reshit (first) is kodesh (holy), so is the whole; and if the shoresh (root) is kodesh (holy), so also are the ana’fim (the branches).
[17] But if some of the ana’fim have been broken off, and you, a wild olive, have been grafted among them and have become sharer in the richness of the olive tree’s root, [18] Do not boast (4:2) over the ana’fim. If you do boast, it is not the case that you sustain the shoresh, but the shoresh sustains you.
[19] You will say, then, 'Ana’fim were broken off in order that I might be grafted in.'
[20] Quite so: they were broken off on the mekor (basis) of no emunah, but you stand only by emunah. Do not cherish proud thoughts, but fear.
[21] For if G-d did not spare the natural ana’fim, neither will He spare you.
[22] Consider then the nividut (generosity), the chesed of Hashem, and also the fearful judgment of Hashem: to those who fell (11:15), severity; but to you the goodness of Hashem, provided that you continue in that goodness; otherwise, you too will be cut off.
[23] Whereas, they also, if they do not continue in a condition of no emunah, shall be drafted in; for Hashem is able to graft them in again.
[24] For if you [Goyim] were cut off from the wild olive tree and grafted unnaturally into the cultivated olive tree, how much more shall those who belong to it naturally be grafted into their own olive tree.
[25] For I do not want you to be unaware, Achim b’Moshiach, of this raz (mystery), lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a hardening in part has come over Yisroel, until the full number of the Goyim has come in;
[26] And so Klal Yisroel shall be delivered, as it is written: 'Out of Tziyon shall come the Go’el (Deliverer, Redeemer); He will turn away, remove peysha from Yaakov (Jacob),
[27] 'And this will be My Berit (covenant) with them, when I take away their sins' YESHAYAH 59:20-21; 27:9.
[28] With regard to the Besuras HaGeulah they are oyevim (enemies) for your [you Goyim] sake, whereas with regard to the bechirah (election) they are beloved for the sake of the Avot (Fathers).
[29] For the matnat Hashem and the kriat Hashem are irrevocable.
[30] For just as you Goyim were once without mishma’at to Hashem, but now have received chaninah (mercy, pardon) by their lack of mishma’at,
[31] So also they have now been without mishma’at for your chaninah (mercy, pardon) in order that they also might receive chaninah (mercy) (Ro 9:15-16).
[32] For G-d has confined all disobedience in order that He might have chaninah (mercy) on all;
[33] O the depth of the riches and the chochmah (wisdom) and da’as (knowledge) of Hashem. How unfathomable are His mishpatim and unsearchable His ways.
[34] For who has known the Ruach of Hashem? Or who has been ISH ATZATO (‘His Counselor’) [Isa 40:13]?
12 I appeal to you, therefore, Achim b’Moshiach, through the rachamei Hashem (mercies of G-d), to present your geviyah (BERESHIS 47:18), all of your being as a korban chai (living sacrifice), kadosh (holy) and acceptable to Hashem (BERESHIS 8:21), which is your spiritual avodas kodesh service.

[2] Stop allowing yourself to be conformed to the Olam Hazeh, but be transformed by your hitkhadshut (regeneration, renewal) of your mind, so that you may ascertain what is the ratzon Hashem (the will of G-d), what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of G-d.

[3] For I say to all who are among you through the chesed (unmerited favor, grace) given to me, that you should avoid a false sense of superiority in your thinking; rather exercise shlitah atzmi (self-control), thinking with seichel, as G-d has measured to each a measure of emunah.

[4] For just as in one body we have many members (natural capacities), and all the members do not have the same function,

[5] So we all are one body in Moshiach, and are individually members one of another

[6] Having matanot (gifts) which differ in accordance with the chesed (unmerited favor, grace) given to us. If we speak for G-d as nevi'im (prophets), it should be in proportion to the emunah given to us.

[7] If we offer particular acts of avodas kodesh service, it should be used in serving. One who functions as a rabbinic moreh should be active in teaching.

[8] One who imparts chizzuk (strengthening, encouragement) should be active in that avodas kodesh ministry. One who makes tzedakah (contributions) should do so with nedivut (generosity). The one in manhigut (leadership), with diligence. The one in bikkur cholim (visiting the sick) and gemilut chasadim (benevolence), with simcha.

[9] Let ahavah (agape) be without tzevi'ut (hypocrisy). Hate what is haRah, be devoted to what is tov.

[10] Show mishpochah (family) affection to one another in ahavah shel achvah (brotherly love). Be first in esteeming one another, in showing mutual respect.


[14] Say a bracha on those who bring redifah (persecution) on you, let it be a bracha and not a kelalah (curse).


[16] Think with a (spiritual) consensus in achdus harmony among yourselves. Do not cherish the thoughts of the ba’al gaavah (haughty person), but associate with the anavim (‘humble,’ YESHAYAH 29:19), with the lowly am haaretz; do not be chamamim (wise ones) in your own estimation [1:22].

[17] Repay no one ra’a (evil) for ra’a (evil). Take into consideration what is haTov in the sight of everyone and do that. [MISHLE 3:4 TARGUM HASHIVIM]

[18] If possible, so far as it depends on you, live in shalom with everyone.

[19] Do not take your own revenge, beloved, but give opportunity for G-d’s Charon Af (burning wrath), for it is written, LI NAKAM V’SHILEM (“Vengeance is mine and recompense, repayment-- I am He who will repay, says Hashem” DEVARIM 32:35).

[20] ’But if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head’ MISHLE 25:21-22.

[21] Do not be overcome by what is raa, but overcome haRah with haTov.

13 Let kol nefesh (every soul, person) be subject to the official governing authorities. For there is no memshalah (government) except given by Hashem, and the powers that be have been established by G-d.

[2] So then, he who opposes the authority has resisted the ordinance, official decree of G-d; and those who resist shall receive mishpat (judgment) on themselves.

[3] For rulers are not a cause of pachad (terror) to hitnahagut (conduct) that is of HaTov but
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HaRah. Do you want to be without pachat of memshalah (government)? Do HaTov, and you will have the commendation of the representative of the memshalah.

4 For he is the mesharet (minister, servant) of Hashem to you for HaTov. But if you do HaRah, be afraid. For he does not bear the cheruv (8:35) to no purpose. For he is the mesharet of Hashem, an avenger for Charon Af (1:18 2:8; 3:5; 4:15; 5:9; 9:22; 12:19; 13:4) against the evildoer.

5 Wherefore it is necessary to be subject, not only on account of the Charon Af of Hashem, but also on account of matzpun (conscience).

6 For that is why you also pay tribute (taxes). For they are mesharetim of G-d engaged in this very task.

7 Render to everyone their due: tribute to whom tribute is due, tax to whom tax; fear to whom fear is due, respect to whom respect.

8 Owe, be indebted, obligated nothing to anyone except a choiv (debt) of ahavah (love); for he who has ahavah has fulfilled the Torah.

9 For the mitzvoh, LO TIN'AF, LO TIRTZACH, LO TIGNOV, LO TACHMOD, SHEMOT 20:13-15,17; DEVARIM 5:17-19,21) and any other of the mitzvot (commandments) is akizur (rephrased, in summary), in this dvar Torah, V'AHAVTA L'RE'ACHA KAMOCHA ("You shall love your neighbor as yourself" VAYIKRA 19:18.)

10 Ahavah (agape) does no wrong to the re'a (neighbor); therefore the fulfillment of the Torah is ahavah.

11 Besides this, you have da'as of the zman, that it is already the hour for you to wake up from sheynah (sleep), for now is Yeshu'at Eloheinu nearer than when we became ma'amimim (believers).

12 The Lailah (Night) (of the old epoch) is far advanced, and HaYom [Yom HaDin, the Day of Judgment] is imminent, at hand. Let us therefore take off the dark cloak of the deeds of choshech, ridding ourselves of it, and let us put on the neshek (weapons 6:13) of Ohr (light).

13 Let us conduct ourselves decently as in HaYom (The Day), not in carousing and shichrut (drunkenness), not in zenith (fornication) and debauchery and zimmah (licentiousness), not in merivah (strife) and quarreling and anochiyut (selfishness) and kinah (jealousy).

14 But put on Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu and make no provision for the basar (old fallen nature), to satisfy its ta'avot (lusts).

15 But welcome the one who is weak in emunah (faith). But not for the purpose of setting him straight in arguments.

2 For example, one person has emunah (faith) to eat every potential food; but the weak practice vegetarianism.

3 Let the one who eats not hold in contempt or despise the one who does not eat, and let not the one who does not eat pass judgment on the one who eats, for Hashem treats him as an oreach ratzuy (welcome guest).

4 Who are you to condemn the eved (house slave) of someone else? In relation to Ribono (shel Olam) he stands or falls. And he shall stand, for Ribono (shel Olam) is able to make him stand.

5 One person judges one day to be more important than another; another person judges every day to be alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 The one who holds an opinion on the day does so to Hashem. And the one who eats does so to Hashem, for he does the bentshen (custom of saying grace after meals) of the Birkat Hamazon to Hashem. And the one who does not eat does so to Hashem and gives the hodayah (thanksgiving) to Hashem.

7 For no one of us lives for himself and no one dies for himself.

8 For if we live, we live for Hashem; and if we die, we die for Hashem. So whether we live or we die, we belong to Hashem.

9 For it was for this tachlis (purpose) that Moshiach had his histalkus and came to live again, in order that he might have charge as Moshiach Adoneinu over both the Mesim (dead ones) and the Chayyim (living ones).

10 So you, why do you judge your Ach b'Moshiach? Or you, why do you despise your Ach b'Moshiach? For we shall all stand in the Bet Din (Court of Law) of Hashem (see 2C 5:10) before his Kisse Din (judgment seat), his Kisse Mishpat,

11 For it is written, "As I live, says Hashem, before Me KOL BERECH (every knee) will bow and KOL LASHON (every tongue) shall give praise to Hashem" [Isa 45:23].

12 So then each of us will give account of himself to Hashem.

13 Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but decide this rather: not to put an occasion for michshol
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[14] I have da'as and am convinced in Adoneinu Yehoshua that nothing is tamei beetzem (intrinsically), except that to the one who reckons something profane, to that person it is profane. [15] For if your Ach B'Moshiach is deeply upset on account of [your] okhel (food), you are no longer conducting yourself in terms of ahavah. Do not by your okhel destroy that one for whom Moshiach died.

[16] Therefore, do not let HaTov of you be brought into contempt. [17] For the Malchut Hashem is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of tzedek (righteousness, DANIEL 9:24), shalom (peace) and simcha b'Ruach Hakodesh.

[18] For he who serves Moshiach in this is pleasing to Hashem and approved by people in general. [19] So then we pursue what makes for shalom and for the building up of one another. [20] Do not for the sake of okhel bring churban to the work of Hashem. All okhel is tahor but it is wrong to eat anything that causes nisyonot.

[21] It is a fine thing not to eat meat nor drink wine nor anything by which your Ach b'Moshiach stumbles.

[22] The emunah that you have, keep beshita (as a matter of conviction or principle) to yourself before G-d. Ashrey is the man who does not condemn himself by the things he approves.

[23] But in the man who doubts, there is found in him a dvar ashmah (a thing of guilt, condemnation) if he eats, because it is not of emunah. And whatever is not of emunah is averah (sin).

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Therefore I have this glorying in Moshiach Yehoshua in reference to what concerns G-d.

For I will not presume to say anything, except of what Moshiach has accomplished through me for the mishma’at of the peoples, by word and deed,

By the ko’ach of otot u’moftim (signs and wonders), by the power of the Ruach Hakodesh; so that from Yerushalayim in a sweep round to Illyricum (T.N. today’s Yugoslavia and Albania), I have completed the Besuras HaGeulah Hashem, thus making it my hasagos (aspiration) to preach the Besuras HaGeulah where Moshiach has not been named, lest I build on another’s yesod (foundation).

But, as it is written, “Those who had not been told about Him will see, and those who had not heard shall understand” Isa 52:15.

For this reason I have also regularly been prevented from coming to you.

But now, als (since) I no longer have scope in these regions and have had a tshuka (longing) to come to you for many years,

When I travel to Spain...For I hope to see you as I pass through and to be sent on my way there by you, once I have had the full pleasure of being with you for a time.

But now I am traveling to Yerushalayim in avodas kodesh service to the Kedoshim (Messianic Jews in Jerusalem).

For the kehillot of Moshiach (Messianic congregations) in Macedonia and Achaia (Greece) chose to make some tzedakah (contribution) for the aniyim (poor) among the Kedoshim in Yerushalayim.

[27] For they chose to do so and owe them a choiv (debt), for if the non-Jews have received a share in their spiritual affairs, they ought to minister to the Messianic Jews in material affairs.

When, therefore, I have completed this (collection journey avodas kodesh service) and sealed this p’ri (fruit) to them, I will go by way of you to Spain.

And I have da’as that when I come to you, I will come in the fullness of the Birkat HaMoshiach.

I appeal to you, Achim b’Moshiach, through Adoneinu Moshiach Yehoshua and the ahavas HaRuach Hakodesh, to contend with me in your tefillos to Hashem on my behalf,

that I might be delivered from those without mishma’at in Yehudah and my avodas kodesh service to Yerushalayim might be acceptable to the Kedoshim

That I might come to you in simcha (joy) birtzon Hashem (in the will of G-d) and be mutually refreshed by your hitkhabrut (fellowship) in the Messianic Chavurah.

V’Elohei HaShalom im kulechem. Omein. (May the G-d of peace be with you all. Amen.)

I recommend to you achoteinu (our sister) Phoebe, the Messianic Shammash of the kehillah in Cenchreae,

That you be mekarev (welcome and treat well) to her in Adoneinu, in a manner worthy of the Kedoshim and assist her in whatever matter she may have need of you.

For she herself has also been patroness of many and of myself.

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I Drishat Shalom to Prisca and Aquila my fellow po’alim (workers) in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua

Who performed an act of Messianic mesirat nefesh (whole-hearted devotion to the cause of Moshiach, even at risk of life) for my sake, and for whom not only I give thanks, but also kol kehillot of the Nations;

Also Drishat Shalom to the kehillah (congregation) that meets in their house.

Drishat Shalom to my beloved Epaenetus, who is the bikkurim (firstfruits) of Asia [T. N. today’s Turkey] for Moshiach.

Drishat Shalom to Myryam, who has labored much for you.

Drishat Shalom to Andronicus and Jania, my kinsfolk and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among Moshiach’s shlichim, and also were in Moshiach before me.

Drishat Shalom to Ampliatus, my beloved chaver in Adoneinu.

Drishat Shalom to Urbanus, our fellow po’el (worker) in Moshiach, and my beloved Stachys.

Drishat Shalom to Apelles, approved in Moshiach. Drishat Shalom to those from the household of Aristobulus.

Drishat Shalom to Herodion, my kinsman.

Drishat Shalom to those of the household of Narcissus who are in Adoneinu.

Drishat Shalom to Tryphaena and Tryphosa, who have worked hard in Adoneinu. Drishat Shalom to the beloved Persis, who has labored much in Adoneinu.

Drishat Shalom to Rufus the Bechir (the Chosen one) in Adoneinu; also his Em and mine.

Drishat Shalom to Asyncritus, Phlegon,
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Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the Achim b'Moshiach with them.

15 Drishat Shalom to Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his achot; also Olympas and all the Kedoshim with them.

16 Greet one another with a neshikat hakodesh. All the Kehillot of Moshiach send you Drishat Shalom.

17 I appeal to you, Achim b'Moshiach, to look out for those who cause kitot (sects) and nisyonot (temptations) contrary to the Torah which you learned, and keep away from them.

18 For such people do not serve Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu but their own appetites, and through smooth loshon and fine sounding words they deceive the levavot of the unsuspecting.

19 For your mishma'at has become known to all. So I have simcha over you, but want you to be chachamim regarding what is HaTov and innocent regarding what is HaRah.

20 And Elohei HaShalom will soon crush Hasatan under your feet. Chesed Adoneinu Moshiach Yehoshua yi'heyeh immachem (The unmerited favor, mercy and grace of Adoneinu Moshiach Yehoshua be with you).

21 Timotiyos my fellow po’el sends Drishat Shalom to you; also Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen.

22 I, Tertius, who have written the iggeret, send Drishat Shalom to you in Adoneinu.

23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole kehillah sends Drishat Shalom to you. Erastus, the city treasurer, sends Drishat Shalom to you, also the Ach b'Moshiach, Quartus.

24 [The chen v’chesed of Adoneinu Moshiach Yehoshua be with you all. Omein.]

25 To him who is able to establish you by my Besuras HaGeualah, and the hachrazah (proclamation, kerygma) of Moshiach Yehoshua, in the hisgalus haSod concealed for long ages,

26 [but now made manifest and through Keturim Nevu'yim, in accordance with the mitzvoh of the Elohei Olam (the Eternal G-d), made known for the mishma’at (obedience) of emunah for kol haGoyim,

27] to the only Elohim heChacham (only wise G-d), lo HaKavod b'Moshiach Yehoshua. Omein.

From Sha’ul, given the kri’ah (call) of Hashem and summoned to be a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach birtzon Hashem; and from Sosthenes (Ac 18:17) the Ach b'Moshiach.

To the Kehillah (congregation) of Hashem existing in Corinth, to the ones having been set apart unto kedushah (holiness) in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, given the kri’ah to be Kedoshim, with all the ones who in every place call on the name of Adoneinu, theirs and ours, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich Yehoshua.

1 Chen v’chesed of Adoneinu Moshiach Yehoshua be with you all. Omein.

6 Even as the edut (testimony) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich was confirmed in you,

7 So that you are not lacking in any matnat Elohim, awaiting the hisgalus (revelation) of Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich Yehoshua.

8 Who also with chizzuk (strengthening) will confirm you ad es Ketz (until the time of the End– DANIEL 11:35), unreprovable in the Yom Hashem, the Yom Adoneinu, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich Yehoshua. [AMOS 5:18]

9 Neeman (faithful) is Hashem through whom you were called into the chavurah (company, fellowship, society) of His Zun fun der Oybershter Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich Yehoshua Adoneinu.

10 Now I exhort you, Achim b'Moshiach, b'Shem Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich Yehoshua, that you all speak the same thing and that there not be among you machlokot (divisions of dissension 11:18), but that you may have achdus (unity) in the same mind and in the same way of thinking.

11 For it was made clear to me about you, Achim b'Moshiach of mine, by the ones of Chloe, that there is mervivah (strife) among you.

12 Now I say this, because each of you says, 'I am of Sha'ul,' or, 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Kefa,' or 'I am of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach!'

13 Has Moshiach been divided? Surely Sha’ul was not for you the one talui al HaEtz (“being hanged on the Tree” Dt 21:23)? Surely it was not in the name of Sha’ul that the Moshiach's tevilah in the mikveh mayim was given to you?

14 Modeh Ani Hashem that to not one of you I gave Moshiach's tevilah

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except Crispus and Gaius
(Ro16:23).

[15] Lest anyone should say that in my name you were given the Moshiach's tevilah.

[16] Now I gave Moshiach's tevilah also to Stephanas' household; as to the rest, I do not know if I gave Moshiach's tevilah to anyone else.

[17] For Moshiach did not send me to give Moshiach's tevilah in the mikveh mayim, but to preach the Besuras HaGeulah, not by means of the lomdesh (cleverness, erudition) of the rhetoric of Bnei Adam, lest the gevurah (power) of HaEtz HaKelalat Hashem (the Tree of the Curse of G-d–Dt 21:23) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach be butel (cancelled out).

[18] For the message of HaEtz HaKelalat Hashem (the Tree of the Curse of G-d–Dt 21:23) is narrishkait to the ones perishing. But to us who are being delivered in Yeshu'at Eloheinu, it is the gevurat Hashem (the power of G-d).

[19] For it has been written, “I will destroy CHOCHMAT CHACHAMAV (the wisdom of the wise ones) U'VINAT CHACHAMAV (the wisdom of the wise ones) by the standards of Bnei Adam, not many b'alei hashpa'ah (people of influence), not many b'alei zchus (privileged).

[20] Where is the chacham (wise man)? Where is the sofer (scribe) of the yeshiva, where is the talmid chacham? Where is the sofer midrashkait? Where is the chacham that in my name you were given the ma'amimim (believers).

[21] For, als (since)--and this was by the chachmah of Hashem–the Olam Hazeh did not by its chachmah have da'as of Hashem, G-d was pleased through the 'sichlut' (foolishness) of the Hachrazah (Proclamation, Kerygma, Preaching) of the Besuras HaGeulah to save the ma'amimim (believers).

[22] Yehudim ask for otot (signs Ex 7:3) and Yevanim (Greeks) seek chochmah,

[23] But, we proclaim Moshiach and nivlato al haEtz ("his body on the Tree," DEVARIM 21:23): to Jews, a michshol (YESHAYAH 8:14); to Goyim, narrishkait (foolishness).

[24] Yet, to those whom Hashem has given the kri'ah (1C 1:1-2) and summoned, to HaKeru'im (to the Called Ones), both to Yehudim and to Yevanim Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the Gevurat Hashem and the Chochoz Hashem.

[25] For the so-called "sichlut" (foolishness) of Hashem has more chochmah than Bnei Adam, and the "weakness" of G-d has more koach (power) than Bnei Adam 1:18.

[26] For you see your kri'ah (call), Achim b'Moshiach, what you were, that not many of you were chachamim (wise ones) by the standards of Bnei Adam, not many b'alei hashpa'ah (people of influence), not many b'alei zchus (privileged).

[27] But Hashem in His bechirah (selection) chose the things of sichlut (foolishness), that He might bring the chachamim to bushah (shame); and Hashem in His bechirah (selection) chose the things of weakness that He might bring the strong to bushah (shame).

[28] And those of the Olam Hazeh without mishpochah atzilah (noble birth) and those which are luniyizim (the despised, Isa 53:3) Hashem chose, choosing the things that are not, in order to bring to naught the things that are.

[29] His tachlis (purpose) is that no basar (fallen humanity) sold under the power of slave master Chet Kadmon, Original Sin, Rom. 7:14) may boast before Hashem.

[30] But you are of Hashem in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua who became to us chochmah (wisdom) from Hashem, our Tzidkanut (Righteousness) and our Kedushah (Holiness) and our Geulah LaOlam (Redemption to the world), [Jer 23:5,6; 33:16]

[31] Al menat (in order that), as it has been written, YITHALLEL HAMITHALLEL BHASHEM ("The one boasting let him boast in the Lrd" YIRMEYAH 9:23), [TEHILLIM 34:2; 44:8]

When I came to you, Achim b'Moshiach, I did not come preaching and announcing to you the sod Hashem (mystery of G-d) as a ba'ale melitzot (rhetorician, fine talker) or in the excellence of chochmah.

[2] For I made the decision not to have da'as of anything among you except Moshiach and nivlato al haEtz (his body –gufa, kerper--on the Tree Boim (Yiddish for tree), DEVARIM 21:23).

[3] And I came to you (Ac 18:1) in weakness (1:25,27) and in yirat Shomayim and fear and in much trembling I was with you,

[4] And my speech and my hachrazah (proclamation, kerygma, preaching) to you of the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem was not in persuasive words but in the demonstration of the Ruach Hakodesh and the gevurat Hashem (power of G-d–1:17),

But we do speak chochmah (wisdom) to the man who is mevugar (mature, grown up), to those with mature ruchaniyut (spirituality in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach), yet, it is a chochmah (wisdom) not of the Olam Hazeh, neither of the rulers of the Olam Hazeh (Ro 13:3), the ones being brought to naught (1:28).

But we speak the chochmah of Hashem in a hidden sod (mystery 2:1), which was nigzar merosh (determined from the beginning, preordained, predestined, decided beforehand) by Hashem lifnei yemei haOlam (before the days of eternity) for our kavod (glory, Ro 8:29-30); a chochmah which not one of the rulers of the Olam Hazeh has known, for, if they had had da'as, they would not have made talui al HaEtz HaKelalat Hashem (being hanged on the Tree of the Curse of G-d- Dt 21:23) the Moshiach Adon HaKavod.

But even as it has been written, "Things which no eye has seen and LO SHAMU ("they had not heard") nor did it come up into the heart of Bnei Adam, the things G-d prepared for the ones who have ahavah for him." Isa 64:3[4] TARGUM HASHIVIM; Isa 52:15

But Hashem has made the hitgalut haSod (the revelation of the mystery) to us of these things through the Ruach Hakodesh; for the Ruach Hakodesh searches all things, even the deep things of G-d.

For who of Bnei Adam has da'as of the things of Bnei Adam except the ruch of a man in him? So also the things of G-d no one has known except the Ruach Hashem. [Jer 17:9; Prov 20:27]

Now we have not received the ruach of the Olam Hazeh but the Ruach Hakodesh from Hashem, that we may have da'as of the things having been freely given to us by Hashem,

Which things also we speak, not in dvarim (words) taught by chochmah haBnei Adam, but in dvarim taught by the Ruach Hakodesh, making midrash [exposition, interpretation] of the things of the Ruach Hakodesh [2:12] by means of the words of the Ruach Hakodesh.

But a natural person does not receive the things of the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem, for they are narrishkait (foolishness 1:21-24) to him, and he is not able to have personal saving da'as of them, because they are discerned in the Ruach Hakodesh.

Now the man of the Ruach Hakodesh discerns all things, but, by no one is he discerned.

For, "Who has known the mind of Hashem so as to instruct Him" [Isa 40:13 TARGUM HASHIVIM]? But we have the mind of Moshiach. [YESHAYAH 40:13] Achim bMoshiach, I was not able to speak to you as to men of hitkhadshut and ruchaniyut; I had to speak to you as bnei basar, as olamim bMoshiach.

Chovol I gave you to drink, not solid okhel (food), for you were not yet able to receive it, but neither yet are you able now.

For still you are bnei basar (carnally-minded believers). For als (since) there is still kinah and merivah (strife) among you [1:11], are you not bnei basar, by the standards of Bnei Adam?
one's ma'aseh. [BAMIDBAR 31:22,23; YIRMEYAH 23:28,29; MALACHI 3:3] [14] If anyone's ma'aseh he built on the yosod will survive (Yn 15:16); a sachar (reward BERESHIS 15:1) he will receive; [15] If anyone's ma'aseh will be consumed, he will suffer loss, but he himself will be saved (Ep 2:8-9), yet so as through Eish (fire). [16] Do you not have da'as that you are a Heikhal Hashem and the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem dwells in you? [17] If anyone attempts to cause churban to the Heikhal Hashem, G-d will destroy this man, for the Heikhal Hashem is kadosh, and you (pl) are that Heikhal. [18] Let no one deceive himself; if anyone presumes to be chacham among you in the Olam Hazeh, let him become a kesil (fool); that he may become chacham. [YESHAYAH 5:21] [19] For the chochmah (wisdom) of Olam Hazeh is narishkait (foolishness) with Hashem. For it has been written, LOCHED CHACHAMIM BEARMAM (‘He catches the wise in their own craftiness’ YOV 5:13). [20] And again, HASHEM YODEA MACHSHVOT ADAM KI HEMAH HEVEL (‘The L-rd knows the thoughts of the wise that they are empty vanity’ –TEHILLIM 94:11). [21] So let no one boast in Bnei Adam, for all things belong to you, [22] Whether Sha’ul or Apollos or Kefa or HaOlam (the world) or Chayyim (Life) or Mavet (Death) or things present or things to come; all things are yours, [23] And you are Moshiach’s and Moshiach is Hashem’s. 4 So let a man consider us as Gabba’im of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach and mafekkehim (stewards, supervisors) of the sodot (mysteries) of Hashem. [2] Moreover, it is sought in mafekkehim that one be found that has ne’emanut (faithfulness). [3] But to me it is a very small thing that I be brought, as it were, before your Bet Din for you to play dayanim (religious judges) judging me, or that I am judged by Bnei Adam on their merely human Yom HaDin; I do not even act as Dayan (Judge of a Rabbinical Court) of myself. [4] I am aware of nothing against myself, but not in this have I been yiradak (justified); it is the L-rd who is my Shofet (Judge BERESHIS 18:25; DANIEL 7:13 14). [5] Therefore, do not judge anything before the time, until the Bias Adoneinu [Moshiach], who both will bring to Ohr (Light) the hidden things of the choshech (darkness) and manifest the motives of the levavot. And then the tehillah (praise) each one will receive will be from Hashem. [YOV 12:22; TEHILLIM 90:8] [6] Now these things, Achim bMoshiach, I made a dimyon (comparison) applied with respect to myself and Apollos for your sake, that through us you may learn not to go beyond what things have been written [2:13], lest you are puffed up as ba’alei ga’avah (conceited, haughty persons) in favor of one or against the other. [7] For who makes you so distinguished? And, by the way, what do you have which you did not receive? And if indeed you were given it, why this ga’avah, this boastfulness as if you had not received it? [8] Already you have so much, already you ascended to osher (riches) and without us [Shlichim]! You became melechim (kings); I would that you did indeed become melechim that also we might reign as melechim with you. [9] For, omein, I believe that Hashem has exhibited us, the Shlichim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, as last in the program, condemned to death, because, like wretches under a mishpat mavet (death sentence), we became displayed in the arena for the eyes of the Olam Hazeh, malachim as well as Bnei Adam. [TEHILLIM 71:7] [10] We are kesilim (fools) because of Moshiach, but you are chachamim in Moshiach; we are weak, but you are strong; you are treated with honor; we dishonor. [11] Until the present sha’ah (hour) we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are beaten and homeless. [12] And we have parnasah, toiling with our own hands; being reviled, we make a bracha; being persecuted, we endure it: [13] Being defamed by loshon hora, we conciliate. We have become what the earth wants swept out the door, something considered trash the Olam Hazeh wants removed. [YIRMEYAH 20:18; EKHAH 3:45] [14] The purpose of this iggeret is not to bring you under bushah (shame). I write these things as admonishing my beloved yeladim. [15] For, though you may have in Moshiach morei derech numbering ten thousand, you have not many avot, for in Moshiach through the Besuras HaGeulah I [7.T.N. Notice 1C4:6 indicates the canon of inerrant Scripture is closed and may not be added to.]
became your abba.

| 16 | Therefore, I encourage you, imitate me.
| 17 | Because of this very thing, I sent Timotiyos to you who is my beni haahuv (beloved son), ne’eman (faithful), trustworthy in Hashem, who will remind you of my derech baKodesh in Moshiach, even as I give shiurim everywhere in every kehillah.

| 18 | Now as to my coming to you, some were puffed up,
| 19 | But I will come shortly to you, im yirtzeh Hashem (if the L-rd wills), and I will find out not the speech of the ones having been puffed up but the ko’ach (power).

| 20 | For the Malchut Hashem depends not on the talk [of the ish sefatayim (the eloquent speaker)] but on ko’ach (power).

| 21 | What do you want? That I should come to you, so to speak, with an abba’s switch or in ahavah and an anavat ruach (a spirit of meekness)?

5 Zenut (fornication) is actually reported among you, and such zenut which is not even among the Goyim, that one of you Corinthians has the isha (wife) of his abba [VAYIKRA 18:8].

| 2 | And you have been puffed up with ga’avah (pride).

Should you not rather have been filled with agmat nefesh (grief), so that he who has done this would have been taken away from among you?

| 3 | For I indeed being not present in habasar but being not absent in the Ruach Hakodesh have already, as being present, pronounced the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshaich’s Bet Din mishpat on the one who has done such a thing.

| 4 | In the name of Adoneinu Yehoshua, when you have assembled in your shul (Ya 2:2) and I am with you by the same Ruach Hakodesh along with the gevurat Adoneinu Yehoshua,

| 5 | You are to transmit and hand over to Hasatan such a person for the churban of the basar (3:16-17), that his neshamah may be spared in the Yom Hashem (AMOS 5:18; MALACHI 3:19; YOEL 2:1-17; TZEFANYAH 1:14-18).

| 6 | Your boasting is not good. Do you not have da’as that a little chametz all the mixture leavens?

| 7 | Purge out the old chametz (leavened bread), that you may be issa chadasha (new dough, batzek, deaf dough, having no indication of fermentation), as you are indeed like matzot (unleavened bread). More than that, our Korban Pesach has been sacrificed, Moshiach. [SHEMOT 12:3-6,21]

| 8 | So let us celebrate Pesach, not with old chametz, nor with the chametz of kavvanah ra’ah (malice) and wickedness, but with matzot of kenut (sincerity) and emes. [SHEMOT 12:14,15; DEVARIM 16:3]

| 9 | I wrote to you in the iggeret not to mix with those engaging in acts of zenut (fornication),

| 10 | Not meaning to completely dissociate from the zannayim of the Olam Hazeh or those guilty of chamdanut (greed) and the ones practicing honahah (swindling) or those guilty of avodah zarah (idol worship),

| 11 | But, now I wrote to you not to mix with any “Ach b’Moshaich” who is a zannay (fornicator) or a kamtzan (miser) or an oved elilim (idolater) or a megadef (reviler) or a shikkor (drunken) or a shoded (robber); with such a man do not sit at tish (table), do not share betzi’at halechem (breaking of bread).
lawsuits with one another. Why not rather suffer wrong? Why not rather be cheated? [8] But you yourselves do wrong and practice hona'ah (cheating), and this to your Achim b'Moshiach. [9] Or do you not have da'as that the resha'im (unrighteous ones) will not inherit the Malchut Hashem? Do not be deceived! Neither zannayim (fornicators) nor ovdei elilim (idolaters) nor me'ana'afim (adulterers) nor effeminate call boys nor homosexuals [IYOV 13:9; VAYIKRA 18:20; DEVARIM 22:22; VAYIKRA 18:22]. [10] Nor ganavim (thieves) nor kamutzanim (misers) nor shikkorim (drunkards) nor megadevim (revilers) nor the ones doing hona'ah (swindling)—none of these will inherit the Malchut Hashem. [11] And some of you were inherit the Malchut Hashem. [12] But, to the rest I say: if you do not have da'as of the things that are proper! But I say to the bochrim (boys) even to be as I am; however, [this is impossible since] each has his own matanah (gift) even to be as I am; however, [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach's] concession ([SHEMOT 19:15; SHMUEL ALEF 21:4,5]) is not according to Hashem: one this; and another that. [8] But, to the ones having better it is to marry than what is to the body itself. [9] Or have you no da'as that of the one joining himself to a zonah, that V'HAYU LVASAR ECHAD (‘And they will be as one flesh’) BERESHIS 2:24? [17] But the one with deveykus (‘cleaving, attachment’) to Hashem has achdus (union) in the Ruach Hakodesh with Elohim. [18] Flee zenut (MISHLE 6:23-7:27)!! Every chet is outside the body, but the one guilty of zenut commits chet against the body itself. [19] Or have you no da'as that your body is a Heikal Hashem of the Ruach Hakodesh in you, whom you have from Hashem, and you are not your own? [20] For [the Geulah redemption of you from the Golus of Chet] was purchased with a price; therefore, bring kavod to Hashem with your gufot. [TEHILLIM 74:2] Now, concerning the things in your iggeret, let’s take up the next inyan (topic): “it is beneficial for a man not to touch an isha” [i.e., postpone the chaunnoh (wedding)]. [2] But, because of the acts of zenut, let each Ben Adam have his own Isha, and let each Isha have her own Ba'al (husband). [3] Let the ba'al render the conjugal chov (debt) to his isha, and likewise also the isha to her ba'al (husband). [4] It is not the isha who has samchut (authority) over her own body, but the ba'al (husband); likewise, also it is not the ba'al (husband) who has samchut over his own body, but the isha. [5] Do not deprive each other, unless by agreement for a set time, that you may renew zeru'at (diligence) to tefillah (prayer) and again you may be together, lest Hasatan lead you into nissuyon (temptation) because of your lack of shlitah atzmi (self-control). [SHMOT 19:15; SHMUEL ALEF 21:4,5] [6] But I say this according to Hashem’s concession (‘in view of 5:1-5; 6:12-20), not according to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach’s mitzvoh. [7] But, I wish kol Bnei Adam even to be as I am; however, [this is impossible since] each has his own matanah (gift) from Hashem: one this; and another that. [8] But, I say to the bochrim (boys) and the almanot (widows), it is beneficial for them if they remain as I am; [9] But if they do not have shlitah atzmi, let them marry. For better it is to marry than with Eish to be set ablaze. [10] But to the ones having entered bibrit hanissuim (in covenant of marriage), I charge, not I but Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu, an isha is not to separate from her ba'al (husband); [Mal 2:14-16] [11] But, if indeed she is separated, let her remain so, or be reconciled to her basherter; and a ba'al should not leave her isha. [12] But, to the rest I —Sha’ul— not Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu, say: if any Ach b’Moshiach there be [5:5]; but the body is not for zenut but for Hashem, and Hashem for the body. [14] And Hashem brought about the Techiyah from HaMesim for Moshiach Adoneinu and will also bring about the Techiyas HaMesim for us through His gevurah (power). [15] Do you not have da’as of the things that are proper! But I will not be mastered by anything. [13] ‘Okhel (food) for the stomach and the stomach for okhel,’ but Hashem will destroy both one and the other (1:8; 3:13; 5:5); but the body is not for zenut but for Hashem, and Hashem for the body. [14] And Hashem brought about the Techiyah from HaMesim for Moshiach Adoneinu and will also bring about the Techiyah from HaMesim for us through His gevurah (power). [15] Do you not have da’as of the things that are proper! But I will not be mastered by anything.

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willing to dwell with her, let her not leave her ba’al (husband).

[14] For, [T.N. following the principle of bikkurim], the ba’al who is an Apikoros is mekudash b’Ruach Hakodesh (set apart as holy in the Ruach Hakodesh) by the isha, and the isha who is an Apikoros likewise by the Ach b’Moshiach; otherwise, your yeladim are tehamim (unclean); but now they are tehorim (clean). [MALACHI 2:15]

[15] But, if the one who is an Apikoros separates and departs, let the separation occur; the Ach b’Moshiach has not been enslaved, or the Achot b’Moshiach in such cases; but Hashem has given you a kri’ah b’shalom.

[16] For how do you know, isha, if you will not bring your basherter (destined mate), your ba’al, to Yeshu’at Eloheinu?

[17] Only each of you walk the derech [T.N. according to Hashem’s tochnit or etzah Ro 8:28] to which you were called by Hashem (TEHILLIM 1:6). This is my charge in all the kehillot of Moshiach.

[18] If as a ben Berit with bris milah anyone received their kri’ah, let him not conceal it; if anyone without bris milah has been called, let him without bris milah not undergo bris milah.

[19] Bris milah is not everything; nor is the lack of it; but being shomer mitzvot Hashem.

[20] Each one walk the derech of his kri’ah (calling, summons), and remain there.

[21] If while a bond servant you were called, do not let it consume you, although if you can gain your deror (‘freedom, liberty’ VAYIKRA 25:10), do so.

[22] For, the one in Hashem having been called while a bond servant is [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach]

Adoneinu’s ben Chorin (freedman); likewise, the one having been called while a ben Chorin is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach’s bond servant.

[23] You were bought with a pidyon nefesh price; do not become avadam haBnei Adam.

[24] Each one wherever on the derech of Chayyim he was called, Achim b’Moshiach, there let him remain in devekyus with Hashem.

[25] Next sugya (topic): concerning the betulot (virgins). A mitzvoh of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu I do not have, but a bit of wisdom I offer as one who by the rachamim Hashem is ne’eman (faithful).

[26] I consider therefore, it to be beneficial, because of the impending Crisis (T.N. i.e., the Chevlei Moshiach and eschatological woes preceding the Bias Moshiach) that you remain as you are.

[27] Have you entered bibrit hanissuim (in covenant of marriage) with an isha? Do not seek to be free. Are you freed from an isha? Do not seek an isha.

[28] But if indeed you enter bibrit hanissuim (in covenant of marriage), there is no chet; and if the betulah (virgin) marries, there is no averah in that for her. But such will have tzoros in the基层, which I am trying to spare you (Mt.24:19).

[29] Now this I say, Achim b’Moshiach, the time [until Hakets] has been shortened. From now on, let those having nashim live as if not having nashim.

[30] And let the ones weeping as not weeping, and let the ones having simcha as not having simcha, and let the ones buying as not possessing,

[31] And let the ones using the Olam Hazeh as not fully using it, for the present form of the Olam Hazeh is passing away.

[32] But I would have you free from de’agot (worries). The ben Adam without isha cares for the things of Hashem, how he may please Hashem.

[33] But the one having taken an isha cares for the things of the Olam Hazeh, how he may please his isha,

[34] And he has been divided (1:13). Both the isha free of a ba’al or the betulah cares for the things of Hashem, that she may be tehorah spiritually and physically. But the isha with a ba’al cares for the things of the Olam Hazeh, how she may please her ba’al.

[35] Now, this I say for your own benefit, not that I may throw a noose on your deror (“freedom” VAYIKRA 25:10), but I speak with respect to what is decent, seemly, and sits well with Hashem, without distraction [in avodas kodesh]. [TEHILLIM 86:11]

[36] However, if anyone thinks he does not have proper hitnahagut (conduct) toward the betulah of his eirusin (betrothal, engagement), and if he thinks his basherter (destined mate) is getting along in years, and thus it has to be, what he desires, let him do; there is no chet, let them enter bibrit hanissuim (in convenant of marriage).

[37] But he who in his lev has settled the decision, not having the need of conjugal intimacy, but having mastery concerning his own desire, and thus he in his lev has decided, not to enter bibrit hanissuim with his betulah (virgin), he does well.
8 Now concerning the sacrifice to an elil (idol worship), we know that we all possess da'as (knowledge). But da'as puffs up (with ga'avah), but ahavah (agape) builds up.

[2] If anyone presumeth he has da'as of anything, he does not yet have da'as of the necessary da'as.

[3] But if a person has Ahavas Hashem, Hashem has da'as of that person.

[YIRMEYAH 1:5]

[4] Now concerning the eating of the okhel (food) at the mizbe'ach of avodah zarah which is sacrificed to an elil (idol), we have da'as that an elil is nothing in the world, and that there is no G-d but ECHAD (DEVARIM 6:4; 6:4).

[5] For even if there are [in popular tradition] so-called 'g-ds,' whether in Shomayim or on ha'aretz, even as there are so-called 'g-ds' many and 'r-ds' many,

[6] Yet in fact for us we have da'as that there is ADONOI ECHAD (DEVARIM 6:4; MALACHI 3:1), Hashem AV ECHAD L'CHULLANU (MALACHI 3:1; ZECHARYAH 3:8; 6:11-12), through whom are all things and we through him.

[7] However, not kol Bnei Adam have this da'as (knowledge). Some are so accustomed to the elil (idol) until now that when they eat, they think of the okhel (food) as being sacrificed to the elil in avodah zarah, and their matzpun (conscience), being weak, is made to be tameh (defiled).

[8] But okhel (food) will not usher us into the presence of Hashem; neither are we falling short if we do not eat okhel, nor are we better if we eat.

[9] But beware lest somehow your cherut (freedom) becomes a michshol (stumbling block) to the weak ones.

[10] For if anyone sees you, the one having da'as (knowledge), eating in the temple of an elil, will not the matzpun of him be strengthened so as to eat the okhel sacrificed to an elil (idol) at the mizbe'ach of avodah zarah?

[11] For the one being weak [in emunah] is being destroyed by your da'as," the Ach b'Moshiach for whom Moshiach died.

[12] And thus by sinning against the Achim b'Moshiach and wounding their weak matzpunim (consciences), you commit aros against Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[13] Therefore, if okhel causes my Ach b'Moshiach to trip on a michshol, I should never eat meat again, lest I cause my Ach b'Moshiach to stumble.

9 Do I not have cherut [in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach]? Am I not a Shliach? Have I not seen Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu? Are you not my po'el (work) in Adoneinu?

[2] If to others I am not a Shliach, surely I am to you, for you are the chotam (seal) of my shlichus (Ga 2:10), in Hashem.

[3] My apologetic to the ones cross-examining me is this:

[4] Do I not have the privilege of eating and drinking?

[5] Is the privilege not mine to take an achot b'Moshiach as isha in my travels for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach's avodas kodesh, just as the rest of his Achim [see p.548] of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu and Kefa?

[6] Or is it only Bar-Nabba and I who are denied the privilege of not working at a parnasah?

[7] Whoever heard of someone serving as a chaiyal (soldier) but having to pay his own wages for doing so? Who plants a kerem (vineyard) but does not eat the p'ri hakerem? And who serves as a ro'eh (shepherd) over a flock and of the cholov (milk) of the flock does not partake? [Devarim 20:6; Mishle 27:18]

[8] Do I say this according to the dvar haBnei Adam? Or does not the Torah say these things?

[9] For, in the Torah of Moshe Rabennu it has been written, LO TACHSOM SHOR REDISHO (You shall...
I have a sachar (reward), but if I do this willingly, HaGeulah [YIRMEYAH 20:9].

"For, if I do this willingly, HaMoshiach [Pp 1:21]."

HaGeulah. [BESURAH 15:16] has been entrusted to me.

What then is my sachar (reward)? That in preaching as a maggid of the Besuras HaGeulah, I may make the Besuras HaGeulah free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the Besuras HaGeulah.

For being no indentured servant to any one of the Bnei Adam, I made myself a servant [working for nothing] to kol Bnei Adam, that I might win the more.

And I became to the Yehudim as a Yehudi, that I might win Yehudim; to the ones under Gezetz, as under Gezetz--not being myself under [the epoch of] Gezetz (Ro 8:2);-that the ones under Gezetz I might win;

To the ones without Gezetz, as without Gezetz, though not being without the Torah of Hashem [Act 21:23] but being under Moshiach's Torah [YESHAYAH 42:4], that I might win the ones without Gezetz.

I became weak to the weak ones that I might win the weak ones. I have become all things to kol Bnei Adam, that by all means I might save some.

And all things I do because of the Besuras HaGeulah that a fellow partaker and deveykus sharer in it I may become.

Do you not have da'as that the ones running on a race course all indeed run, but it is only one who receives the prize? So run that you may obtain the prize.

And everyone competing in the [Olympic] games in all things exercises shlituh atzmi: those ones, therefore, that they may obtain a perishable wreath; but we, an imperishable.

Therefore, I run not as one without a goal that is kovua (fixed, set). I box as not beating the air.

But I do more than merely spar with my basar; I pommel it and keep it under strict subjection, so that after I am the maggid to others, I myself will not become declared ineligible.

I do not want you to be without da'as, Achim b'Moshiach, that Avoteinu all were under the anan (cloud), SHEMOT 13:21-22, and passed through the sea [SHEMOT 14:22-25],

And all into Moshe Rabbenu were given tevilah in the anan (cloud) and in the sea,

And all of the same spiritual okhel (food) ate [SHEMOT 16:4,35; DEVARIM 8:3; TEHILLIM 78:24-29].

And all of the same spiritual drink drank, for they were drinking from a spiritual TZUR following them [SHEMOT 17:6; BAMIDBAR 20:11; TEHILLIM 78:15; 105:41], and that TZUR was Moshiach.

But Hashem was not pleased with most of them, for they were strewed about in the desert, VAYISHCHATEM BAMIDBAR (then He slaughtered them in the desert) [BAMIDBAR 14:16, 23:29-30; TEHILLIM 78:31].

Now these things occurred as mofrim (examples) for us, in order that we would not crave what is ra'ah as they did. [BAMIDBAR 11:4,34; TEHILLIM 106:14]

Neither should you become ovdei elilim (idolaters), as some of them did, as it has been written, "And the people sat to eat and to drink and they got up to revel" SHEMOT 32:6.
Neither should we commit 
zenut as some of them 
committed zenut and fell in 
one day twenty-three thousand 
[BAMIDBAR 25:1,9], [T.N. if 
Rav Sha’ul is not giving the 
number that died in one day, a 
very famous and devastating 
twenty-four hour period, (with 
BAMIDBAR 25:4 mentioning 
other executions and the 
subsequent total being 24,000 
[Bamidbar 24:9]), then Rav 
Sha’ul is referring to those who 
died in Shemot 32:35, quoting 
as he does Shemot 32:6 in 1C 
10:7
Neither let us tempt 
Moshiach, as some of them 
put Moshiach to the test, and 
by nechashim (serpents) were 
being destroyed [Ex 17:2; 
Num 21:5-6; Ps 78:18; 95:9; 
106:4;].
Neither should we 
murmur and grumble even as 
some of them VAYILONU 
(“and they murmured’ 
SHEMOT 15:24; 16:2; 17:3; 
BAMIDBAR 14:2,29; 16:41) 
and they were destroyed by 
the destroyer (Num 14:2,36; 
16:41-49; 17:5,10; Ex 12:23 Ps 
106:25-27).
Now, these things 
happened to those ones as 
moftim (examples), but it was 
written for our admonition, to 
whom the Kitzei HaOlamim 
have come.
So then the one that 
pretends that he stands, let 
him take care lest he fall.
No nissayon (temptation) 
has overtaken you, except that 
which is common to Bnei 
Adam, but, Hashem is 
ne’eman (faithful) (DEVARIM 
7:9), who will not let you to be 
brought into nissayon beyond 
what you are able, but will 
make with the nissayon also 
the derech (Tzaddikim 
TEHILLIM 1:6) as a way out 
for you to be able to endure.
Therefore, my chaverim, 
flee from avodah zarah.
I speak as to thinking 
men; you judge what I say.
The Kos HaBracha (Cup 
of Blessing) over which we say 
the Bracha, is it not a 
[Mizbe’ach] sharing and 
devenyuk participation in the 
Korban Pesach death and 
kapporah of Moshiach? The 
matzoh which we break, is this 
not a sharing and a 
devenyuk participation in the Guf 
HaMoshiach?
Because the matzoh is 
echad, we, many as we are, are 
one body, one new humanity, 
for we all partake of the 
matzoh echad.
Observe Yisroel 
according to the basar. Are 
not the ones eating the 
korbanot (sacrifices) partakers 
of the Mizbe’ach (altar 
VAYIKRA 7:6, 14, 15)?
What then am I saying? 
That a sacrifice to an elil (idol) 
is anything or that an idol is 
anything?
No, the things which they 
sacrifice, YIZB’CHU 
LASHEDIM LO ELOHIM 
(“They sacrificed to demons 
which were not G-d” 
DEVARIM 32:17; TEHILLIM 
106:37). Now I do not want 
you to become sharers with 
the shedim (demons). 
Or is it that you would 
move Hashem to kinah 
(jealousy) [DEVARIM 32:21]? 
We don’t think we are stronger 
than He, do we? [DEVARIM 
32:16; MELACHIM ALEF 
14:22; TEHILLIM 78:58; 
YIRMEYAH 44:8; KOHELET 
6:10; YESHAYAH 45:9] 
“All things are lawful”? 
But not all things are 
beneficial; “All things are 
lawful”? But not all things 
edify [6:12].
Let no one seek his own 
benefit but the benefit of the 
other.
Everything being sold in 
a meat market eat without 
raising qualms of matzpun 
(conscience).
For LAHASHEM 
HAARETZ UMELOHIM (‘The 
earth is the L-rd’s and the 
fullness thereof’ TEHILLIM 
24:1; 50:12; 89:11; 
SHEMOT 9:29; 19:5; IYOV 4:11; 
TEHILLIM 50:12). 
If anyone of the 
Apikorosim invites you and 
you want to go, eat everything 
being set before you without 
raising qualms of matzpun 
(conscience).
But if anyone should say 
to you, “Zeh nizbach l’elil!” 
(‘This is sacrificed to an 
idol!’), do not eat out of 
consideration for that man 
who informed you and 
because of matzpun 
(conscience).
But I speak not about 
your matzpun but about the 
matzpun of the other man, for 
why is my cherut (freedom) 
brought into mishpat 
(judgment) by another’s 
matzpun (conscience)? 
If I partake with Birkat 
Hamazon (grace after meals), 
why am I blamed for what I 
give todah (thanks)? 
Whether, therefore, you 
eat or you drink or whatever 
you do, do all things to the 
kavod (glory) of Hashem. 
BE without michshol 
both to Yehudim and to 
Yevanim and to the Kehillah 
of Hashem, 
even as I also please 
Bnei Adam in all things, not 
seeking my own advantage but 
that of the many, that they 
may be brought to Yeshu'at 
Eloheinu.
Become imitators of me as I also am an imitator of Moshiaich (see Acts 21:18-26).
[2] Now, I commend you that in all things you have remembered me and you hold fast to the masoret torat haShlichim just as I transmitted and handed them over to you (see Yehuda 1:3).
[3] But I want you to have da'as that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is the rosh (head) of every one of the Bnei Adam, and the rosh of an isha is the ben Adam (Man, Ba'al) [BERESHIS 3:16], and the rosh of Moshiach is Hashem. [BERESHIS 3:16]

[4] Every ben Adam davening or speaking forth a nevuhah (prophecy) having anything hanging down over his rosh brings bushah (shame) upon his rosh.
[5] But every isha davening or speaking forth a nevuhah (prophecy) in shul, begile rosh (head covering) upon her rosh, for it is one and the same thing to uncover the rosh as it is for the rosh of the isha having been shaved. [DEVARIM 21:12]

[6] For, if an isha is not covered, also let her be shorn. But als (since) it is in fact a thing of bushah (shame) for an isha to be shorn or to be shaved, let her be covered.
[7] For a ben Adam indeed ought not to be covered on the rosh, being the demut HASHEM (BERESHIS 1:26) and the kavod Hashem, and the Isha being the kavod (glory), the glorious reflection of Adam. [BERESHIS 1:26; 5:1; 9:6]

[8] For Adam is not out of the Isha but Isha out of Adam (Man) [BERESHIS 2:21-23].
[9] Indeed, Adam was not created because of the Isha, but the Isha because of Adam [BERESHIS 2:18].

[10] Because of this, the Isha ought to have a kesut rosh (head covering) of marut (authority, discipline) on her rosh because of the malachim.
[11] However, neither is Isha without Adam (Man) nor Adam (Man) without Isha in Hashem.
[12] For just as the Isha comes out of Adam (Man) [BERESHIS 2:21-23], so also the ben Adam (Man) comes through the Isha [Gn 3:15-16] but all things are of Hashem [BERESHIS 1:1; TEHILLIM 24:1; 50:12; 89:11].

[13] You yourselves be the dayan (judge): is it fitting for an isha to offer tefillos to Hashem [in shul] begile rosh (with head uncovered)?

[14] Does not teva (nature) itself give you the shiur (lesson) that if a ben Adam wears a long hair-do of a lady's coiffure, it is a dishonor to him? But an isha wears a long hairdo of a lady's coiffure, it is her kavod (SHIR HASHIRIM 4:1)? Because the long hair has been given to her instead of the sterntichel (kerchief) or kesut rosh (head covering).

[15] But if an isha wears a long hairdo of a lady's coiffure, is it fitting for her instead of the sterntichel (kerchief) or kesut rosh (head covering), it is her kavod (SHIR HASHIRIM 4:1)? Because the long hair has been given to her instead of the sterntichel (kerchief) or kesut rosh (head covering).

[16] But if anyone presumes in his thinking to be contentious, we have no such minhag, nor do the khillot of Hashem throughout the world.

[17] But in giving the divrei Torah that follows I give no commendation [11:2], because when you assemble as the shul of Moshiach, it is not for the better that you assemble, but for the worse.

[18] Ershins (first of all), indeed when you come together as the khillah [SHEMOT 12:6] (I hear) there exist machloket (divisions 1:10) and schisms among you, and partly I believe it.

[19] For it is necessary also for kitot (sects) of minut (heresy), of kefirah (heresy, denial) to be among you that also the approved ones may become manifest among you [DEVARIM 13:3].
[20] Therefore, your farbrengen gatherings in one kahal (community) are not for the purpose of having Moshiach's Tish.
[21] For each one rushes ahead with his own seudah (meal). One is hungry (hungry), one has passed out in his schnapps.
[22] Hey, you people, do you not have houses in which to eat and to drink? Or do you despise the Kehillah (congregation) of C-d? And do you bring bushah (shame), even humiliation, on the ones having nothing? What should I say to you? Will I commend you? In this I do not commend you people!

[23] For I received from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu that which also I transmitted and handed on to you, that Adoneinu Yehoshua, on the very lailah (night) in which he was betrayed, took the Pesach matzoh,

[24] And, having made the HaMotzi, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach offered the betzi'at halechem (breaking of the bread) and said, 'ZEH HU betzi'at halechem (breaking of the bread) and said, 'ZEH HU VESARI HANNIVTZA BA'ADCHEM; ZOT ASU L'ZIKRONI. ('This is my flesh, which is broken on your behalf. Do this in memory of me.')

[25] In like manner, after eating the [Pesach] seudah, also [after the bracha over the [Kiddush] Cup, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach said, 'This [Kiddush] Kos (Cup) is the BRIT CHADASHA [YIRMEYAH 31:31; 32:40] in my DAHM (blood SHEMOT 24:6-8;
ZECHARYAH 9:11. This do, as often as you drink, in ZIKARON (remembrance YEHOSHUA 4:7) of me.”

[26] For as often as you eat this Pesach matzoh and drink from this Pesach Kiddush Cup, you do proclaim the mavet [YESHAYAH 53:8; DANIEL 9:26] of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu until the Bias HaMoshiach.

[27] Therefore, whoever eats the Pesach matzoh or drinks the Kiddush Cup of [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] Adoneinu unworthily will be guilty and answerable for the basar and the dahm of [Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] Adoneinu.

[28] But let a ben Adam apply cheshbon hanefesh to himself and in that manner let him eat of the Pesach matzoh and drink of the Pesach Kiddush Cup.

[29] For the one eating and drinking is the one eating and drinking mishpat to himself when not discerning the basar (body).

[30] Because of this, many among you are weak and there are cholim (sick) and a number are sleeping the sleep of the mesim.

[31] But if we were judging ourselves [in teshuva], we would not be brought into mishpat (judgment).

[32] But, being brought into mishpat (judgment) by Hashem, we are being disciplined, that we may not be condemned [to Onesh Gehinnom] with the Olam Hazeh. [TEHILLIM 115:5; 118:18; MISHLE 3:11, 12]

[33] Therefore, Achim b'Moshiach of mine, when you have your farbrengen gatherings and you gather for Tish, wait for one another.

[34] If anyone is so hungerik (hungry 11:21) [that he cannot wait], in his home let him eat, lest for mishpat you have kehillah. And as far as the hemshech (remaining part) is concerned, whenever I come I will set b’seder (in order).

Now I do not want you to lack da’as concerning the things of the Ruach Hakodesh, Achim b'Moshiach.

[2] You have da’as that when you WERE Goyim [T.N. i.e., you are no longer heathen pagans], somehow you were influenced and led astray to the ELILIM ILLEMIM (“Dumb idols, idols incapable of speech” CHABAKUK 2:18-19).

[3] Therefore, I make known to you that no one speaking by the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem says, ‘Al Yehoshua ki Cherem hu” (“a curse of the ban of destruction is on Yehoshua”), and no one is able to say, ‘Yehoshua hu HaAdon’ except by the Ruach Hakodesh.

[4] There are different kinds of matanot (gifts), but the same Ruach Hakodesh.

[5] There are different avodot hakodesh (ministries), but the same Adonoi.

[6] And there are a variety of activities [of the Ruach Hakodesh], but the same G-d working all in all.

[7] But to each is given the disclosure of the Ruach Hakodesh for benefit:

[8] To one through the Ruach Hakodesh is given a dvar chochmah (a dvar of wisdom Ac 16:7); to another, according to the same Ruach Hakodesh, a dvar da’as (word of knowledge Ac 5:3);

[9] To another, by the same Ruach Hakodesh, emunah (Mt 17:20-21); to another, by the one Ruach Hakodesh, matanot harippuy (gifts of healing [refuah]) Ac 3:6-16);

[10] to another those of cholel niflaot (‘accomplishing miracles’ SHEMOT 4:21; Yn 11:42-43) And to another divrei hanevu’ah (words of prophecy MELACHIM ALEF 17:1), and to another discernings (being about to make a nafka mina distinction) of ruchot (spirits MELACHIM ALEF 22:22), to another kinds of leshonot (tongues Ac 1:14;), and to another, pitronim (interpretations) of leshonot (tongues--1C 14:13).

[11] All these things are activated by the one and same Ruach Hakodesh, distributing individually to each one as He determines.

[12] For even as the body is echad, and has many evarim (members), and all the evarim (members) of the body, though many, are one body, so is Moshiach.

[13] For also in one Ruach Hakodesh we were all given mukveh tevilah into one body, whether Yehudim or Yevanim (Greeks), whether avadim (slaves) or bnei Chorin (freedman), and all were given to drink, as it were, from one Ruach Hakodesh.

[14] For the body is not one, but many, evarim (members).

[15] If the regel (foot) says, ‘Because I am not a yad (hand), I am not of the body,’ that would not make it any less one of the evarim of the body.

[16] And if the ozen (ear) says, ‘Because I am no ayin (eye), I am not of the body,’ that would not make it any less one of the evarim of the body.

[17] If the whole body were an ayin (eye), where would be the hearing? If the whole body were hearing, where would be the smelling?
But now Hashem set the evarim (members), each one of them, in the body according to His ratzon (will), as He wanted.

And if all were all one evar (member), where would the body be?

As it is, though there are many evarim (members), there is but one body.

And the ayin (eye) is not able to say to the yad (hand), “I do not have need of you.”

Just the opposite, the evarim of the body appearing to be weaker are vital.

And those evarim of the body which we presume to be dishonorable, on these we clothe with even more honor, and our parts with lesser kibbud (respect, honor) are treated with greater.

Whereas, our evarim with greater kibbud have no need of lesser.

And when one evar (member) has tza’ar (pain and suffering), all the evarim (members) have tza’ar with it; or one evar has the aliyah of kibbud, all the evarim has simcha with it.

Now you are Moshiach’s body (BERESHIS 47:18-19) and individually evarim of it.

Now Hashem placed some in the Adat HaMoshiach (community of Moshiach), in the Kehillah, rishon (first): shlichim, second, nevi’im, third, morim (teachers), then those of cholel nifla’aot (“accomplishing miracles—Ex 4:21), then matanot harippuy (gifts of healing), then matanot of helps, then manhigut ruchanit (spiritual leadership, administration), kinds of leshonot.

Surely not all are shlichim? Surely not all are nevi’im? Surely not all are rabbinim morim? Surely not all are those cholel nifla’ot (accomplishing miracles)?

Surely not all have matanot harippuy (gifts of healing)? Surely not all speak in leshonot (cf 1C 14:23, 26)? Surely not all have the pitron (interpretation) of leshonot?

But earnestly desire the greater matanot (gifts) [of the Ruach Hakodesh]....And yet now I show you a more feste derech.

where pride and carnality have so composed the achdus (unit, harmony of unifications) of the body, giving the superior kibbud to the inferior,

lest there be schisms (1:10; 11:18) in the body. But the evarim should have the same gemilut chasadim (deeds of lovingkindness and caring) for one another.

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T.N. Rav Sha’ul now turns to the need for balance. Not that he is trying to terminate the miraculous in Moshiach’s Kehillah [a futile endeavor!],

but that he is showing the need for the fruit of the Ruach Hakodesh to balance His gifts, especially in an environment where pride and carnality have quenched ahavah, which is the Yn 3:16 center of Moshiach’s saving histalkus (passing, the death of Moshiach in midst of his Redemptive mission on the analogy of Moses dying before he crosses into the Promised Land.)

If in the leshonot (language) of Bnei Adam and malachim I speak, but I do not have ahavah, I have become only a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have nevu’ah and have da’as of all sodot and all da’as, and if I have all emunah so as to remove mountains, but ahavah I do not have, I am nothing.

Ahavah covers all things, has tikvah (hope), even vindictive, keeping a record of wrongs (ZECHARIYAH 8:17).

Ahavah does not find simcha in evil, but rejoices in HaEmes.

Ahavah covers all things (MISHLE 10:12), believes all things, has tikvah (hope), even zitzfleisch, for all things.

Ahavah never fails. However, divrei nevu’ah will be abolished; leshonot will cease; da’as will come to an end.

For we have da’as in part, and we have divrei nevu’ah is part.

But when shleimah (completion) comes, the teilaiz (partial) will disappear.

When I was a yeled, I used to speak like one, think like one, reason like one. But when I became mevugar (mature), I put away kinderyohrn. [Ps 131:2]

For still we see through a mirror indistinctly. But then [in the Olam Habah], distinctly, panim el panim. [Job 26:14; 36:26; Gn 32:30; Job 19:26]

But now remain emunah, tikvah, and ahavah, these shalosh (three). And the greatest of these is ahavah.
Pursue ahavah (agape), and eagerly desire the things of the Ruach Hakodesh (matanot HaRuach Hakodesh), and especially that you may speak forth a dvar hanevu'ah (word of prophecy).

For the one speaking in a lashon (tongue) speaks not to Bnei Adam but to Hashem; for no one grasps with their ears, but the speaker by the Ruach Hakodesh speaks sodot (mysteries).

However, the one speaking forth divrei nevu'ah (words of prophecy) speaks to Bnei Adam for chizzuk (strengthening) and musar encouragement and nechamah (comfort).

The one speaking in a lashon (tongue) edifies himself; but, the one speaking forth a dvar hanevu'ah (word of prophecy) edifies kehillah.

Now I desire all of you to speak in leshonot (tongues), and even more that you may speak forth a dvar hanevu'ah (word of prophecy) (BAMIDBAR 11:29). Now greater is the one speaking forth a dvar nevu'ah (word of prophecy) than the one speaking in leshonot, unless he gives the pitron (interpretation) of the leshonot (tongues), that the kehillah (Congregation) may receive the edification.

But now, Achim b'Moshiach, if I come to you speaking in leshonot (tongues), what will I benefit you unless I speak to you either with a dvar hisgalus (a word of revelation) or with a dvar da'as or with a dvar nevu'ah or with a dvar horah (word of teaching)?

So even lifeless things, like the flute or harp, if they do not articulate a distinction in the notes, how will it be known what is being played on the flute or on the harp?

Indeed, if a shofar gives an unclear trumpet call, who will prepare himself for krav (battle)? [BAMIDBAR 10:9; YIRMEYAH 4:19]

So also unless you by your lashon (tongue) render an intelligible dvar Torah, how will the thing being uttered be known? For you will be merely speaking into the air.

There are doubtless many kinds of foreign languages in the Olam Hazeh, and not one is meaningless.

If, therefore, I do not have da'as of the meaning of the language, I will be to the speaker a foreigner and the speaker will be a foreigner to me. [BERESHIS 11:7]

So also you, als (since) you have a zeal for the matanot of the Ruach Hakodesh, endeavor to abound in them for the edification of the Kehillah (Congregation).

Therefore, the speaker in a lashon (tongue), let him offer tefillos that he may give the pitron (interpretation).

For if I daven (pray) in a lashon, my nashamah davenos, but my sikhliyut (rationality) lies shemita (fallow).

Nu? (Well?) I will daven [in leshonot] with my nashamah, and I will daven also with my seichel; I will sing [in leshonot] with my nashamah, and I will sing niggunim also with my seichel.

Otherwise, if you make a bracha [in leshonot] with your neshamah, how will the am ha'aretz, who has no idea what you are saying, answer the ‘Omein?’ [DEVARIM 27:15-26; DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 16:36; NECHEMYAHD 8:6; TEHILLIM 106:48]

For indeed you make the bracha well enough, but the other is not being edified.

Modeh Ani Hashem that I speak in leshonot more than all of you,

but in kehillah I want to speak five words with my sikhliyut (rationality), that also others I may instruct with a dvar horah (word of teaching), rather than speak ten thousand words in a lashon (tongue).

Achim b'Moshiach, be not yeladim in your machsh'vot (thoughts); be infantile in kavanah ra'ah (malice), perhaps, but in your binah, be mature.

[YIRMEYAH 4:22]

In the Torah it stands written, KI BELAAGEI SAFAH UVELASHON ACHERET YEDABER EL HAM HAZEH...VLO AVU SHMOA 'Then with ones of foreign lip and with strange tongue he will speak to this people... but they were not willing to listen' --YESHAYAH 28:11-12], says the L-rd.

So then the leshonot (tongues) are for an ot (miraculous sign), not to the ones believing, the ma'amanim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, but an ot (miraculous sign) to the Apikorosim; but divrei hanevu'ah (words of prophecy) are not for the Apikorosim, but for the ones believing, the ma'amanim in Moshiach.

If, therefore, the kehillah has a farbrengen gathering and all speak in leshonot (tongues), and then in walks the am ha'aretz or the Apikorosim, will they not say to the ones believing, ‘Ma'amanim in Moshiach."

However, if all speak forth divrei hanevu'ah (words of prophecy), and then in walks some Apikorosim or am ha'aretz, such a visitor is brought under conviction by all, he is brought into mishpat (judgment) by all.

What is hiding in his lev (heart) becomes manifest, and, having fallen on his face, he...
worships Hashem, declaring that G-d is among you (Zech 8:23; Isa 45:14; Dan 2:47).

[26] Nu? Well? Achim b'Moshiach, when you come together, each one has a mizmor (hymn, psalm), a musar (teaching with an ethical point), a dvar hisgalus (a dvar of revelation), a lashon (tongue), or a pitron (interpretation) of a lashon (tongue); let all things be for edification.

[27] If anyone speaks in a lashon (tongue), let the speakers be shenayim (two) or at most shloshah (three), and by turn, and let one give the pitron (interpretation).

[28] But if there is no one to give the pitron, let the one with the lashon (tongue) be silent in the kehillah and let him instead speak to himself and to Hashem.

[29] And let shenayim or shloshah nevi'im speak and let the other nevi'im be used with discernings of ruchot (spirits) (12:10).

[30] And if a dvar hisgalus (a word of revelation) is given to a navi sitting by, let the first navi become silent.

[31] For you all are able one by one to speak forth a dvar hanevu'ah (word of prophecy), in order that all may learn and receive chizzuk (strengthening).

[32] And the neshamot of nevi'im are subject to the nevi'im.

[33] For Hashem is no Elohei HaMevucha (the G-d of Confusion, Toph); He is Elohei HaShalom, and this is so in all the kehillot of the Kedoshim.

[34] Let the nashim in the kehillot be silent, for it is not permitted for them to blurt out, but let them become submissive, as it says in the Torah (BERESHIS 3:16).

[35] And if the nashim wish to inquire about something, let them inquire of their own be'alim b'bayis, for it is a bushah (shame) for an isha to blurt out in the kehillah (BERESHIS 3:2).

[36] Or from you did the dvar Hashem go forth (YESHAYAH 2:3), or to you only did it reach?

[37] If anyone thinks himself to be a navi or a man of the Ruach Hakodesh (2:13), let him have full da'as that the things I wrote to you are a mitzvoh of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu.

[38] But if anyone does not recognize this, he is not recognized.

[39] So then, Achim b'Moshiach of mine, earnestly desire to speak forth a dvar hanevu'ah (word of prophecy), and do not forbid speaking in leshonot (tongues).

[40] Let all things be done b'seder and without bushah (shame).

Now, Achim b'Moshiach, I draw your attention to the Besuras HaGeulah which I proclaimed to you, which also you received, in which also you stand firm, [Isa 40:9]

[2] Through which also you are brought to Yeshua'at Eloheinu, provided you hold fast to the dvar torah which I proclaimed to you, unless you received it in vain (cf. 15:12-14, 10).

[3] For I transmitted and handed on to you as authoritative torah, rishon (first), that which was also transmitted and handed on to me as authoritative torah (Ga 1:18): that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach died on behalf of avoneinu (our averos YESHAYAH 1:4, iniquities, gross wickedness, depravities) according to the Kitvei Hakodesh (YESHAYAH 53:8-9; DANIEL 9:26),

[4] And that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was buried in a kever (grave, burial place, YESHAYAH 53:9), and that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was raised in a Techiyah from the mesim on YOM HASHLISHI (BERESHIS 1:11-13 [T.N. Chag HaBikkurim Lev 23:10-11, see 1C 15:20]; SHEMOT 19:11,15-16; YEHOSHUA 1:11; BAMIDBAR 19:11 13; YONAH 1:17; YEHOSHUA 6:2; MELACHIM BAIS 20:5,8; EZRA 6:15) according to the Kitvei Hakodesh (TEHILLIM 16:10),

[5] And that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was seen by Kefa, then by the Shneym Asar,

[6] Afterward Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was seen by over five hundred Achim b'Moshiach at one time, of whom most remain alive until now, though some sleep the sleep of the mesim.

[7] Afterward, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was seen by Yaakov (Gal 1:19, also see p.848), then by all the Shlichim.

[8] And, last of all, even as if to one born not normally [like the rest], Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was seen by me also (cf. 9:1).

[9] For I am the least of Moshiach's Shlichim, not qualified to be called a Shliach, because I brought redifah (persecution) upon the Kehillah of Hashem.

[10] But by the Chen v'Chesed Hashem I am what I am. And the Chen v'Chesed Hashem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach to me was not in vain, but more abundantly than all the Moshiach's Shlichim I labored, yet it was not I, but the Chen v'Chesed Hashem with me.

[11] Whether it was I or those others, so we
preached as Moshiach's maggidim, and so you had emunah and became Moshiach's ma'aminim.

[12] And if Moshiach is being preached that from the Mesim (Dead ones) he has had his Techiyah (Resurrection), how is it that some among you say that there is no Techiyas HaMesim?

[13] And if there is no Techiyas HaMesim, neither then has Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach been raised.

[14] And if Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has not been raised, then our preaching to you was in vain and also in vain is your emunah (faith).

[15] Moreover, we are found also to be edei sheker (false witnesses) [SHEMOT 20:16; DEVARIM 19:16-21] misrepresenting Hashem Himself, because we gave solemn edut (testimony 1:6) as in the presence of G-d that Hashem raised Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach--whom, of course, He did not raise if, as you say, the Mesim are not bemetzius (in fact) raised.

[16] For if the Mesim (Dead persons) have not Techiyah, neither has Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach had a Techiyah; [17] And if Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has not already had his Techiyah from the Mesim, your emunah is futile, you are still in your averos (sins),

[18] And even the ones who sleep the sleep of the Mesim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach have perished.

[19] Listen, if for the Olam Hazeh only we have tikvateinu in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, we are to be pitied more than kol Bnei Adam.

[20] But in fact Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has had His Techiyah! Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is the Bikkurim (Firstfruits) Gn 1:11-13; Num 28:26; Lev 23:10-11), the Firstfruits of the ones having fallen asleep [in Moshiach].

[21] For als (since) through an Adam (Man) came mavet (Gn 2:17), also through an Adam (Man, Moshiach) came the Techiyas HaMesim.

[22] For as in Adam all die (Gn 3:19), so also in Moshiach all will be made alive.

[23] But each one in his own order: the Bikkurim, Moshiach; afterward, the ones of Moshiach at the Bias HaMoshiach;

[24] Then HaKetz when Moshiach gives over the Malchut Hashem to G-d, even Elohim Avinu (Dan 2:44; 7:13 14.27), after He has abolished all Mierah and Shilton and Gevurah.

[25] For it is necessary for Moshiach to reign until Hashem puts all His OYVIM ('enemies') under His RAGLAYIM ('feet,' TEHILLIM 110:1). [YESHAYAH 9:7; 52:7]

[26] The last Oyev (Enemy) to be abolished is Mavet.

[27] For KOL HASHEM put TACHAT RAGLAV ('All things He subjected under His feet' TEHILLIM 8:7[6]) but when He says that KOL ("all things") have been subjected, it is peshat (plain, literal) that this does not include the One [Hashem] who put all things in subjection under Moshiach.

[28] But, when all things are subjected to Hashem, then also the Zun fun der Oybershter [Moshiach] himself will be subjected to the One (Hashem) having subjected all things under him (Moshiach), that in all things G-d may be all [i.e., preeminent].

[29] Otherwise, what will they do, the ones being given tevilah on behalf of the dead? If the Mesim really are not raised, why indeed are they given tevilah on behalf of the Mesim?

[30] Why also are we putting ourselves at risk and in danger every hour?

[31] Daily I die and that is as true a fact, Achim b'Moshiach, as it is that I glory over you in Moshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

[32] If it were a mere humanistic matter, my fighting, so to speak, with wild beasts in Ephesus (Ac 19; 2C 1:3 10), what do I gain? If there is no Techiyas HaMesim, 'Let us eat and drink, KI MACHAR NAMUT ' For tomorrow we die' YESHAYAH 22:13; 56:12).

[33] Do not fall under a delusion. "Bad chavrusashaft (association, influence or hashpa'ah) corrupts good midos."

[34] Wake up and come to your senses. Start walking in the derech tzaddikim (TEHILLIM 1:6). Stop committing averos. Some among you have no saving da'as of Hashem. I say this to your bushah (shame).

[35] But someone will question, "How does this Techiyas HaMesim come about? And in the Techiyas HaMesim, with what kind of body will they come?" [YECHEZKEL 37:3]

[36] Yold, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies!

[37] And what is it you sow? Not the body that is to be, but something else: a bare zera (seed), efsher (perhaps) of wheat or some other grain.

[38] However, Hashem chooses [another] body to give to the ['dead' and buried] seed, and to each kind of zera is given by Hashem its own body (Gn 1:11-13; 47:18-19).

[39] Now basar is not all the same: Bnei Adam 1038
have one kind of basar; animals, another; birds, another; fish, another;
[40] and there are gufot baShomayim (heavenly bodies), and gufot baAretz (earthly bodies), but the kavod of the heavenly is of one kind, and the kavod of the earthly of another kind.
[41] There is one kavod (glory) of the shemes (sun), and another kavod (glory) of the levana (moon), and another kavod (glory) of the kochavim (stars), for in kavod (glory), kochav differs from kochav. [TEHILLIM 19:4-6; 8:1,3]
[42] So also is the Techiyas HaMesim. That which is sown is of one kind, perishable; that which is raised up is of another kind, imperishable. [DANIEL 12:2]
[43] What is sown without kavod is raised in kavod. What is sown in weakness is raised in ko'ach (power).
[44] What is sown a natural body, is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. There is one kind, perishable; that which is sown in weakness is raised in ko'ach (power). What is sown without kavod is raised in kavod. What is sown a natural body, is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.
[45] So, also, it has been written, VAYHI HAADAM L'NEFESH CHAYYAH (And the [first] Man became a living soul,' BERESHIS 2:7); but the Adam haacharon (last Adam) became a Ruach mechevah (Yn 5:26).
[46] But the spiritual body is not harishon, but the natural; then afterward the spiritual.
[47] The Adam Harishon is AFAR MIN HAADAMAH ('from the dust of the earth,' BERESHIS 2:7), out of haAretz. The Adam HaSheini (the second Adam) is out of Shomayim. [DANIEL 7:13; TEHILLIM 90:3]
[48] As was the Adam of dust, such also are those of the dust; as was the Adam of Shomayim, such also are those who are of Shomayim.
[49] And just as we have borne the demut of the Adam MIN AFAR HAADAMAH ('from the dust of the earth,' BERESHIS 2:7), so we will bear also the likeness of the Heavenly Adam (Man).
[50] Now this I say, Achim b'Moshiach, that basar vadaham cannot inherit the Malchut Hashem, neither can the perishable inherit the imperishable (TEHILLIM 16:9-10; YIOV 19:25-26).
[51] Hinei! I speak a sod (mystery) to you: we will not all sleep the sleep of the Mesim, but we will all be changed.
[52] In a rega (moment), in the wink of an eye, at the last shofar blast. For the shofar will sound, the Mesim (dead ones) will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.
[53] For it is necessary for this perishable nature to put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature to put on the immortal.
[54] But when this perishable nature puts on the imperishable, and this mortal, the immortal, then the dvar haneyvah will come to pass that stands written, 'He will swallow up death forever' (YESHAYAH 25:8) in victory.
[55] EHI DEVARECHA MAVET EHI KATAVECHA SHEOL? (Where are your plagues, O Death? Where is your destruction, O Sheol?) HOSHEA 13:14)
[56] Now the sting of death is chet (sin) and the ko'ach (power) of chet (sin) is chukkat chet (work) is not in vain in Hashem [2Ch 15:7; Isa 65:23].
[57] But Baruch Hashem, Who is giving us the Netzach (Victory) through Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. [58] So then, Chaverim and Achim b'Moshiach of mine, be steadfast, immovable, abounding always in the avodas kodesh of Adoneinu, have da'as that your po'al (work) is not in vain in Hashem [2Ch 15:7; Isa 65:23]. Now, concerning the maamadot (financial contributions) and the pushkei (pushke) we are circulating throughout the kehillot for the benefit of the Yerushalayim Kedoshim, as I directed the kehillot of Galatia, so you do also.
[52] Every Yom Rishon (T.N. which begins Motzei Shabbos by Biblical reckoning, each day being an evening and a morning) of each week, each of you by himself make something farnumen (set aside), storing up according to his hakhnasah (income), so that collections need not be made when I come.
[53] And when I arrive, whomever you approve, these I will send with iggrot to carry your matanah to Yerushalayim.
[54] And if it is fitting for me also to go, they will go with me.
[55] And I will come to you whenever I pass through Macedonia, for I will be passing through Macedonia.
[56] If I will stay with you, or even spend the choref (winter) that you may help me with a send-off wherever I may go.
[57] For I do not want to see you now in passing, for I have the tikvah to remain some time with you, im yirtzeh Hashem (G-d willing, permitting).
[58] But, I will remain on in Ephesus until Shavuos [Lv 23:15-21; Dt 16:9-11].
[59] For a delet (door) has opened, great and effective, for me, but there are many mitnaggedim (opponents).
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1 From Sha’ul, a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, to the Kehillah in Corinth, with all the Kedoshim throughout Achaia.

[1-10] Now if Timotiyos comes, see that he may be with you without fear; for the avodas kodesh of Hashem he labors in as I do.

[11-15] Therefore, let not anyone despise him. But give him a send-off in shalom that he may come to me; for I am waiting for him with the Achim b’Moshiach.

[16-18] Now, concerning Apollos the Ach b’Moshiach, I strongly exhorted him, that he would come to you with the Achim b’Moshiach. But he is beshum oifen (absolutely) unwilling to go at this time, but he will come whenever he has an opportunity.

[19-22] Watch, stand firm in the Orthodox Jewish emunah (faith), be men, be strong [TEHILLIM 31:24]. Let everything you do be done in ahavah (agape).

[23-24] My ahavah be with you all in Moshiach Yehoshua.

[25-30] Chen v’Chesed Hashem to you and shalom from Elohim Avinu and Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.


[33-34] The one giving us chizzuk (strengthening) with respect to all our tzoros so as to enable us to give chizzuk to the ones experiencing tzoros, and that through the nechamah (comfort) by which we ourselves are comforted (1:3) by Hashem. [YESHAYAH 49:13; 51:12; 66:13]

[35-36] This is so because as the Chevlei Moshiach (birth pangs of Moshiach) abound to us, so through Moshiach abounds also our nechamah (1:3; YESHAYAH 51:12). [TEHILLIM 34:19; 94:19]

[37-38] Now if we are experiencing tzoros, it is for your chizzuk (strengthening) and Yeshu’at Eloheinu; or if we are being given nechamah (comfort), it is for your nechamah that is producing in you the chozek (strength) of zitzfleisch (patience) for the endurance of the tzoros which we also suffer. [1Th 3:3]

[39-40] And our tikvah (hope) for you is well-founded, for we should not have emunah (faith) in ourselves but in Hashem, Mechayyei Mesim (Who Revivest the Dead). [Shemones Esreh, YIRMEYAH 17:5,7]

[41-42] The same G-d out of so great a Mavet delivered us and will continue to deliver us. We have set tikvateinu (our hope) that he will yet deliver us, [2 Ti 4:18]

[43-44] As you also labor together for us by techinnah (supplication), so that the “Modeh Ani” for us will be said by the many (YESHAYAH 53:11-12) for the matanah (gift) granted us through the tefillos of the many.

[45-46] For our glorying is in this: the edut (testimony) of our matzpun (conscience) [MJ 13:18] is that without remiyah (guile, fraud, deceit) and with lev hakodesh (holy kiss).
For in Moshiach every one of Hashem's havtachot (promises) is a 'Ken.' For this reason it is b'Shem Moshiach that we say the 'Omein' to the kavod of Hashem [1C 14:16; Rv 5:14].

[21] But it is Hashem who establishes us with you in Moshiach and has given us the mishchah (anointing) 1Y 2:27).

[22] Having put his chotam [seal of ownership BERESHIS 38:18; YECHZEKEL 9:4; Ep 1:13; 4:30; Rv 7:4] on us and having given the eravon (pledge) of the Ruach Hakodesh in our levavot. (hearts Ro 8:16; 2C 5:5; Ep 1:14). [BERESHIS 38:18; YECHZEKEL 9:4; CHAGGAI 2:23]

[23] Now, I call upon Hashem as eidus (witness) against my nefesh, my neshamah (soul), that it was to spare you that I did not come again to Corinth. [Ro 1:9; 2C 11:31; Pp 1:3; Th 2:5,10]

[24] Not that we play the gonster macher to domineer over your emunah (faith) [1K 5:3], but we are fellow po'alim for your simcha, for by emunah you stand.

For I decided this in myself: not again to come to you in agmat nefesh (grief). [1C 4:21; 2C 12:21]

[2] For if I grieve you, then who is the one cheering me except the one I have caused to have agmat nefesh?

[3] And I wrote the iggeret as I did, so that when I came, I should not have agmat nefesh from those who should have brought me simcha; for I have confidence about you all, that my simcha would be the simcha of all of you.

[4] For out of much tzoros and of lev (heart) distress I wrote the iggeret to you with many tears [Ac 20:31], not that you should have agmat nefesh, but that you may have da'as of the ahavah in Hashem which I have more abundantly for all of you.

[5] Now if anyone has caused agmat nefesh (grief), it is not me he has grieved, but to some extent, not to be too severe he has grieved you all. [1C 5:1]

[6] Sufficient to such a man was this onesh (penalty) by the roiv (majority),

[7] So that, on the contrary, rather you ought to give selichah (forgiveness) and chozek (strength) to him lest efshar (perhaps) such a one may be swallowed up by overwhelming remorse.

[8] Therefore I urge you to confirm to him your ahavah (love).

[9] For I wrote the iggeret to this end, that I may have da'as that you are tested and proven, that in all things you have mishma'at (obedience).

[10] Now to anyone whom you give selichah (forgiveness) of anything, I do as well, for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, it is for your sake in the presence of Moshiach;

[11] Lest we should be outsmarted by Hasatan [Lk 22:31]; for we do not lack da'as of his kesharim (conspiracies),

[12] But having come to Troas for the purpose of proclaiming the Besuras HaGeulah of Moshiach and a delet (door) to me having been opened by Adoneinu,

[YECHZEKEL 20:14; Ac 14:27; 1C 16:9; Co 4:3; Rv 3:8]

[13] I did not have shalom in my neshamah when I was not able to find Titos my Ach b'Moshiach. So I took leave of them and I went on to Macedonia.[Ac 20:1]

[14] But Baruch Hashem, the One in whom we are given the nitzachon (victory), Who always leads us in triumph in Moshiach and, through us, in every place
spreads the fragrance of the da'as of Him.
[15] For we are the aroma of Moshiach to Hashem among the ones coming to Yeshu'at Elokeinu, and among the ones perishing:[DAN 12:2]
[16] To the latter ones an odor of mavet unto mavet; but to the former ones a fragrance of Chayim (life) unto Chayim [Lk 2:34]. Who is sufficient for these things? [2C 3:5-6]
[17] For we are not as many, peddling the dvar Hashem, but as from sincerity, as from Hashem, in the presence of Hashem, in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach we speak. [2C 1:12; 1K 4:11]

Do we begin again to commend ourselves? [2C 5:12] Or surely we do not need, as some do, iggrot of haskama (letters of approval, commendation) to you or from you? [Ac 18:27; Ro 16:1]
[2] You are our iggeret, written on our levavot, being known and being read by kol Bnei Adam.[1C 9:2]
[3] And you show that you are an iggeret from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, prepared by us, having been written not with ink but with the Ruach Hakodesh of the Elohim Chayim, not on luchot of stone [SHEMOT 24:12; 31:18; 32:15,16; 34:1; DEVARIM 9:10,11] but on luchot of lev basar. [YIRMEYAH 31:33]
[4] Such is the bitachon (confidence) that we have through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach toward Hashem.
[5] Not that we are competent from ourselves to claim anything as of ourselves, but our competence is from Hashem, [2C 2:16]
[7] Now if the Sherut avodas kodesh (ministry) of mavet chiseled in letters engraved on luchot of stone came with kavod, so that the Bnei Yisroel were not able to gaze into the face of Moshe [Rabbeinu] because of P’NI MOSHE KI KARON ("face of Moshe Rabbeinu that he was radiant" SHEMOT 34:35) because of the kavod of his face, the kavod which is fading, [SHEMOT 34:29-34]
[8] Then how much more will the avodas kodesh ministry of the Ruach Hakodesh come in kavod (glory)?
[9] For if there was kavod in the Sherut avodas kodesh of harsha’ah (condemnation) [DEVARIM 27:26; Ro 8:1], how much more abounds in kavod the ministry of tzdeek [DAN 9:24]
[10] For indeed what once had kavod has lost its kavod [SHEMOT 34:29-30] on account of the surpassing kavod (glory).
[11] For if the thing which now is fading away came with kavod, much more has that which remains come in kavod.
[12] Since, then, we have such a tikvah (hope), we act with much boldness.
[13] And we are not as Moshe [Rabbeinu], who was putting HAMASVEH AI PANAV ("the veil over his face" SHEMOT 34:33, 35) so that the Bnei Yisroel might not see the end of the fading kavod.

[14] But their minds were hardened [Ro 11:25]; for until the present day the same veil remains at the Kri'at HaSefer Torah (the reading of Torah in shul), because the veil is taken away in Moshiach.
[15] But even today, whenever Moshe [Rabbeinu] is being read, a veil lies on their levavot.
[16] But whenever one turns to Adoneinu HAMASVEH is taken away. [SHEMOT 34:34; YESHAYAH 25:7; Ro 11:23-26]
[17] Now Adoneinu is HaRuach and where HaRuach Adoneinu is, there is cherut (freedom).
[YESHAYAH 61:1,2; Yn 7:39; 8:32,36; Ro 8:2; Ga 5:1,13]
[18] Now all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the kavod of Adoneinu [SHEMOT 16:7; 27:24] as if reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same demut from kavod to kavod, even as from HaAdon, HaRuach.

Therefore, since it is by the chesed of Hashem that we have this Sherut avodas kodesh (ministry), we are undaunted. [TEHILLIM 18:45; YESHAYAH 40:31]
[2] But we renounced the hidden things of bushah (shame), not going about with remiyah (deceit) nor falsifying the dvar Hashem. Rather by the manifestation of HaEmes we present ourselves to every man's matzpun in the sight of Hashem. [2C 2:17; 1Th 2:5]
[3] But if indeed our Besuras HaGeulah is nistar (hidden), it is nistar among the ones perishing, [2C 1:18]
[4] In whose case the g-d of the Olam Hazeh (Ep 2:2) blinded the
minds of the ones without emunah, so the illumination of the besuras ha-galilah of the kavod of Moshiach, who is the demut of Hashem, [Co 1:15; MJ 1:3] would not shine on them.

[5] For we preach not ourselves but Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua and ourselves as your avadim (servants) for Yehoshua's sake. [2C 1:24]

[6] Because Hashem is the One who said, 'Let Ohr shine out of chochos' [BERESHIS 1:3; YESHAYAH 9:2] who shone in our levavot for an illumination of the da'as of the kavod of Hashem in the face of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua. [2C 3:18]

[7] Now we have this otzar (treasure) in earthen vessels [2C 5:1] that the excellence of the kochach may be of Hashem and not of us. [YIJOV 4:19; YESHAYAH 64:8; SHOFETIM 7:2]


[10] Always bearing about the dying of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach in my basar that also the Chayyim of Moshiach in geviyateinu might be manifested. [BERESHIS 47:18; TEHILLIM 16:9-10; IYOV 19:25-27; YESHAYAH 53:11]

[11] For always we, the ones living, are being given over to mavet because of Moshiach [Ro 8:36; 1C 15:31] that also the Chayyim of Moshiach may be manifested in our mortal basar.

[12] So then Mavet works in us but Chayyim in you.

[13] And having the same Ruach Hakodesh of emunah that is in accordance with the kitzvi Hakodesh, HE'EMANTITI KI ADABER (I believed, therefore I speak) [TEHILLIM 116:10], we both believed and therefore we speak,

[14] Having da'as that the One who made to stand up alive Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua will make us also with Yehoshua stand up alive and will present us with you. [Ro 8:11; 1C 6:14; 15:15,20]

[15] For all things are because of you [2C 1:3-6] that the Chen vChessed Moshiach, having increased through the many, may increase the hodayah (thanksgiving) to the kavod of Hashem. [1:6]

[16] Therefore we are undaunted and do not lose chozeck (strength). For, indeed, even if our outward man is becoming old and atrophied, yet our inward man is yom yom being renewed. [Ep 3:16; Ps 18:45; 103:5; Isa 40:31]

[17] For our present momentary tzoros is preparing us for an eternal weight of kavod (glory) utterly beyond measure, [TEHILLIM 30:5; Ro 8:17-18]

[18] For while we are not looking at the visible things but the invisible; [Co 1:16; MJ 11:1,3] for the things visible are zemanniyim (temporary) but the things invisible are for lomam.

For we have da'as that if the beit mishkanenu [IYOV 4:19; 2C 4:7] is made churban, we have a bais from Hashem, a bais not made with hands, in Shomayim L'olamim. [YESHAYAH 38:12]

[2] For indeed in this mishkanenu we groan, longing for the train of our robe to be our sukkah from Shomayim. [Ro 8:23]

[3] If indeed thus clothed we will not be found naked.

[4] For while we are still in this mishkan, we groan under our burden, in as much as we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, that the mortal may be swallowed up by Chayyin. [1C 15:53-54]

[5] Now the One having prepared us for this very thing is Hashem, the One having given us the eravon (pledge) of the Ruach Hakodesh. [Ro 8:16,23; 2C 1:22; Ep 1:13]

[6] Therefore we always have bitachon since we have da'as that being at home in the basar, we are away from home in Adoneinu. [MJ 11:13-16]

[7] For we walk by emunah (faith), not by sight; [1C 13:12]

[8] Therefore we have bitachon and are pleased rather to leave home from the basar and to be at home with Adoneinu. [PP 1:23]

[9] Therefore, also we are aspiring, whether at home, or away from home, to be well pleasing to Hashem, [Co 1:10; Th 4:1]

[10] Since it is necessary for all of us to be revealed/laid bare for an appearance before the Kisse Din (Judgment Throne, i.e., Moshiach's Bet Din) of Moshiach, in order that each one of us [individually] may receive recompense for the things done in the basar, according to his ma'amisim, whether tov or rah. [1C 9:27; 3:10-15; Koh 12:14; Yn 5:22; Ac 17:31; Ro 2:16; 14:10]

[11] Therefore, since we have da'as of the yirat [Moshiach] Adoneinu, we persuade men, and we have been made manifest to Hashem and I have tikvah also that we have been made manifest to your matzpunim. [Job 23:15; 2C 4:2]

[12] We are not commending ourselves to you again [2C 3:1], but
are giving an opportunity to you of glorifying on behalf of us [2C 1:14] that you may respond to those who glory in outer appearance and not in lev.

[13] For if we have hislaves and dveykes (ecstasy), it is for Hashem; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

[14] For the ahavah (love) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach controls us, because we have judged this, that one [Moshiach] died on behalf of all and therefore all died.

[15] And Moshiach died, on behalf of all [I Ti 2:6] that the ones living may no longer live to themselves but may live to the one [Moshiach] who both died and has been made to stand up alive in his Techiyas HaMoshiach for their sakes. [Ro 14:7-8]

[16] From now on, therefore, we have da'as of no one from a purely human point of view; if indeed we have had da'as of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach according to the basar, we now no longer so have da'as of him, [17] So that if anyone is in Moshiach, he is a bria chadasha (a new being) [Ro 8:1,10; Ga 6:15]: the old things passed away; hinei, all has become chadashot. [YESHAYAH 43:18; 65:17; Rv 21:5]

[18] And all things are of Hashem, Who is the One having granted to us ritztzuy (reconciliation) to Himself through Moshiach [Ro 5:10] and has given to us the sherut HaRitztzuy (the ministry of reconciliation), [19] Davka (specifically), that Hashem was in Moshiach reconciling the Olam to himself, [Ro 3:24-25; Co 1:19-20] Not reckoning their avonot against them and putting in us the Dvar HaRitztzuy (Message of Reconciliation).

[20] On behalf of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, therefore, we are emissaries of shalom [YESHAYAH 27:5; 52:7; Ep 6:20], as if Hashem were entreating through us, we ask on behalf of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach: be reconciled to Hashem! [21] The one who in his person had no da'as of chattat (sin) [Ac 3:14; Yn 8:46; MJ 4:15; 7:26; 1K 2:22; 1Y 3:5], this one Hashem made a chattat sin offering [Ga 3:13; YESHAYAH 53:10; VAYIKRA 4:24 TARGUM HASHIVIM] on our behalf that we might become the Tzidkat Hashem [DANIEL 9:24] in Moshiach. [1C 1:30; Pp 3:9] [7N. In this next chapter Rav Sha’ul warns against associations or worldly influences or fascinations that will contaminate the believer, who should not think he can have both the world’s evils pleasures and the House of G-d’s holy chelek.]

6 As we work together with him, we also urge you not to receive the Chen vChesed Hashem in vain. [2C 5:20]

[2] For he says ‘In a time acceptable I heard you and in a day of salvation I helped you’ [YESHAYAH 49:8]. Hinei, now is the acceptable time; now is the Yom Yeshu’ah, [Ps 69:13; Isa 55:6; Lk 4:19-21] [3] Not giving in anything a cause for michshol, lest the Messianic Avodas Kodesh (holy worship, service) be blamed;


[5] In beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in tzomot; [6] In purity, in da’as, in longsuffering, in chesed, in the Ruach Hakodesh, in ahavah amitit, [7] In the dvar HaEmes, in the gevurat Hashem, through the weapons of Tzedek of the right hand and of the left. [8] Through honor and dishonor, through ill repute and good repute; as ‘deceivers’ and yet true,

[9] As being unknown and yet being well known, as dying and hinei, we live! As given the mishpat mavet and yet not penalized with death; [10] As having agmat nefesh but always having simcha, as poor but enriching many, as having nothing and yet possessing everything.

[11] We have spoken freely with you Corinthians, our levavot has been enlarged.

[12] There is no penury in our affections, only in yours.

[13] Now— I speak as to you of the Heikhal Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, who both have with B’liya’al? Or what chelek (allotment, inheritance) has a ma’amim with an Apikoros?

[14] Do not become unequally yoked with koferim (unbelievers) [Ep 5:7,11] for what shuttafut (partnership) has Tzedek with Lawlessness? Or where is the Brit (Covenant) between Ohr (light) and Choshech (darkness)? [BERESHIS 24:3; DEVARIM 22:10]

[15] And what harmony does Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach have with Bliya’al? Or what chelek (allotment, inheritance) has a ma’amim with an Apikoros?

[16] And what agreement has the Heikhal of Hashem with ellim? For we are a Heikhal of the Elohim Chayyim [1C 3:16; 6:19] as G-d said, ‘V’HITHALLACHTI B’TOCHCHEM (‘And I will walk in the midst of you’) [VAYIKRA 26:12]
Therefore, having these havtachot [promises], Chaverim, let us submit to his tahorah, cleansing ourselves from every defilement of basar and ruach, perfecting kedushah (holiness) in yirat Shomayim. [2] In your levavot make a cheder for us; we wronged no one, we ruined no one, we exploited no one. [2C 12:17]
[3] I do not say this to bring you under harsha'ah, for I have said before that you are in our levavot [2C 6:11-12; Pp 1:7] whether to die with you or to live with you. [SHMUUEL BEIS 15:21]
[4] I have much ometz lev (boldness) and confidence toward you. I glory much on your behalf. I have been filled with chozek (strength). I am filled to overflowing with simcha at all of our tzoros.
[5] For indeed when we had come into Macedonia [Ac 20:1-2; 2C 2:13] we had no physical mano'ach (rest) but we had tzoros everywhere: battles on the outside, fears inside. [DEVARIM 32:25]
[7] And not only by the coming of him, but also by the encouragement by which he was encouraged over you, reporting to us your longing, your mourning, your kanous (zeal) for me, so that it caused me to have even more simcha.
[8] Because if indeed I caused you agmat nefesh (grief) by the iggeret, I do not regret it, though I did regret it, but I see that that iggeret grieved you only briefly. [2C 2:4]
[9] Now I have simcha, not that you had agmat nefesh, but that your grief brought you to teshuva, for your agmat nefesh was in Hashem, so that by us you suffered in nothing.
[10] For the agmat nefesh that is according to Hashem produces teshuva to Yeshu'at Eloheinu, not to be regretted, but that your grief brought you to teshuva, for your agmat nefesh was in Hashem, so that by us you suffered in nothing.
[11] For, hinei, see what zikaron of the mishma'at out to you, all the more as he has zikaron of the mishma'at out to you, all the more as he encouraged us [YESHAYAH 7:8,14; YESHAYAH 43:6; YIRMEYAH 31:9] says Adonoi Tzva'ot. [SHEMOT 4:22; DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 17:13; AMOS 3:13; 4:13 TARGUM HASHIVIM Rv 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 21:22]
[12] Then though I wrote an iggeret to you, it was not for the sake of the one having done hara'ah (the evil), nor for the sake of the one who was beleidikt (offended), but for the sake of your kanous (zeal) for us becoming manifest to you before Hashem.
[13] In this we have chozek (strength). But in addition to our encouragement, we had still more simcha at the simcha of Titos, because his neshamah has been set at rest by all of you;
[14] Because if I have been somewhat boastful about you Corinthians to Titos, I was in this not put to shame, but just as everything we said to you is HaEmes, so also our boasting to Titos has proven true as well.
[15] And his lev (heart) goes out to you, all the more as he has zikaron of the mishma'at (obedience) of all of you [2C 2:9] as you received him BYIRAH (with fear) and BIRADAH (trembling).
[16] I have simcha that in everything I have confidence in you.
During the present time of equality that there should be a balance of your abundance for those who lack, and also for your lack there may be their abundance, [2C 9:12] so also there may be equality, [15] As it has been written V'LO HEDIF HAMARBEH VHAMMAMIT LO HECHSIR. ("The one that gathered the much did not have too much and the one that gathered little did not have too little"
SHEMOT 16:18)
[16] But Baruch Hashem, the One having given the same zerizut (diligence) for you in the lev (heart) of Titos,
[17] Because of the chozek (encouragement) he received, and having more zerizut on his own accord, he went forth to you.
[18] And we sent with him the Ach b'Moshiach who is havatz (famous) among all the Kehillot for his proclaiming the Besuras HaGeulah,
[19] And not only this but also this Ach b'Moshiach has been handpicked by the Kehillot to travel with us and with this avodas kodesh of chessed being administered by us to the kavod of Adoneinu Himself and as a givos eidus (testimony) to your goodwill.
[20] Avoiding also that anyone should murmur about our handling of this liberal matanah (gift);
[21] For our tachlis is to do what is tov me'od BEINEI ELOHIM V'ADAM ("in the eyes of G-d and man").
[22] And we sent with them our Ach b'Moshiach whom we have often tested and found having zerizut in much, and now having even more zerizut by his great bitachon in you. As for Titos, he is my shutaf and your fellow po'el in your avodas kodesh; as for our Achim b'Moshiach, they are shlichim of the Kehillot, the kavod of Moshiach.
[24] Therefore, openly before the Moshiach's Kehillot, demonstrate your ahavah and vindicate our glorying about you [2C 7:14].

Concerning your Messianic avodas kodesh sherut for the Kedoshim [2C 8:4,20] it is superfluous for me to send you this iggeret. [2] For I have da'as of your readiness to involve yourself in Messianic Jewish ministry and this is the subject of my glorying to the Macedonians, saying that Achaia has been prepared since last shanah and your kanos has been me'azrez (a spur into action) to most of them.
[3] And I am sending the Achim b'Moshiach lest our glorying on behalf of you should be made empty in this respect, that you be ready, as I was saying you would be,
[4] Lest perhaps if some Macedonians should come with me and they find you unprepared, we should have bushah, to say nothing of you, in this situation.
[5] Therefore, I considered it necessary to encourage the Achim b'Moshiach, that they should go on ahead to you and, having arranged in advance the bountiful terumah (contribution) of the havtacha you made previously so that this matanah would be ready so as to be a bracha and not an exaction.
[6] Note this: the one sowing sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one sowing for a bracha of bounty will also reap a bracha of bounty.
[7] Each of you should give as he has decided previously in his lev (heart), not giving bedieved (begrudgingly)
nor out of necessity; for Hashem loves a cheerful giver. [SHEMOT 25:2; DEVARIM 15:10; MISHLE 22:8 TARGUM HASHIVIM]

[8] And Hashem is able to cause to abound to you all Chen v'Chesed Hashem that in everything, always, having all sufficiency, you may abound to every mitzvah.

[9] As it has been written, PIZAR NATAN LAEVONIM TZIDKATO OMEDET LA'AD "He scattered, he gave to the poor, His Righteousness endures forever." [Ps 112:9 Mal 3:10]

[10] Now the one supplying ZERA (seed) to the sower and LECHEM for okhel (food) [YESHAYAH 55:10] will supply and will multiply your zera and will increase the p'ri of the basar of the Olam Hazeh. [1C 1:11; 4:15]

[11] You will be enriched in every ma'aseh chesed to all generosity, which produces through us hodayah (thanksgiving) to Hashem; [2C 3:10; 4:15] 10

[12] Because the avodas kodesh of this tzedakah is not only filling up the things lacking of the Kedoshim, [2C 8:14] but is also abounding through hodayah rabbah (much thanksgiving) to Hashem;

[13] Through the proof of this Messianic Jewish shurut you bring kavod to Hashem on the basis of your submission to your Ani Ma’amin Hoda’a confession of the Besuras HaGeulah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and on the basis of the generosity of your terumah (contribution) to them and to all kol Bnei Adam;

[14] And, reciprocally, the Messianic Jews in Yerushalayim will daven in intercession for you, having great ahavah in Moshiach for you, because of the surpassing Chen v'Chesed Hashem upon you.

[15] Baruch Hashem for his indescribable matanah!

10 Now I myself, Sha’ul, appeal to you gently in Moshiach and in his anavah (humility) I who am peh el peh (panim el panim, face to face) 'lowly' among you [1C 2:3; 4:15] but have 'chutzpah' with you when absent. [1C 2:4; 7:8]

[2] Now I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show enough chutzpah to oppose certain persons, [1C 4:21] the ones considering us to act according to the standards of the basar of the Olam Hazeh. [3] For though walking in basar, we war not according to the basar, [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not of the basar, [5] And every high minded thing rising up against the da’as of Hashem, and leading captive every machshavah (thought) into the mishma’at of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, [Isa 2:11,12]

[6] And prepared to discipline all disobedience whenever your mishma’at (obedience) is completed. [2C 2:9]

[7] You look at things according to outward appearance. If anyone has persuaded himself that he belongs to Moshiach, have zikaron (recollection) of this: as he is of Moshiach, so also are we.

[8] Now even if I should glory a little too much [2C 13:10] which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu gave for building you up and not for tearing you down, I will make good my claim. [Jer 1:10]

[9] I did not intend to seem as if my iggrot were meant to frighten you. [10] For they say, 'His iggrot indeed are weighty and strong but his physical presence is weak and his shprach (diction), as far as rhetoric is concerned, is despicable.'

[11] Let such a one consider this: that the dvar we speak through iggrot when absent will become action we will very well do when present! [2C 13:2,10]

[12] For we dare not to make a geder (classification) for ourselves or to compare ourselves with some of the ones commending themselves [2C 3:1; 5:12], but when they measure themselves by the standard of one another or compare themselves with one another, they do not show seichel.

[13] But we will not boast out of our depth, but will be shomer to keep within the sadeh (field) Hashem has apportioned to us which reached out even as far as you. [2C 13:10]

[14] For we were not getting out of our depth when we reached even as far as you. We were the chalutzim (pioneers) who came with the Besuras HaGeulah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[15] We do not boast out of our depth, but will be shomer to keep within the sadeh (field) Hashem has apportioned to us which reached out even as far as you. [Ga 2:7]

[16] So that we may abundantly proclaim the Besuras HaGeulah to the regions beyond you, without boasting in someone else's
Messianic chalutz accomplishments.

| 17 | But HAMMIT HALLELYIT HALLEL; (“The one boasting let him boast” in the L-rd.) [Jer 9:23,24; Ps 34:2; 44:8; 1C 1:13]; |
| 18 | For it is not the one commending himself that has the haskama (approval), but it is the one to whom [Moshiach] Adoneinu gives the haskama. [1C 4:4 5] |

I would that you might bear with me in a little tipshus (foolery). Do bear with me!

| 2 | For I have kinah for you, a kinat Hashem, for, as a shadkhan (marriage broker), I betrothed you to one ish (husband) to present you as a chaste betulah to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach; [HOSHEA 2:19; SHIR HASHIRIM; Ep 5:26-27] |
| 3 | But I fear lest somehow as the Nachash deceived Chavah by his cunning [BERESHIS 3:1-6,13] your machshavot should be led astray from a simple and pure deveykus to Moshiach. |
| 4 | For if a darshan shows up and preaches another Moshiach, another “Yehoshua” (“Yeshua”) other than the one in our drashot, or if you receive a different “Ruach Hakodesh” from the One you received or a different Besuras HaGeulah from the one regarding which you were mekabel, you put up with that well enough. [Ga 1: 8- 9] |
| 5 | For I consider to have come behind the most groise (eminent) Shlichim in absolutely nothing. [1C 15:10, 2C 12:11; Ga 2:6,9] |
| 6 | But if indeed I am unskilled in lashon [1C 1:17; 2:1,13] yet I am not in da'as (knowledge) [Ep 3:4] but in all ways and all things I have made this abundantly clear to you. |

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from robbers, in sakanot mavet from my own people [Ac 9:23], in sakanot mavet from Goyim [Ac 14:5], in sakanot mavet in the shetel, in sakanot mavet in the country, in sakanot mavet in the sea, in sakanot mavet among achei sheker (false brothers); [27] In labor and toil, in watchings, often in famine and thirst, in tzomot often, in cold and nakedness; [2C 6:5]; [28] Beside the things from without, there is the pressure on me yom yom, the care of all of Moshiach's Kehillot.
[29] Who is weak and I am not weak? [1C 9:22] Who is caused to fall into chet (sin), and I do not burn? [30] If it is necessary for me to boast, then I will boast of my weaknesses. [2C 12:5]
[31] Hashem, Elohim HaAv of HaMoshiach Yehoshua knows (Hamevorach l'olmei olamim!) that I am not speaking sheker. [2C 1:23]
[32] In Damascus the Ethnarch under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus to arrest me, [33] And I was let down through the wall through a window in a basket, and escaped his hands. [Ac 9:24-25]

12 It is necessary for me to boast, nothing gained by it, yet I now come to marot (visions) and chazonot (revelations) of Adoneinu. [2] I have da'as of a man in Moshiach arba esreh shanah (fourteen years) before, whether in or out of the basar I do not have da'as, Hashem knows—such a man was snatched up and raptured to the raki'a haShlishi of Shomayim.
[3] And I have da'as that such a man, whether in or out of the basar I do not have da'as, Hashem knows,
[4] That he was caught away into Gan-Eden and heard inexpressible dvarim which to utter such words Bnei Adam have no heter (permit).
[5] On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on behalf of myself I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. [2C 11:30]
[6] But if I desire to boast, I will not be a yold (fool) [2C 10:8; 11:16] for I will speak HaEmes; but I spare you, lest anyone gives me credit beyond what he sees in me or hears in me.
[7] Therefore, lest I should be too exalted especially by the excess of my chazonot, there was given to me a kotz (thorn, splinter) in my basar, a malach of Hasatan, for the purpose of using his fists on me [IYOV 2:6], lest I should be too exalted. [Num 33:55]
[8] I davened shalosh davenot (three prayers) and a davenot shalom (peace prayer) on me, [2C 11:9] Do pardon me this slight!
[9] And HaAdon said to me, 'My Chesed is ad kahn (enough) for you, for My ko'ach (power) is perfected in weakness.' With lev samei'ach (power) is perfected in weakness that the gevurah of Moshiach might be a shelter over me. [1Kgs 19:12]
[10] Therefore, I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in tzoros on behalf of Moshiach; for whenever I am weak, then the gibbor (strong man) am I! [Pp 4:11,13]
[11] I have been a yold! You forced me. For I ought to be commended by you, for in nothing I was behind the most groise (eminent) Shlichim [2C 11:5], even if I am nothing.
[12] Indeed the otot (signs) of the Shlich of Moshiach were brought about among you in all savlanut (patience), both by otot and moftim and gevurot. [Ro 15:19]
[13] For in what have you been short-changed compared to the rest of Moshiach's Kehillot, except that I myself was not a burden on you? [2C 11:9] Do pardon me this slight!
[14] Hinei, this is the pa'am shlishi am I ready to come to you [2C 13:1], and I will not be a burden; for I seek not yours but you, for yeladim ought not to lay up for their horim (parents), but horim for their yeladim. [MISHLE 19:14]
[15] But with simcha I will expend and be utterly expended for the nefashot (souls) of you [Pp 2:17]. If more abundantly I have ahavah for you, are you to have less ahavah for me?
[16] But let the matter of my being a burden on you be as it may, some say, 'Crafty jack that I am, I took you by ormah (cunning)' [BERESHIS 3:1]
[17] Now I didn't take advantage of any of you through anyone I sent to you, did I? [18] I urged Titos to go, and I sent with him the Ach bMoshiach; [2C 8:6, 16-18] Titos didn't take advantage of you, did he? Did we not walk our derech by the same Ruach Hakodesh? We did not march out of step, did Titos and I? [19] All along have you been thinking that we are making a hitstaddekut (defense, apology) before you? No, before Hashem in Moshiach we speak! Everything we do, Chaverim, is for the sake of your chozek [strength] and edification! [20] For I fear lest efsher (perhaps) when I come I may not find you as I wish [2C 2:1-4] and...
that you may not find me as you wish; I fear lest esher there be merivah (strife), kinah (jealousy), ka’as (anger), machalokot (divisions), lashon hora (evil speech), ga’avah (conceit), commotions; [21] Lest when I come again Hashem Elohai may make me anay ( humble) before you, and I should have agnat nefesh over many of the ones who committed averos before [2C 13:2], and have not made teshuva from the tumah (uncleanness) and zenet (fornication) and debauchery which they practiced.

This is the pa’am hashenit I am coming to you; [2C 12:14] by the PI SHNAYIM SHLOSHAH EDMIM (“by the mouth of two or three witnesses, DEVARIM 19:15) every dvar shall be established.

[2] I warned those who committed averos before and all the rest, and, now absent, I warn them again, as I did when I made pakad (visit) the pa’am hashenit, that if I come again, I will not spare, I will not be lenient,

[3] Als (since) you seek to test if Moshiach is speaking in me. Moshiach is not weak toward you, but is GIBBOR in you [YESHAYAH 9:5].

[4] For indeed he was talui al HaEtz (“being hanged on the Tree,” DEVARIM 21:23) out of weakness, [Pp 2:74] but Moshiach lives by the gevurat Hashem. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet we will live with him by the gevurat Hashem (the power of G-d) toward you.

[5] Perform a bedikah (examination) on yourselves to see if you are in the [Orthodox Jewish] emunah (faith). Test and prove yourselves [1C 11:28]. Or do you yourselves not have da’as that Moshiach is in you? Unless you are reprobate and unapproved. [EKHAH 3:40]

[6] But I have tikvah that you will have da’as that we are not unapproved.

[7] Now we daven (pray) to Hashem that you do not do any rah (evil), not that we Shlichim may appear to have stood the test, but that you may do hatov (the good), though we may seem to have failed.

[8] For we are not able to do anything against HaEmes, but only for HaEmes. [1C 13:6]

[9] For we have lev same’ach beriyot, if Moshiach is speaking in me.

[10] Therefore, while I am absent I write this iggeret so that when I am present I may not treat you with severity, according to the samchut (authority) which Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu gave me for your chozek (strength) and not for your churban. [2C 2:3; 10:5, 11]

[11] For the rest, Achim, bMoshiach, rejoice with simcha. [Pp 4:4] Come to order and chazzak (be strong)! Have achdus (unity) in your machshavot (thoughts). Live in shalom. And the G-d of ahavah and shalom will be with you. [Ro 15:33]

[12] Greet one another with a neshikat hakodesh.

[13] All the Kedoshim say, ‘Shalom!’

[14] The Chen v’Chesed Adoneinu Moshiach and the ahavas Hashem and the dveykus HaRuch Hakodesh be with you all. [Zohar tefat rishin khd hu, three heads are one Zohar rol iii 2.288 versa Amsterdam Edition] Ra’ei Sha’ul has “boasted” of his weaknesses. The hardships he tells us about in chapters 4:8-9; 6:4-5; 11:23-29; 12:10 are evidence that Hashem has been the author of his ministry which would otherwise have been impossible if G-d did not show His strength through weak and unworthy vessels, which is what all ministers are. This letter was written nearly ten years before Rav Shaul’s martyrdom. Next we turn to the letter he wrote to the Galatians. The book of Galatians covers some of the same themes as that of Romans, which was written around 57 C.E. Look at Gal 3:12-13 and also Ro 4:14. When certain legalists visited the Galatian congregations and taught these non-Jews a doctrine that added conditions to salvation, the corrective had to be made that those who have a claim to the inheritance on the basis of their fulfillment of the law boil down to one individual, Moshiach, as is stated in Gal 3:12-13. So only Moshiach has a claim on Hashem on the basis of his obedience and his total walk on the Derech Hakodesh in that he never sinned [MJ 4:15; 7:26; 1K 2:22; Isa 53:9; Yn 8:23; 8:46; Ex 12:5; Yn 1:29; 2C 5:21]. Anyone else who assumes such about himself or herself is delusional. For as bnei Adam we are sin not just in what we do, but in what we are, as blind, depraved creatures running from the "Word and hiding in our shame and guilt" (see Ps 51; Gn 3:8). How can we seek self-attained salvation through meritorious works if we do not even understand our own depravity and need for Hashem’s gracious gift of Moshiach Tzidkeinu? This was the problem with the Galatians.
From Sha'ul, a Shliach, not from Bnei Adam, nor through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua and Hashem, Elohim Avinu, the One of whom we say Mechayyei Mesim Atah (Thou Revivest the Dead), even the Moshiach, 

[2] And from all the Achim B'Moshiach with me; to the Kehillot of Galatia.

[3] Chen v'Chesed Hashem to you and Shalom Hashem from Elohim Avinu and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu,

[4] The one having made a matnat Elohim of himself, on behalf of chattoteynu (our sins), so that he might rescue us out of the Olam Hazeh [Yom Tzarah], this age, this present evil age, according to the ratzon Hashem (will of G-d), even Avinu,


[6] I am shocked that so quickly you are being turned from the One who granted you the kri'ah (calling), summoning you by the Chen v'Chesed Hashem of Moshiach. I am shocked that so quickly you are being turned from this to a different "Besuras HaGeulah."

[7] Not that there is another, mind you! Except that there are some individuals disturbing and troubling (5:12) you, desiring to twist and pervert the Besuras HaGeulah (Yeshayah 40:9; 60:6) of Moshiach. I am shocked that so quickly you are being turned from this to a different 'Besuras HaGeulah.'

[8] But even if we [Shlichim, emissaries of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] or a malach from Shomayim should pose as maggidim [for Moshiach] and make a hachrazah (proclamation) to you of a 'Besuras HaGeulah' other than that Besuras HaGeulah which we preached to you, let such a one be ARUR HAISH ('Cursed is the man,' YEHOSHUA 6:26) and set under cherek (ban of destruction) and onesh Gehinnom (damnation).

[9] As we have previously said, and now again I say, if any one preaches a 'Besuras HaGeulah' to you other than that which you received, let him be ARUR HAISH and be consigned to onesh Gehinnom.

[10] Am I now seeking the ishshur (approval) of Bnei Adam? Or the haskama (approval) of Hashem? Or am I seeking to be a man-pleaser? If (and this is not the case) I were still pleasing Bnei Adam, I would not have been the eved of Moshiach.

[11] For I mefarsem (make known) to you, Achim B'Moshiach, the Besuras HaGeulah having been preached by me, that it is not according to Bnei Adam;

[12] For neither did I receive it from Bnei Adam nor was I taught it, but no, it was through a chazon (revelation) of Moshiach Yehoshua.

[13] For you heard of my derech, my halakhah, my hitnahagut (conduct) in earlier times in Yahadut (Judaism), how I was to an extraordinary degree bringing redifah (persecution) upon the Kehillah of Hashem and was making havoc of it,

[14] And I was shtaig (working my way up, advancing, progressing) in Yahadut (Judaism) beyond many of my landsmen, being more abundantly machmir and a kannai (zealot) bekius for the minhagim, the Masorot haAvot, the kabbalah (oral tradition), the Torah Sheb'al Peh, the Hakolah of my Avot.

[15] But when Hashem was pleased, when it was the ratzon Hashem, Hashem being the One who separated me as kodesh KERA'ANI MIMEI IMMI ('He called me from the womb of my mother' YESHAYAH 49:1) and granted me the kri'ah (calling), summoning me through the Chen v'Chesed of Hashem,

[16] To reveal His Zun fun der Oybershter in me, that I might preach Him among the Goyim, immediately, then, I did not consult with basar vadahm (flesh and blood),

[17] Nor did I go up to Yerushalayim to those who were Moshiach's Shlichim before me, but I went away hithdodedut into Arabia and again I returned to Damascus.

[18] Then, after shalosh shanim (three years), I went up to Yerushalayim to get acquainted with Kefa, and I stayed with him chamishah asar yamim (fifteen days).

[19] But other of the Moshiach's Shlichim I did not see except Yaakov achi Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu [T.N. See p.848 and read In chp 7 and you will see that Yaakov and Sha'ul were both unbelievers before the appearance of the Moshiach to them after His histalkus—see IC 15:7].

[20] Now, what things I write to you, hinei, before Hashem I do not speak sheker.

[21] Next I went into the regions of Syria and of Cilicia,

[22] But I was unknown panim el panim by the Kehillot of Moshiach in Yehudah;

[23] Only they were hearing that 'the one once bringing redifah (persecution) upon us is now preaching the [Messianic Orthodox Jewish] Emunah which once he was pillaging.'

[24] And they were glorifying Hashem in [by means of] me.
Then, after arbah esrey shanim (fourteen years), again (Acts 11:30) I went up to Yerushalayim with Bar-Nabba, having taken with me also Titos.

[2] Yet I went up according to a chazon (revelation), and I laid before them the Besuras HaGeulah which I proclaim among the Goyim, but I did this privately to the men of repute (2:9), lest I should run, or should prove to have run, L'TOHU (in vain)

[YESHAYAH 49:4; 65:23].
[3] But Titos, the one with me, a Yevani (Greek), was not compelled to undergo bris milah.

[4] But because of the achein sheker (false brothers) b'Moshiach, the ones secretly brought in, the ones who crept in to spy out our DEBOR ('freedom' VAYIKRA 25:10) which we have in Moshiach Yehoshua al menat (in order that) they might enslave us.
[5] To these enslavers not for one hour did we yield in subjection, that HaEmes of the Besuras HaGeulah might continue and remain with you (Galatan Goyim).
[6] But from the men of repute whatever they once were matters nothing to me, ki ein masso panim im Hashem (for there is no respect of persons with G-d, no partiality) for to me these men of repute added nothing.
[7] But, on the contrary, having seen that I have been entrusted with the Besuras HaGeulah for those without the bris milah, just as Kefa was for those with the bris milah,
[8] For the One having worked in Kefa for a Shlichus to those with the bris milah also worked in me for a Shlichus to the Goyim.
[9] And realizing the Chen v'Chesed Hashem having been given to me, Yaakov [see p.848] and Kefa and Yochanan, the men of repute, the ones seeming to be Ammudei HaKehillah (Pillars of the Kehillah), extended to me and to Bar-Nabba the yad yeminam (right hands) as a sign of Achavah B'Moshiach (Brotherhood in Moshiach), that we should be for those of the Goyim, but they for those of the bris milah,
[10] Only that we should remember the Aniyim (the Poor), the very thing which I was also eager to do.
[11] But when Kefa came to Antioch, I stood against him to his face, because there was found in him a dvar ashmah (a thing of guilt, condemnation).
[12] For, before certain ones [Jerusalem visitors] came from Yaakov, Kefa was as a matter of course sitting at tish (breaking of bread) at the Seudos Moshiach with the Goyim; but, when they came, Kefa drew back and was separating himself, fearing the ones [the Jerusalem party] of the bris milah (Ac 15:5).
[13] And the rest of the Yehudim who were ma'amimin b'Moshiach joined with Kefa in this dissembling, so that even Bar-Nabba was carried away with their tzevi'ut (hypocrisy).
[14] But when I saw that their halichah, their hitnahagut (conduct) was not the Derech HaYashar (Straight Way) with respect to HaEmes of HaBesuras HaGeulah, I said to Kefa before all, 'If you, being a Yehudi, have a hitnahagut that is according to the Derech Goyim and not the Derech Yehudim, how do you compel the Goyim to live as the Yehudim?
[15] We ourselves are Yehudim by birth and not Goyishe chote'im (sinners).

Yet we have da'as that a man cannot be YITZDAK IM HASHEM ('be justified with G-d' IYOV 25:4) by emunah in Moshiach and not by [supposed zokheh merit of] ma'amisim, because by taryag mitzvot KOL CHAI LO YITZDAK ('all living shall not be justified' TEHILLIM 143:2).
[17] Now, if, by seeking to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM in Moshiach, we ourselves were found also to be chote'im (sinners) (2:15; Ro 3:9,23), then in that case is Moshiach a kohen for iniquity, a minister serving sin? Chas v'Shalom (G-d forbid)!

For if what I destroyed, these things I again rebuild (Gal 1:23; 5:2), I display myself to be a poshei'a (transgressor).
[19] For I, through the Torah (3:13), died in relation to the gezetz (Ro 7:4-6), so that I might live to Hashem. With Moshiach I have been talui al haetz (hanging on the tree, DEMYARIM 21:23).
[20] But it is no longer Anochi (I) who lives, but Moshiach who lives in me, and the Chayyim I now live in the basar, I live by emunah, emunah in the Zun fun der Oyber-shter [Moshiach], the one having ahavah (agape) for me and having given himself over, on my behalf.
[21] I do not set aside the Chen v'Chesed Hashem; for if the MAH ('how') an ENOSHI ('man') is to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (IOV 25:4) is found through Gezetz chumra,
then Moshiach died for nothing and L'TOHU (in vain) [Isa 49:4; 65:23].

O senseless Galatians, who bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua was publicly shown forth as having been TALUI AL HAETZ (hanging on the tree, DEVARIM 21:23).

|2| This one thing only I want to learn from you: did you receive the Ruach HaKodesh by means of ma'asim of Gezetz (works of Law) or by means of the hearing of emunah?
|3| You lack seichel; having begun in the Ruach HaKodesh, will you now be perfected in the basar?
|4| Did you suffer so many things lashav (in vain)? --if it really was lashav.
|5| So then, Hashem who is supplying to you the Ruach HaKodesh and producing nifla'ot (miracles) among you, by what means does He do it, by ma'asim of Gezetz or by the hearing of emunah?
|6| Just as Avraham Avinu HE'EMIN BA'HASHEM VAYACHSHEVEHA LO TZDAKAH (“believed Hashem and it [his faith] was accounted to him for righteousness” BERESHIS 15:6),
|7| Know then, that the Bnei HaEmunah, these ones are the Bnei Avraham Avinu!
|8| And the Kitvei HaKodesh, having foreseen that Hashem would yatzdik (justify) the Goyim by emunah, preached the besuras haGeulah beforehand to Avraham Avinu, saying VENIVRECHU VO KOL GOYEI HA'ARETZ (“All the families, peoples of the earth will be blessed in you” BERESHIS 18:18; 12:3).
|9| For this reason, the ones of emunah receive the bracha (blessing) with Avraham Avinu ha'ma'amin (the believer).
|10| For as many as are seeking YITZDAK IM HASHEM by ma'asim of Gezetz are under a kelalah (curse); for it has been written, ARUR ASHER LO YAKIM ES DIVREI HATORAH HAZOT LAASOT OTAM (“Cursed is everyone who does not uphold, abide by all the words of this Torah to do them, to carry them out’ DEVARIM 27:26; cf Ya 2:10).
|11| Now it is clear that not one person is YITZDAK IM HASHEM (‘justified with G-d’) by Gezetz, because V'TZADDIK BE'EMUNATO YICHEYEH (“the righteous by his faith will live’ CHABAKUK 2:4). 
|12| But the Gezetz is not of emunah, but the man YAASEH OTAM VACHAI (‘who does these things will live’ by them VAYIKRA 18:5).

|13| Moshiach redeemed us from the kelalah (curse) of the Torah, having become a kelalah (curse) on behalf of us, because it has been written, KILELAT HASHEM is on NIVLATO TALUI AL HAETZ (‘Curse of G-d is on the NEVELAH (body, corpse) being hanged on the tree’ DEVARIM 21:23),
|14| In order that to the Goyim the bracha of Avraham Avinu might come by Moshiach Yehoshua, that the havtachah (promise) of the Ruach haKodesh we might receive through emunah.
|15| Achim B'Moshiach, I speak according to human dimyon (analogy). Even a brit (covenant) having been confirmed by Bnei Adam no one sets aside or adds to it. 
|16| Now to Avraham Avinu were spoken the havtachot (promises) and to his ZERA (‘seed’ BERESHIS 22:18). He does not say V'LIZERAEHCHAH (‘and to your seeds’), as concerning many, but as concerning one, ‘and to the ZERA of you’, and that ZERA is Moshiach.

|17| And this I say: a brit (covenant), which was previously confirmed by Hashem, cannot be annulled so as to abolish the havtachah (promise) by the Mattan Torah –which was given arba meot usheloshim shanah [four hundred and thirty years later SHEMOT 12:40].
|18| For if the nachalah (inheritance) is based on Gezetz, it is no longer based on havtachah (promise); but Hashem has given the nachalah to Avraham Avinu by havtachah (promise).
|19| Why then the Mattan Torah (Giving of the Torah)? The Torah was added because of peysha'im, until the ZERA (Moshiach) should come to whom the havtachah had been made (BERESHIS 22:18). Now the Torah was administered through malachim [DEVARIM 33:2; TEHILLIM 68:18] by the hand of a metavech.
|20| Now the metavech is not for only one, but Elohim hu echad (DEVARIM 6:4).

|21| Is the Torah, mimeila (consequently, as a result), against the havtachot (promises) of Hashem? Chas v'Shalom (G-d forbid!)! For if Gezetz had been given that had the ko'ach (power) to affect hitkhadshut (regeneration), then to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (‘justified with G-d’) would indeed have been based on ma'asim of Gezetz.
|22| But the Kitvei HaKodesh consigned all things under HaChet (Sin) [Devarim 27:26], that the havtachah (promise)
might be given by emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua to the ma'aminim.

[23] But before Emunah came, we were being held in custody, being confined and guarded for the about-to-be-revealed Emunah.

[24] This is the result: the Gezetz functioned as our omenet (governess) to lead us to Moshiach, that by emunah we might be YITZDAK IM HASHEM.

[25] But Emunah having come, we are no longer under an omenet (governess).

[26] For through emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, you are all yeladim of Elohim.

[27] For as many as have had a tevilah into Moshiach have clothed yourselves with Moshiach.

[28] There is not Yehudi nor Yevani (Greek), there is not eved (servant) nor Ben Chorin (freedman), there is not zachar (male) nor nekevah (female), for you are all echad in Moshiach Yehoshua.

[29] And, if you belong to Moshiach (YESHAYAH 53:10), then you are of the ZERA of Avraham Avinu, you are yoreshim (heirs) according to the havtachah (promise).

Now I say this: for however much time as the yoreh (heir) has not attained his majority (the state or time of being of full legal age, or his religious majority, his Bar Mitzvah), he differs nothing from an eved, though being Baal Bayit of all the nachalah (inheritance).

[2] And he is under shomrim (guardians) and omnot (governesses) until the time previously appointed by the Baal Bayit.

[3] So also we, when we were immature, had been enslaved under the yesodot (rudiments) of the Olam Hazeh.

[4] But when the fullness of time had come, Hashem sent forth his Zun fun der Oybershter [Moshiach, 2Sm 7:14; Ps 2:7; 89:27f], born of an isha (Gn 3:15; Isa 7:14; Mic 5:2), born under Gezetz (Law),

[5] That Moshiach might bring the Geulah (Redemption) to the ones under Gezetz (Law), that we might receive the Ma'amad HaBanim (the standing as sons), the bechirah adoption.

[6] And because you are banim, Hashem sent forth the Ruach of His Zun fun der Oybershter into your levavot, crying 'Abba, Avinu!'

[7] So you are no longer an eved but a ben; and if a ben, also a yoresh through Hashem.

[8] But, formerly, when you did not have da'as (knowledge) of Hashem, you were avadim serving that which is by nature not HaEl Ha'Amiti (the true G-d).

[9] But, now, having known Hashem, or rather having been known by Hashem, how is it that you are returning to the weak and beggarly yesodot (rudiments) of the Olam Hazeh to which again you want to renew your service as avadim?

[10] You [Galatian Goyim] observe yamim (days) and chodashim (months, new moons) and mo'adim (fixed times, festivals) and shanim.


[12] Become as I am, because I also became as you are, Achim B'Moshiach. I implore you. You did me no wrong.

[13] And you know that it was due to chulshat habasar (weakness of the flesh, sickness) that I first preached the Besuras HaGeulah to you,
Sinai bearing banim for avdut (slavery, bondage): this is Hagar.

[25] Now, Hagar is the Mount Sinai in Arabia; and corresponds to the Yerushalayim of the present, for she is in avdut with her banim (see 2C 3:14).

[26] But the Yerushalayim above is a Bat Chorin (daughter of freedom), the Imma lechulanu (the Mother of us all TEHILLIM 87:5-6; SHEMOT 25:40; YESHAYEH 49:20f; 54:1-13).

[27] For it has been written, RANNI AKARAH LO YALADAH PITZCHI RINNAH V'TZAHALI LO CHALAH KI RABBIM BENEI VE’ULAH (“Sing, rejoice, O barren, the one not giving birth, break forth into song and shout for joy, the one not suffering birth pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than the one having the husband’ YESHAYEH 54:1).

[28] But you, Achim b'Moshiach, are Bnei HaHavtacha (Sons of the Promise), like Yitzchak.

[29] But just as at that time the one born according to the basar was bringing redifah (persecution) on the one born according to the Ruach HaKodesh, so it is now also.

[30] But what does the Kirvei HaKodesh say? ‘Cast out the slave woman and her son, for never will the son of the slave woman inherit with my son, the son of the free woman’ BERESHIS 21:10.

[31] Therefore, Achim B'Moshiach, we are not Bnei “HAAMAH” (Sons of the Slave Woman) but Bnei HaKhofshi’yah (Sons of Lady Freedom, the Freedwoman).

For this “zman cheruteina” (Pesach Haggadah Kiddush), Moshiach freed us; stand fast, therefore, and be not again bound by an ol (yoke) of avdut (slavery).

[2] Hinei, I Sha’ul say to you, that if you Goyim undergo the bris milah, Moshiach will profit you nothing [3:12-14].

[3] And I testify again to every one of you undergoing bris milah that such is chal (placed under obligation) to do the taryag mitzvot.

[4] You who want to be YITZDAK IM HASHEM (“justified with G-d”) by [boasting in] chumra, [i.e., legal justification] by ma’asim of Gezetz, are estranged from Moshiach, you at that point fall from the Chen v’Chesed Hashem [T.N. See Eph 2:8-9].

[5] For we by the Ruach Hakodesh eagerly await by emunah that for which we have tikvah, our Tzidkat Hashem righteousness.

[6] For in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua neither milah is of any force nor the lack of it, but emunah working through ahavah [see 5:2 Gentile context].

[7] You [Goyim] were called for “zman Cheruteinu” (5:1); only use not the Cherut for a pretext for the basar, but, through ahavah (agape), minister to one another as avadim (servants).

[8] This persuasion is not of the One calling you.

[9] A little chametz leavens all habatzek (the dough, T.N. see Pesach Haggadah).

[10] I have bitachon, (confidence) in you in Adoneinu that you will think nothing other, but the one troubling you will bear the judgment, whoever he may be.

[11] But if I preach [to Goyim] the bris milah, Achim B'Moshiach, why am I still being persecuted? In that case, the mishchol (stumbling block) of [Moshiach’s] Etz (3:12-14; DEVARIM 21:23) has been abolished.

[12] O if the ones (the mohalim of Goyim) troubling you would castrate themselves!

[13] For, Achim B'Moshiach, you were called for “zman Cheruteina” (5:1); only use not the Cherut for a pretext for the basar, but, through ahavah (agape), minister to one another as avadim (servants).

[14] For the entire Torah has been summed up in one word: VAHAVTA L'REACHA KAMOCHA (‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ VAYIKRA 19:18).

[15] But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another.

[16] But I say, let your halakhah be by the Ruach HaKodesh, and by no means will you carry out the ta’avot (lusts) of the basar.

[17] For the basar desires against the Ruach HaKodesh, and the Ruach HaKodesh desires against the basar—for these oppose each other—with the result that the things you wish you cannot do (Ro chp 7).

[18] But if by the Ruach HaKodesh you are led, you are not under Gezetz.

[19] Now the ma’asei habasar are manifest, dehainu (being: zenut (fornication), tum’ah (impurity), zimmah (licentiousness), kashefanut (sorcery, witchcraft), eivot (enmities), merivah (strife), kinah (jealousy), rogez (anger), anochiyut (selfishness), machalokot (dissensions), kitot (sects), Tzarut ayin (envyings), shichrut (drunkenness), holelut (carousing) and things like these, of which I tell you beforehand, as I said previously, that the ones practicing such
things will not receive the nachalah (inheritance) of the Malchut Hashem.

But the pri of the Ruach HaKodesh is ahavah (agape), simcha (joy), shalom (peace), zitzfleisch (patience), nedivut (generosity, kindness), chesed (loving-kindness), ne’emanut (faithfulness), Anavah (meekness, shiflut, lowliness), shlitah atzmi (self-control),...would you not agree?—against these things there is no issur (proscription in the Torah).

But the ones who are mekabel Moshiach Yehoshua have put to be talui al HaEtz (hanging on the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23) the basar with its teshukot (desires) and its ta’avot (lusts).

If we live by the Ruach HaKodesh, we should stay in line with the Derech HaYashar (Straight Way) of the Ruach HaKodesh.

Let us not become ba’alei ga’avah (conceited, haughty persons), provoking one another, envying one another. Achim B’Moshiach, if indeed a man is overtaken in some averah, you ones with ruchniyus restore such a one in a spirit of anavah (meekness), watching out for yourself lest you come under nisayon (temptation).

Bear one another’s burdens (TEHILLIM 55:23) and thus you will fulfill the Torah of Moshiach.

For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

But let each man prove his own ma’aseh and then in his own ma’asim rather than in that of his re’a (neighbor) he will find kavod.

For each man must bear his own massa (burden).

And let the one being taught limudei kodesh (sacred studies) in the Kitvei HaKodesh share in all good things with his rabbinic moreh (2Ti3:14-15).

Do not be led astray. Hashem is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, this also he will reap.

For the one sowing to the basar of himself, of the basar will reap churban (destruction); but the one sowing to the Ruach HaKodesh, of the Ruach HaKodesh will reap Chayyei Olam.

Now let us not lose chozek in doing Gemilut Chasadim, for BE’ITO (“in its season” TEHILLIM 1:3) we will reap, if we faint not.

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And as many as stay in line with the Derech HaYashar (Straight Way) of these divrei torah, Shalom Hashem and Chesed Hashem be upon them, and upon the Yisroel of Hashem [See Ro 2:28-29].

For the rest, let no one give me any more tzoros; for I bear in my basar the chabburot haYehoshua (wounds, stripes of Yehoshua YESHAYEH 53:5).

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The chukim of the Torah along with bris milah are the covenant privileges given by Hashem to preserve the existence of Yehudim as a people (see Ac 21:29-26;16:1-3); however, as individuals, Jews as well as non-Jews must not take their eyes off saving faith’s all-important eternal bris milah excision of the unregenerate “basar,” which excision is hitkhadshut regeneration and rebirth in Moshiach in the Ruach Hakodesh, the only salvation for Abraham no less than for all Abraham’s children. See Yn 3:3 and Col 2:11-13.]
MOSHIACH’S LETTER THROUGH THE SHILIACH SHA’UL
TO THE BRIT CHADASHA KEHILLAH IN EPHESUS

[1] Sha’ul a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua b’ratzon Hashem (by the will of G-d) to the Kedoshim who are in Ephesus, and who are HaNe’emanim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua;
[2] Chen v’Chesed Hashem to you and shalom from Elokim Avinu and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.
[3] Baruch Hashem Elokim Avi Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, who has bestowed on us every birkat hanefesh in Shomayim in Moshiach,
[4] Just as He in Him chose us to be part of Hashem’s Bechirim (Chosen Ones) before the hivvased tevel (foundation of the world), that we should be Kedoshim and without mum (defect, VAYIKRA 22:20)

[5] Having provided the yi’ud merosh (predestination) for us to be chosen as adopted bnei brit through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua to Himself, according to the chafetz (good pleasure) of His ratzon (will),
[6] To the tehilat kavod of the Chen v’Chesed Hashem of Him (to the praise of the glory of His grace) by which Hashem freely favored us in the Moshiach HaAhuv.
[7] In Him we have the pedut (redemption, Geulah release on payment of ransom) through the [kapporah] dahn of Moshiach [YESHAYAH 3:9-13; DANIEL 9:26; BAMIDBAR 19:20], the selichat chatotem (forgiveness of our sins), according to the osher (wealth) of His Chen v’Chesed Hashem (grace of G-d);

[8] Which He lavished upon us,
[9] In all chochmah (wisdom) and binah (understanding), having made hisgalus (revelation) to us of the sod of His ratzon (mystery of His will), His chafetz (good pleasure), according to the etza (counsel, plan of G-d) which Hashem set forth in Moshiach:
[10] For a pekudat Hashem (stewardship of G-d), a plan for the fullness of time, gathering up all things in Moshiach, both the things in Shomayim and the things on Ha’aretz in Him.
[11] In Moshiach we have also obtained a nachalah (allotted inheritance, TEHILLIM 16:5-6), having been predestined according to the tochnit Hashem (purposeful and willed plan of G-d), who works all things after the counsel of His ratzon,
[12] To the end that we who were Rishonim to have tikvah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach should be to the tehilat kavod (praise of glory) of Him.
[13] In Moshiach you also, having heard the message of Ha’emes, the Besuras HaGeulah of Yeshu’as Elokeinu which is yours, having also come to emunah, did receive your chotam (seal) in Moshiach with the Techiyas HaMoshiach, having seated Him at His yamin (right hand) in Shomayim,
[14] Who is bestowed as an eravon (pledge) of our nachalah (allotted inheritance, TEHILLIM 16:5-6), with a view to the Geulah of Hashem’s own possession, to the tehilat kavod (praise of glory) of Him.
[15] Because of all of this, I, too, having heard of the emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua which is yours, and having heard of your ahavah for all the Kedoshim,
[16] Do not cease giving hodayah (thanksgiving) for you, while speaking of you in my tefillos;
[17] That Hashem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua, the Avi Hakavod, may give to you a ruach of chochmah and hisgalus (revelation) in the da’as (knowledge) of Moshiach.[SHEMOT 28:3; YESHAYAH 11:2]
[18] It is my tefillah that the eynim of your levayot may be enlightened so that you may have da’as of what is the tikvah of His kri’ah (his summons from Shomayim), what is the osher (wealth) of the kavod of His nachalah (allotted inheritance) in the Kedoshim,
[19] And what is the surpassing gedulat hagevurah (greatness of His power) to us who have emunah, according to the working of the koiach of His might [YESHAYAH 40:26]
[20] Which He exerted in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach when He raised Him in the Techiyas HaMoshiach, having seated Him at His yamin (right hand) in Shomayim,
[21] Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in the Olam HaZe but also in Olam Habah.
[22] And Hashem subordinated all things under the feet of Moshiach and gave Him as Rosh over all things to the Brit Chadasha Kehillah,
[23] Which is the Guf HaMoshiach (body of Messiah, DEVARIM 21:23; Ro 6:3-13; BERSHEIS 47:18; TEHILLIM 16:9-10; IYOV 19:25-27; YESHAYAH 53:11) the melo (plentitude) of Him, who fills all in all.
And you being dead in your peysha'Im and chatta'im,
[2] In which you amol (formerly) fier zicher (comported oneself), according to the course of the Olam Hazeh, according to the S'ar Memshelet HaAvir (Prince of Power of Air [the Satan, HaSatan, teivel, the devil]), the ruach now working in the bnei haMeri (sons of Rebellion).
[3] Among them we too all formerly conducted ourselves in the ta'avot of our basar, following the lusts of the flesh and of the machshavot (thoughts), and we were by nature Bnei Za'aman (Sons of Wrath) of Hashem, as also the rest.
[4] But Hashem, being rich in rachamim (mercy), because of His ahuvah haRabba (great love) with which He loved us,
[5] Even when we were dead in our peysha'Im, He made us alive together with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach – by the unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem you have been delivered in your personal Geulah and the Yeshua as Elokeinu—[TEHILLIM 103:12]
[6] And raised us up with Moshiach and seated us with Him in Shomayim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua/Yeshua,
[7] In order that, in the Olam HaBah, He might display the surpassing osher of the Chen v'Chesed Hashem of Him in chesed toward us in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua/Yeshua.
[8] For by unmerited Chen v'Chesed Hashem you have been delivered from Hashem's Mishpat (Judgment) and granted a share in the Geulah (Redemption), through emunah; and this is not [an einfaal (intuitive idea)] of yourselves, it is a matnat Hashem (gift of G-d);  
[9] Not the result [of the zokheh (merit)] of doing Gezetz ma'asim [At 15:1; Ga 5:3 4], so that before Hashem no man should be a ravrevan (boaster, braggart). [DEVARIM 9:5]
[10] For we are His masterpiece, having been created in Moshiach Yehoshua for ma'asim tovim, which Hashem prepared beforehand, that the derech of our halakhah should be in them.[YESHAYAH 29:23; 42:7; 60:21;]
[11] Therefore, have zikaron (remembrance) that formerly you, the non-Jews in the flesh, who are called 'arelim' (uncircumcised ones) by the ones being called 'nimolim' (circumcised ones) which is a Milah performed in the flesh by human hands 
[12] Have zikaron (remembrance) that you were at that time bazunder (unrelated and separate) from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, having been alienated from the horah haEzrakhut (the citizenship) in the Am Brit, from Yisroel, being zairim (strangers) to the Berit HaAvah (alliance, covenant) and having no tikvah (hope) and without G-d in the Olam Hazeh. [YESHAYAH 14:1; 65:1]
[13] But now in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, you, who formerly where in the outermost courts, have been brought near by the kapporah of the dahm of Mashiach.
[14] For Moshiach himself is ourshalom, who made the Shnayim into Echad, having broken down in the basar of Mashiach the barrier of the Mechitzah (the dividing partition), the Soreg (barrier of the holy precinct in the Beis HaMikdash between Jews and non-Jews), the Eyvah (Enmity),
[15] By annulling the chok (decree, law) of mishpatim in ordinances that the Shnayim He might create in Himself into Adam Chadash Echad (One New Regenerated Humanity), arbitrating shalom,
[16] And that Moshiach might bring the ritzzuy (reconciliation, cessation of enmity), reconciling to Hashem the Shnayim into one guf (body) [BERESHIS 47:18; TEHILLIM 16:9-10; IYOV 19:25-27; YESHAYAH 53:11] through the Mashiach's Etz, having put to death the Eyvah by it.
[17] And having come, Moshiach preached shalom to you, the ones in the outermost courts, and shalom to the ones near; [TEHILLIM 146:14; YESHAYAH 57:19]  
[18] Because through Moshiach we both have HaSha'ar laHashem (gate to approach G-d's presence, access of the tzaddikim TEHILLIM 118:20) by one Reuch Hakodesh to Elokim HaAv.  
[19] Therefore, then, no longer are you zarim and aliens, but you are fellow citizens of the Kedoshim and bnei bayit members of the household of G-d,
[20] Having been built upon the yeshod (foundation) of the Shlichim and Nev'im, Moshiach Yehoshua himself being the ROSH PINAH (TEHILLIM 118:22),
[21] In whom all the binyan (edifice), being fitly joined together, grows into a Heikal Kadosh b'Hashem;  
[22] In whom also are being built together into a Mishkan of Hashem in the Ruach Hakodesh.
[7.1. In this chapter Rav Sha'ul uses the courts of the Beis HaMikdash to teach the saving work of Mashiach.]}

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3 For this cause, I, Sha'ul, the prisoner of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua for you Nations,
[2] If indeed you heard of the pekudat Hashem of the Chen v'Chesed Hashem having been given to me for you,
[3] That according to hisgalus (revelation) there was made known to me the sod of the raz, as I wrote before in brief,
[4] As to which you are able to discern insight into the ha'aretz (insight) of the lower parts of ha'aretz?
[5] Of which in other dorot (generations) was not made known to the Bnei Adam as it has now been made hisgalus (revelation) to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Shlichim and Nev'im HaKedoshim in the Ruach Hakodesh,
[6] Namely, that the Nations are fellow bnei HaYerushshah (heirs) of the nachalah (allotted inheritance),
[7] But to each of us was given the Chen v'Chesed of G-d having been bestowed upon me, according to the working of His gevurah (power).
[8] To me, the less than the least of all Kedoshim, was given this Chen v'Chesed Hashem, to preach to the Nations the unsearchable osher (riches) of Moshiach,
[9] And to shed light on what is the pekudat Hashem of the Sod that was meOlam nistar (hidden) in Hashem, who created all things,
[10] In order that the many faceted Chochmat Hashem might be made known now to the rulers and the authorities in Shomayim through the Moshiach's Brit Chadasha Kehillah.
[11] This was in accordance with the tochnit Hashem (purposeful and willed plan of G-d) for the Olamim (Ages),
[12] In whom we have boldness and HaSha'ar laHashem (gate to approach G-d's presence),
[13] Therefore, I ask you not to lose chozeh concerning your tzoros on your behalf, which is for your kavod.
[14] For this cause I fall down before Elokim HaAv, from whom every mishpochah in Shomayim through the Besuras HaGeulah, Ezek 47:22.
[15] From whom every mishpochah in Shomayim and on HaAretz is named,
[16] That Hashem may grant you according to the osher of His kavod to become mightily empowered through His Ruach Hakodesh in the adam ha'enami: inner man Ro 7:22; Moshiach may make His maon (dwelling place, permanent residence, home) in your levavot through emunah, being rooted and grounded in ahavah,
[17] That you may be able to have binah, together with all the Kedoshim, what is the breadth and length and height of mind and meekness, with savlanut (longsuffering),
[18] That you may be able to have binah, together with all the Kedoshim, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
[19] And to have da'as of the ahavah of Moshiach, which ahavah surpasses da'as, in order that you may be filled to all the melo (plentitude) of Hashem.
[20] Now to the One who is able to do exceedingly abundantly, beyond all that we ask or think, according to the ko'ach working in us.

4 Therefore I impart chizzuk (strengthening) to you, I, the prisoner of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu, and I admonish you to walk and fier zich (comport oneself) in your derech in a manner worthy of the kri'ah by which you were called,
[2] With all anavah (humility) of mind and meekness, with savlanut (longsuffering),
[3] Being eager to keep the achdus (unity) of the Ruach Hakodesh in the uniting bond of shalom;
[4] As there is one Guf (Body) [Gn 47:18; Ps 16:9-10; Job 19:25-27; Isa 55:11] and one Ruach Hakodesh, as also you were called in one Tikvah (hope) of your kri'ah:
[5] Adon echad, Emunah achat, Tevilah achat,
[6] One Elokim and Avi khel (Father of all), who is over all and through all and in all.
[7] But to each of us was given the Chen v'Chesed Hashem according to the measure of the Matnat HaMoshiach.
[8] Therefore it says, ALITA LAMMAROM SHAVITA SHEVI LAKACHTA MATANOT (‘You ascended to the height, you led captive, you received gifts’ TEHILLIM 68:19 [18]), He has led captive a host of captives, He had brought matanot (gifts) to Bnei Adam.
[9] Now if He ‘ASCENDED’ what can it mean except that also He descended into the depths of Moshiach?
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The one who descended is Himself also the one having ascended far above all the Shomayim, that He might fill all things. [MISHLE 30:1-4]

11 And He gave some to be shlichim, and some nev'im, and some gifted to be used in Kiruv efforts for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and some supervising mashgichim [spiritual overseers] who are ro'im and morim in the Kehillah.

12 For the equipping of the Kedoshim for the work of avodas kodesh ministry, to the building up of HaGuf HaMoshiach.

13 Until we all attain to the achdus (unity) of the emunah and to the da'as (knowledge) of the Zun fun der Oybershter, to the bnei Chayil maturity, to the inyenei davar (knowledge) of Moshiach.

14 In this way, we are no longer olalim (infants) tossed by waves and carried around by every wind of limmud (instruction), by the cunning of Hashem because of the ignorance existing in them, because of the KESHIV (guile) which every joint contributes according as each part's proper working process promotes the growth of HaGuf HaMoshiach; and to enrobe yourself in your derech in the Adam HeChadash (the new man, humanity) having been created according to the image of Hashem as beloved by Him, as HaEmes is in Yehoshua/Yeshua.

15 But saying HaEmes in ahavah, let us grow up in every respect unto Him who is the Rosh, Moshiach.

16 From whom all HaGuf HaMoshiach being fitly joined together and being united in an agudah binding by that which every joint contributes according as each part's proper working process promotes the growth of HaGuf HaMoshiach in building itself up in ahavah.

17 Therefore, be imitators of Hashem as beloved yeladim, and fier zich [comport oneself] in your derech in ahavah, as also Moshiach had ahavah for us and gave Himself up on behalf of us as a korban and zevach to Hashem for a RE'ACH HANNICHIOACH ['a pleasant aroma' BERESHIS 8:21].

18 Their binah (understanding) being in choshech, having been alienated from the life of Hashem because of the ignorance existing in them, because of the KESHIV (stubbornness, hardness) of their levavot, [DEVARIM 9:27] of their levavot, [DEVARIM 29:4] Who, having put away remorse, gave themselves over to zimah (wickedness) for the practice of every kind of tumah (uncleanness) with chamdanut (covetousness).

19 But you did not so have lernen of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, if indeed you heard about Him and took shiurim about Him and took shiurim in Him, as HaEmes is in Yehoshua/Yeshua.

20 For the torah you received was that you must disrobe from your former derech of your old self, the one being corrupted according to the ta'avot of AKOV [deceitful, deceitful, YIRMEYAH 17:9] remiyah (guile).

21 And to be renewed by the Ruach Hakodesh controlling your machshavot (thoughts), each one with his re'a (neighbor), because we are evarim (members) one of another. [Ps 15:2; Lev 19:11]

22 And to enrobe yourself in the Adam HeChadash (the new man, humanity) having been created according to the demut Hashem in tzidkat Elokeinu and in the kedushah of HaEmes.

23 Therefore, disrobed from Sheker (Falsehood, Lying), let us say HaEmes [ZECHARIYAH 8:16], each one with his re'a (neighbor), because we are evarim (members) one of another. [Ps 15:2; Lev 19:11]

24 And let the ganav get a parnasah from the Chayil, and no longer be a ganav, but rather let the ganav get a parnasah (livelihood) and toil with his own hands at something beneficial, that he may have something to share with the one who is nitzrach (needy).

25 Therefore, be imitators of Hashem as beloved yeladim, and fier zich [comport oneself] in your derech in ahavah, as also Moshiach had ahavah for us and gave Himself up on behalf of us as a korban and zevach to Hashem for a RE'ACH HANNICHIOACH ['a pleasant aroma' BERESHIS 8:21].

26 Have ka'as and do not sin; do not let the shemesh go down on your anger. [YIRMEYAH 17:9]

27 Do not leave an open door for Hasatan.

28 Let the one stealing no longer be a ganav, but rather let the ganav get a parnasah (livelihood) and toil with his own hands at something beneficial, that he may have something to share with the one who is nitzrach (needy).
Therefore, fier zich (comport oneself) in your derech with a careful walk, not as kesilim (fools) but as chachamim (wise ones),
[16] Redeeming the time, because the yamim are raim.
[17] Therefore, do not be foolish, but have binah of what the ratzon Hashem is.
[18] And do not become a shikker with schnapps, in which is dissipation, but be filled with the Ruach Hakodesh, [YAYIKRA 10:9; MISHLE 20:1; YESHAYAH 28:7].
[19] Speaking to one another in Tehillim and shirim and hymns and neshamah niggunim mi Ruach Hakodesh (soul melodies from the Ruach Hakodesh), singing and making melody in your levavot to Adonoi, [TEHILLIM 27:6].
[20] Giving todot always for everything to Eloheinu, even Avinu b'Shem Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, [IYOV 1:21; TEHILLIM 34:1].
[21] Being submissive to one another in the yirat HaMoshiach.
[22] Nashim (wives), make yourselves accountable to your ba'aim (husbands) as to Adoneinu, [BERESHIS 3:16].
[23] Because a ba'al (husband) is rosh of the isha as also Moshiach is rosh of the Brit Chadasha Kehillah.
[24] But as the Brit Chadasha Kehillah is accountable to Moshiach, so also the nashim should be to their ba'aim in everything.
[25] Ba'aim, have ahavah for your nashim, as also Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has ahavah for the Brit Chadasha Kehillah and gave Himself up on behalf of her,
[26] That He might bring her to kedushah, having given her tohorah (purification) by the tevilah of the mikveh mayim of the Dvar Hashem,
[27] That he [as a Choson] might present to Himself [as His Kallah] the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in all her kavod TAMIM (unblemished, SHEMOT 12:5; VAYIKRA 22:20; YESHAYAH 53:7 9; SHIR HASHIRIM) and without wrinkle or any such things, but that she may be kedoshah and without blemish.
[28] So also the ba'alim ought to show ahavah for their own nashim as their own gufim [BERESHIS 2:23-24]; the one with ahavah for his own isha has ahavah for himself.
[29] For no one ever had sin'as chinom for his own basar but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach also does the Brit Chadasha Kehillah,
[30] Because we are evarim of the Brit Chadasha Kehillah.
[31] AL KEN YA'AZAV ISH ES AVIV YES IMMO VDAVAK BEISHTO Vhayu LEVASAR ECHAD (Because of this a man will leave his father and his mother and will be joined to the wife of him and the two will be one basar.) [BERESHIS 2:24].
[32] This is a sod hagadol, but I am referring to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and the Brit Chadasha Kehillah.
[33] Each of you, however, should show ahavah for his isha as himself, and an isha should reverence her ba'al (husband).
Yeladim, obey your horim (parents) in Adoneinu, for this is right. [MISHLE 6:20]
[2] KABED ES AVICHA VES IMMECHA [SHEMOT 20:12; DEVARIM 5:16], (which is the mitzvah harishonah with a havtacha),
[3] That it may be well with you and you will be a long time on ha'aretz.
[5] Avadim (servants), serve with mishma'at (obedience) your adonim according to the basar BYIRAH (‘with fear’) and BIRA’AH (‘with trembling’) [TEHILLIM 2:11] with your levavot of erlichkeit (sincerity) as to Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, doing the ratzon Hashem from your levavot.
[6] Not with eye service as men-pleasers, being mehaneh (scheming deceitfulness, wiles, to please) your adonim according to the flesh and blood, but as avadim (servants) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, doing the ratzon Hashem from your levavot.
[7] Render your avodas kodesh service with a lev tov as avadim unto Adoneinu and not unto Bnei Adam, but as avadim (servants) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, doing the ratzon Hashem from your levavot.
[8] Having da’as that whatever ma’aseh tov each one does, this he will receive back from Hashem, whether he is an eved or a Ben Chorin.
[9] And, adonim, do the same things to them, forbearing threatening, having da’as that both their and your Adon is in Shomayim, and ein masso panim im Hashem (there is no partiality with Hashem). [YOV 31:13,14]
[10] For the rest, be continually empowered in the ko’ach of Hashem and in the oz of His gevurah. [TEHILLIM 27:14]
[11] Put on the whole armor of Hashem for you to be able to stand against the nechlim (scheming deceitfulness, wiles, evil plots) of Hasatan.
[12] Because we are not wrestling against basar vadhahm (flesh and blood), but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of the choshech of the Olam Hazeh, against the kokhot ruchaniyim ra’im (evil spiritual forces) in Shomayim. [13] Therefore, take up the whole armor of Hashem, that you may be able to withstand in the Yom HaRah and, having done all, to stand.
[14] Stand, therefore, having girded your waist with HaEmes and having put on the breastplate of Tzedek, [YESHAYAH 11:5; TEHILLIM 132:9; YESHAYAH 59:17]
[15] And having put as shoes on your feet that which makes you ready to be a maggid of the Besuras HaGeulah. [YESHAYAH 52:7]
[16] With all these things, take up the shield of emunah, by which you will be able to quench all the flaming darts of haRah (the Evil one);
[17] And take the Kova HaYeshuah (Helmet of Salvation) and cherev of Ruach Hakodesh, which is the Dvar Hashem. [YESHAYAH 59:17; 49:2]
[18] Daven in the Ruach Hakodesh always with all tefillos and techinnah (supplication). To that end keep shomer and always persevere in techinnah (supplication) for the Kedoshim;
[19] And for me also, that to me may be given utterance in opening my mouth in boldness to make known the Sod HaBesuras HaGeulah,
[20] On behalf of which I am an emissary in chains, that in it I may be bold as it is necessary for me to speak.
[21] But that you may also know my affairs, and what I am doing, Tychicus the Ach b’Moshiach and chaver and keli kodesh (minister) who is ne’eman (faithful) in Hashem, [22] Whom I sent to you for this very reason, that you may have da’as of the things concerning us and he may impart chizzuk (strengthening) to your levavot.
[23] Drishat Shalom to the Achim b’Moshiach, and ahavah with emunah from Elokim HaAv and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua/Yeshua.
[24] Chen v’Chesed Hashem be with all the ones who have ahavah for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu with an incorruptible ahavah.
[T.N. This letter was written roughly 61-62 C.E. along with Col, Pp, and Pm. Rav Sha’ul had been confined in Caesarea before coming to Rome, where he was freed from house arrest around 63 and then re-arrested and died at kiddush ha-Shem around 65. Kefa’s writings, the writings of Yochanan, Yehuda, Lukas, Mattityahu, and Markos all came to be written down in this period or somewhat later, though much of the material had existed in oral and written form for some time, and had been preached over and over for thirty years. Does this seem like a long time? It is not. I have in my hands as I write this a book on Orthodox Jewish vocabulary I purchased over 30 years ago when I began this translation work as a doctoral student. It seems like only yesterday. I can remember the Jewish bookstore like I was there last week. The material in the writings of the Brit Chadasha is that close to the events from Yochanan’s tevilah to the fall of Jerusalem.]
From Sha’ul and Timotiyos, servants of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua; To all the Kedoshim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua who are in the city of Philippi with the supervising mashgichim ruchaniyim (spiritual overseers, zekeinim, mivakkerim, supervisors) and the klei kodesh (ministers), the ministering messianic shammashim.

Chen v’chesed Hashem and shalom Hashem from Elohim Avinu and Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

Modeh Ani (I thank) my G-d upon every zikaron (remembrance) of you, Always in every tefillah of mine on behalf of all of you, davening with simcha, making techinnah (supplication) In view of your deveykus Hashem, your chavrusa partnership in the Besuras HaGeulah from day one until now.

Being convinced of this: that He who began a pe’ulah hatovah (good work 2:13) in you, will bring that mitzvoh to completion [TEHILLIM 138:8] by Yom Hashem, the Yom Adoneinu, Moshiach Yehoshua [1:10; 2:16].

It is in fact b’tzedek for me to have hitbonenut (profound contemplation) about you all because I hold you in my lev with hartzige (heartfelt) sincerity, both in regard to my sharsherot (prison chains) and in the apologetic hitstaddekut (defense) and vindicatory work for the Besuras HaGeulah, you being all deveykus (attachment to G-d) participators in the Chen v’chesed Hashem given to me.

For der Oybershter is mine eidus (G-d is my witness) how I yearn for all of you with the ahavas Moshiach Yehoshua.

And my tefillah (prayer) is this, that your ahavah (love) [in Moshiach] may yet increase more and more in profound da’as and binah.

To help you approve the feste (excellent) things of musar (moral discipline) that matter, that you may be sincere and without mish chol (stumbling block) of blame [2:15] in the Yom HaMoshiach [1:6; 2:16];

Having been filled with the pri Tzedek (fruit of righteousness) through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua to the kavod Hashem and His tiferet (splendor).

I want you to have da’as, Achim b’Moshiach, that the things concerning me have fallen out to an even greater advancement [2Ti 2:9].

So that my sharsherot (chains–1:7) have become a hisgalus (revelation) in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach! In all the imperial guard and the public at large!

And most of the Achim b’Adoneinu, having been strengthened in bitachon by my sharsherot (chains), are more readily willing to dare to fearlessly proclaim the Dvar Hashem.

Indeed some darshanim (preachers) preach their derashot (sermons) out of a ruach that is mekanne (jealous, envious) and one of madon (strife); but some have derashot proclaiming Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and these darshanim have kavanah tovah (good intention).

These latter proclaim Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach out of a ruach of ahavah, having da’as that the purpose of my divinely destined appointment here is for the hitstaddekut (apologetic defense) of the Besuras HaGeulah.

But those other ones preach Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach out of anochiyut (selfishness 2:3), not with a lev tavor (pure in heart) motive, but yetzuuyar (assuming) by means of my sharsherot (1:13-14) to stir up tzoros.

Na? Whether the maggidim are or are not perfect in their intent, the significant thing is that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is preached! And in this I have simcha. And I will go right on having simcha!

For, I have da’as that through your tefillos for me and through the ezrah (aid) given by the Ruach Moshiach, this will turn out for my Yeshu’ah (rescue, salvation 1:28; 2:12) [Ro 8:28].

It is my confident tikvah that in nothing I will be put to bushah (shame), but with all ometz lev (courage, boldness YEHOBSHUA 1:7) as always, even now, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach will be magnified in my basar (1:13), whether through Chayyim (Life) or through Mavet (Death).

For to me to live is Moshiach [Ga 2:20] and to die is revach (gain, profit, hanaa).

But if it means I am to go on living in the basar, this for me is pri for Hashem in the work of avodas kodesh ministry. What will I choose? I do not have da’as.
I am kleir (deliberating). I am pulled two drakhim (ways) by a happy dilemma, on the one tzad (side) having the desire to depart and be with Moshiach, for this is much better [2C 5:8].

But on the other tzad (side) to remain in the basar is more necessary for your sake.

And having been convinced of this fact, I have da’as that I blaib (remain, continue unchanged) and will continue with all of you, for your advancement (1:12) and simcha of the [Orthodox Jewish] Emunah [cf. 1:27; 1Ti 3:9; 4:1,6; 5:8; 6:10,21; Yd 3].

With the ultimate aim that by coming to you again your glorying may abound in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

Only one thing: conduct in practice your torat haEzrakhut (citizenship, see 3:20) worthily of the Besuras HaGeulah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear concerning you that you are standing like a ma’oz (fortress, bastion) in one ruach, with one neshamah, contending for the Emunah (Yd 3; Pp 4:3) of the Besuras HaGeulah.

And, I might add, not having pachad (fear, terror) in reaction to anything as far as the mitnaggedim (the ones opposing) are concerned, which is a proof to them of their churban (destruction), but of your Yeshu’ah (salvation 1:19; 2:12), and this from Hashem.

For to you it was given on behalf of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, not only to have emunah in him but also on behalf of him to be laden with the burden of Messianic yissurim (sufferings 3:10),

With you having the same struggle, which you saw in me [Ac 16:22] and now hear to be in me [1:13].

If, therefore, there is any idud (encouragement) in Moshiach, if any nechamah (comfort) of ahavah (love), if any deveykus (attachment to G-d) in the Messiahic chavrusashaft (association) of the Ruach Hakodesh, if any warmth of affection and rachamanut (compassion, mercy),

Then make my simcha (joy) shleimah (complete) by having the same lev, the same ahavah, being an agudah association with one neshamah, thinking the same machshavot (thoughts),

Doing nothing according to anochiyut (selfishness 1:17) nor according to empty ga’avah (conceit, haughtiness, arrogance), but in anavah (humility), fergin (graciously grant) each other esteem above yourselves [Ro 12:10].

Let each of you talmidim (students) look after not only your own interests, but also the best interests of others [2:21; 1C 10:24,33].

Let this mind be in you which was also in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua,

Who, though existing in the demut of the mode of being of Elohim [His etzem or essential nature, Yn 1:1-2; 17:5], nevertheless Moshiach did not regard being equal with G-d as a thing to be seized [BERESHIS 3:5],

But poured out and emptied himself [2C 8:9], taking the demut of the mode of being of an eved [YESHAYAH 52:13-53:12 [T.N. see the AVDI TZADDIK TZEMACH DOVID MOSHIACH YIRMEYAH 23:5; ZECHARIAH 3:8], and was born in the likeness of Bnei Adam [Yn 1:14; Ro 8:3; MJ 2:14-17], and having been found in appearance as an Adam.

Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach humbled himself and took the path of shiflut (lowliness), unto mishma’at (obedience 2:12) [cf. BERESHIS 3:17] even unto death [Yn 10:17; MJ 5:8; 12:2], and that, a death on HaEtz [the Tree, DEVARIM 21:23; 27:26; Ga 3:13; Pp 3:18].

Therefore, also Hashem exalted [YESHAYAH 52:13; 53:12; DANIEL 9:26; 7:14; Ac 2:33; MJ 1:3] Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and gave to him haShem [Ep 1:21; MI 1:4] above every name,

That at haShem of Yehoshua, KOL BERECH (every knee YESHAYAH 45:23) will bow, of beings bShomayim and haaretz and mitachat laAretz (in the world below),

And KOL LASHON (every tongue YESHAYAH 45:23) shall make hoda’ah (confession) with an Ani Ma’amin that is an open and public admission that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua (Yeshua) is Adoneinu, to the kavod of Elohim Avinu.

Therefore, Chaverim, just as you have always had mishma’at (obedience 2:8) concerning me, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own Yeshu’ah [1:19,28] B’YIR’AH (“with fear”) and BIRA’DAH “with trembling” [TEHILLIM 2:11].

Therefore, Hashem is the one working in you, both to will and to work according to His chafetz (good pleasure of His will). [EZRA 1:5]
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|14| Do all things without murmurings and madon, |
|15| That you may be innocent and without michshol of blame [1:10], bnei haElohim TAMIM UMUM ('unblemished and unspotted') Ex 12:5; Lv 22:20; Isa 53:7-9) in the midst of a DOR IKKESH UFETALTOL ('warped and crooked generation Dt 32:5), among whom you shine as the ZOHAR [Dan 12:3] in the Olam Hazeh, |
|16| Holding fast the Dvar HaChayyim. This is so that I will have reason for glorying on the Yom HaMoshiach [1:6,10], that I neither ran nor labored L'TOHU (in vain) [YESHAYAH 49:4; 65:23]. |
|17| And, indeed, if my neshamah is to be poured out as a nesekh (libation wine) offering upon the korban (sacrifice) of the avodas kodesh (kohen's service, ministry) of your emunah, I have simcha, rejoicing together with you all [cf. Ro 15:16; 2Ti 4:6]. |
|18| And in the same way also you have simcha, rejoicing together with me [4:18;1:25;2:2,17]. |
|19| I have tikvah b'Adoneinu Yehoshua to send Timotiyos to you soon, that I also may be cheered up in the da'as of the things concerning you. |
|20| For I have no one like-minded who will emesdik (genuinely) care for your spiritual welfare. |
|21| All of them are seeking their own interests [2-4], not those of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua. |
|22| But of the proven mamashus (real worth) of Timotiyos you have da'as, because as a ben with his abba, Timotiyos served with me in the Besuras HaGeulah. |
|23| Therefore, I have tikvah to send him, as soon as I see how things will go with me. |

|24| But I have bitachon in Hashem that indeed I will come quickly. |
|25| But I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, the Ach b'Moshiach and fellow po'el (worker) and fellow chaiyal (soldier) of mine, but your shliach and keli kodesh (minister) of my need [4:18]. |
|26| I am sending him to you, because he was yearning after you all and was under zeiyar (extremely great) stress, because you heard that he was ill. |
|27| For indeed he was ill, coming near to death, but Hashem had mercy on him not on him only but also on me, lest I should have agmat nefesh upon agmat nefesh. |
|28| Therefore, I am all the more eager to dispatch him to you, in order that when you have seen him again, you may have simcha and I may have less agmat nefesh. |
|29| Therefore, receive him in Adoneinu with all simcha and hold esteem for such klei kodesh (ministers) [1C 16:16,8; 1Ti 5:17], |
|30| Because he came near to death on account of the avodas kodesh of Moshiach, performing an act of Messianic mesirat nefesh (whole-hearted devotion to the cause of Moshiach, even at risk of life) having risked his life, so that he might make up for the ministry to me that you could not give. |

As to the rest, Achim b'Moshiach of mine, have simcha in Adoneinu [1:25; 4:18; 2:28,29; 4:4]. To keep writing the zelba thing [4:18; 1:25; 2:2,17,18, 28,29] to you is not an irksome bother to me, but for you it is a te'udat bitachon (guardian). |

Be shomer and on your guard and watch out for those [unclean, prowling] kelevim (dogs Ps 22:17(16),20; Rv 22:15), watch out for the evil po'elim (workers), watch out for the "circumcisers" (Ga 6:12). |

[3] For we are the Bnei HaMilah [Ro 2:29; Co 2:11-12], the ones whose avodas kodesh is by the Ruach Hakodesh [Yn 4:23; Ro 8:4] and whose kavod is in Moshiach Yehoshua and who take no bitachon in the basar, |

[4] Even though I could be having bitachon also in the basar. If any other person thinks he has grounds to have bitachon in the basar, I have more [2C 11:18-12:10]: |

[5] Bris milah on the eighth day [Lk 1:59; 2:21], from Bnei Yisroel by birth; of the tribe of Benjamin; a speaker of Lashon HaKodesh, Ivrit of Ivrit-speaking horim, a Hebrew of Hebrews [2C 11:22]; with regard to the Torah, from the kat haPerushim [Ac 23:6; 26:5]. |

[6] With regard to kin'a (zealousness), persecuting the Adat HaMoshiach [Ac 8:3; 22:15], watch out for the evil po'elim (workers), persecuting the HaPerushim [Ac 23:6; 26:11]; with regard to tzidkat HaTorah, [3:9]; Ro 2:27-29, as opposed to the tzidkat Hashem, I was medakdekim bmitzvot unproachable [i.e., hair-splittingly and rigorously observant, glatt kosher, frumkait, shomer mitzvot Haredi]. |

[7] But what things were revach (gain, profit) to me, these things I considered loss, on account of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach [Mt 13:44-46; Lk 14:33]. |

[8] But even more so, I consider all to be loss on account of the excellency of the da'as of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and of his Yisroel by birth; of the tribe of Benjamin; a speaker of Hebrew of Hebrews [2C 11:22]; with regard to the Torah, from the kat haPerushim [Ac 23:6; 26:5]. |

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consider them as nothing, in comparison, that I may gain Moshiach [TEHILLIM 73:25].

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[9] And be found in him, not having my own Tzidkot (self-achieved righteousness), by definition a self-righteousness based on chumra stringency zokheh “merit” contra Deut 9:5-6 misinterpretation of the Torah from gezeta, but the Tzedek [YIRMEYAH 33:16] through emunah [Ro 3:21-22] in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the Tzidkat Hashem based upon emunah [BERESHIS 15:6; Ro 9:30].

[10] I want to have da’as of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and of the gevurah (power) of the Tchiyas HaMoshiach and the deveykus (attachment to G-d) of Moshiach’s issurim (sufferings 1:29; Ro 8:17; Ga 6:17), being formed into the mode of being of Moshiach’s death | death to the sinful Olam Hazeh and the unregenerate basar Ro 6:3-5].

[11] If somehow I may attain to the Tchiyas HaMesim.

[12] Not that already I obtained or already have been made shleimut, but I pursue the prize of the upward ascent of Shomayim Aliyah (call) of HaShem b’Rebbe, Hashem, the upward k’riah Shomayim Aliyah ascent of Moshiach’s yissurim (sufferings 1:29; Ro 8:17; Ga 6:17), being formed into the mode of being of Moshiach’s death | death to the sinful Olam Hazeh and the unregenerate Olam Hazeh [Ro 8:5-6].

[13] Achim b’Moshiach, I do not consider myself to have laid hold (3:12) of his ko’ach (power) [Ro 8:29;1C 15:43:53], even to the subjecting of all things to his kavod (honor) [1C 15:28].

T.N. The joyous tone of this letter is miraculous, given the fact that Rva Sha’ul is, as he is writing it, in danger of capital punishment by decapitation at anytime and without warning. But Sha’ul selflessly thinks about two quarreling women and the danger their quarrel poses to the kehillah in Philadelphia. He seems to have been leading up to this statement in 4:2: “I appeal to Euodias and I appeal to Syntyche, think the same thing in Adoneinu.”

4 So then, my achim ahuvim whom I have a tshuka (longing) for, my simcha and crown (1Th 2:19-20), stand firm in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu.

[1] I appeal to Euodias and I appeal to Syntyche, think the same thing in Adoneinu.

[2] Yes, I ask also you, true yoke-fellow, assist these women who contended alongside me in the Besuras HaGeulah with both Clement and the rest of the fellow po’alim (workers) of mine, whose names are in the Sefer HaChayyim.

[4] Have simcha in Adoneinu always; again I will say it: Rejoice!

[5] Let your chassidus (piety) and sobriety be known to kol Bnei Adam; Moshiach Adoneinu is near.

[6] Be anxious in nothing [Mt 6:25; 1K 5:7], but in everything by tefillah and by tehillah (supplication) with hodayah (thanksgiving), let your requests be made known before Hashem.

[7] And the shalom Hashem [YESHAYAH 26:3; Yn 14:27; Co. 3:15], surpassing all binah (understanding), will guard your levavot and your machshavot (thoughts) in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

[8] As to the rest, Achim b’Moshiach, whatever things are emes (truth), nichbad (noble), yashar (straight), tahor (clean), male No’am (full of pleasantness) and tiferet (beauty) [SHEMOT 28:2], whatever things are commendable, if there is any
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virtue, if any praise, think about these things. [9] And that which you learned and you received and you saw in me, practice these [Ro 12:17] and Elohei HaShalom will be with you. [10] I had much simcha in Adoneinu that now at last you blossomed anew so as to think of me, for indeed you were thinking of me, but were lacking opportunity. [11] Not that I refer to lack, for I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be tzufrieden (content) [1Ti 6:6]. [12] I have da’as both to be humbled in anavah and I have da’as how to abound in everything. And in all things I have learned what is nistar (concealed, hidden, unseen), I have learned the secret of being filled and having hunger, of abounding and having lack. [13] I can do all things in the One giving me ko’ach. [14] Fort (nevertheless), you did well in entering into deveykus (communing with Hashem) through sharing in my Messianic yissurim (sufferings) with me. [15] And also you Philippians have da’as, that in the beginning of the Besuras HaGeulah, when I went out from Macedonia, not one kehillah shared with me in an accounting of expenditures and receipts except you only. [16] Indeed in Thessalonica both once and again you sent to my machsor (shortage). [17] Not that I seek the matanah (gift), but I seek the pri increasing to your account [1C 9:11]. [18] But I have all things and I abound; I have been filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things from you, a REACH.

HANNICHOACH (‘a pleasant aroma’ BERESHIS 8:21), an acceptable, sacrifice well-pleasing to Hashem [SHEMOT 29:18; YECHEZKEL 20:41]. [19] And my G-d will fill every machsor (shortage, want) of yours according to his osher (riches) in Kavod in Moshiach Yehoshua. [20] L’Elohim Avinu hakavod 10Eloemi Olamim. Omein. (To G-d and our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen) [21] Drishat Shalom (Kind Regards) to every Kadosh in Moshiach Yehoshua; the Achim b’Moshiach here with me send Drishat Shalom. [22] All the Kedoshim send ‘Shalom’ greetings, especially the Kedoshim in Caesar [Nero’s] household [Pp 1:13]. [23] The Chen v’Chesed of Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua be with your neshamah. [1] Sha’ul a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua through the ratzon Hashem [1:9] and Timotiyos the Ach b’Moshiach; [2] To the Kedoshim in Colossae, the Achim b’Moshiach, the Achim HaNe’emanim, Chen v’Chessed Hashem to you and shalom from Elohim Avinu. [3] Hodinu l’Hashem (we give thanks to Hashem) Elohim HaAv of Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, davening always concerning you, [4] Having heard of your emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua and the ahavah which you have for all the Kedoshim [5] On account of the tikvah (hope) being laid up for you in Shomayim, the tikvah which you heard of before in the Dvar HaEmes, the Besuras HaGeulah [6] That has come to you, as also in all the Olam Hazeh it is bearing pri and growing, so also in you, from the day you heard it and began to have saving daisa of the Chen v’Chesed Hashem in actuality. [7] This you learned from Epaphras, [4:12] our chaver and fellow eved, who is ne’eman (faithful), who is a trusted keli kodesh (minister) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach for you. [8] Epaphras also revealed to us your ahavah in the Ruach Hakodesh. [9] Therefore, we also, from the day that we heard, do not cease davening for you and offering telillos that you be filled with daisa of the ratzon Hashem [1:1] in all chochmah and binah in the Ruach Hakodesh. [10] And this is the purpose: that you walk in hitnahagut (conduct) worthy of Adoneinu in every way pleasing to him in every mitzvoh bearing pri in the daisa of Hashem, [11] With all koach being empowered according to the gevurah (power) of his kavod for all zitzfleisch (patience) and savlanut (longsuffering) with lev same’ach (glad heart), [12] Giving todot to Elohim HaAv. Elohim HaAv is the One who has qualified you for the share of the allotted nachalah (inheritance, TEHILLIM 16:5-6) of the Kedoshim in Ohr (Light); [13] Elohim HaAv is the One who rescued nafsheinu (our souls) from the memshalet (dominion) of Choshech and transferred us into the Malchut of the Zun fun der
Oybershter of His ahavah,
[14] In whom we have the
pedut (redemption, Geulah
release on payment of ransom)
through the [kapporah] dahm of
Moshiach the selicha
(forgiveness) of chatoteimu
(our sins).
[15] Rebbe, Melech
HaMoshiach is the demut
(BERESHIS 1:26-27; Pp 2:6)
of the invisible G-d, the
Bechor [TEHILLIM 89:27],
the Yoresh (Heir) of kol
hanivrah (all creation).
[16] Because in Him were
created all things in
Shomayim and on HaAretz,
the visible and the nistar
(hidden), whether thrones or
dominions, whether rulers or
authorities, all things through
Him and for Him have been
created. [TEHILLIM 33:6]

And Moshiach is before
all things, and all things in
Moshiach have been held
together; [MISHLE 8:23-27; 30:4]

And Moshiach is the
Rosh [MISHLE 8:22; 30:4] of
the Geviyah (Body) [Gn 47:18;
Ps 16:9-10; Isa 53:11; Job
19:25-27], and the Geviyah
(nevilah, DEVARIM 21:23) is
Moshiach's Brit Chadasha
Kehillah; Moshiach is its
Reshit, the Bechor from the
Mesim, that Moshiach might
be in everything pre-eminent,
[TEHILLIM 89:27]

Because Hashem was
pleased that all His fullness
have its mishkan (tabernacle)
in Moshiach,

And through Moshiach
to bring ritztzu
(reconciliation, cessation of
enmity, hostility between a
wrathful holy G-d and sinful
Bnei Adam) between all things
and Himself, having made
shalom through the dahm of the
kapporah of HaEtz
HaMoshiach [Dt 21:23; Isa
52:15; Lv 16:15-16], whether
the things on HaAretz or the
things in HaShomayim.

And you, once having
been alienated and oyyvim
(enemies) in the mind by
ma'asim hara'im (evil deeds),

Yet now Moshiach
reconciled in the Guf (body)
[1:18] of his basar [TEHILLIM
16:9-10] through Moshiach's
histalkus [Dan 9:26; Isa 53:8-
9] to present you, Kedoshim
holly and without mum (defect,
VAYIKRA 22:20) and without
reproach before Him,

Provided you remain in
the [correct Orthodox Jewish]
Emunah (Faith, the Emunah
of the true Dat HaYehudit),
having been founded in it and
securely established and not
moving away from the tikvah
(hope) of the Besuras
HaGeulah which you heard,
the Besuras HaGeulah which
has been proclaimed in kol
hanivrah (all creation) under
Shomayim, the Besuras
HaGeulah which I, Rav
Shaul, became a keli
kodesh (minister).

Now with lev same'ach
(glad heart) and chedvah
(rejoicing) I rejoice in my
suffering tzoros on behalf of
you. And I am mashlim
(supply what is deficient) the
things lacking of the Chevlei
Moshiach in my basar on
behalf of the basar of
Moshiach [1:18] which is the
Brit Chadasha Kehillah,

Of which I became a keli
kodesh [1:23] according to the
pekudat Hashem (stewardship
of G-d, His shlichus
commission) which was
given to me for you, to carry to
shleimut (wholeness,
completion) the Dvar Hashem
The raz (mystery) having
been hidden from olamim and
from dor vdor, but now made
manifest to the Kedoshim of
Moshiach,

To whom Hashem
wanted to make hisgalus of
what is the spiritual osher of
the kavod of this raz among
the non-Jews: Moshiach in
you, the tikvah of kavod.

It is Moshiach who is the
subject of our hattafah
(preaching), warning every
man and teaching every man
in all chochmah, that we may
present every man Bnei Chayil
mature in Moshiach.

For this also I toil,
striving according to the
hitlahavut (inspiration,
enthusiasm) of Him working
in me with gevurah.

For I want you to have
daa's of how great a
ma'avak (struggle) I have
for you and the ones in
Laodicea, and as many as
have not seen me panim el
panim (directly, in person),

That their levavot may be
built up in Moshiach and
firmness of your [correct Orthodox Jewish]
emunah in Moshiach.

In whom is nistar (hidden)
of Hashem, namely Moshiach,

In whom is nistar (hidden)
of the full assurance of binah,
resulting in the daas of the raz
of Hashem, namely Moshiach,

In whom is nistar (hidden)
all the otzarot (treasures) of
chochmah and daas.

This I say so that no one
can delude you with the
sleight of hand of the ba'al
melitzot (rhetorician).

For, though absent in
basar, but present with you in the
Ruach Hakodesh, with lev
same'ach (glad heart) I am
seeing your order and the
firmness of your [Orthodox
Jewish] emunah in Moshiach.

Therefore, as you became
mekabel Moshiach and
received Moshiach Adoneinu
Yehoshua, so let your halichah
be in Him,

Having been rooted and
built up in Moshiach and
being firmly founded
in the emunah as you
Moshiach has done away with the Torah, which was against us.

statute requirement of the maleh chukat haTorah (full indictment against us in the debt), the heavenly signed sefer of guilt choiv. |14| Having erased the hand- for all your peysha'im; having granted you selicha together with Moshiach, made alive together, you (uncircumcision of flesh) he

53:8) and your orlat basar your peysha'im (YESHAYAH |13| And you being dead in stand up from the Mesim. Hashem who made Moshiach bitachon in the ma'aseh of

Als (Since) you died with the growth of Hashem. Moshiach's Guf, being fully supplied and being be'ichud (united) together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth of Hashem. |19| And not holding on to the Rosh, out of which all the Moshiach's Guf, being fully supplied and being be'ichud (united) together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth of Hashem. |20| Als (Since) you died with the growth of Hashem. Moshiach's Guf, being fully supplied and being be'ichud (united) together through the joints and ligaments, grows with the growth of Hashem. |21| 'Do not touch; do not taste; do not handle.'

The things referred to are all destined to deteriora- tion with use, according to the humanly contrived mitzvot and the humanly contrived chukim (laws) of mere Bnei Adam [i.e., non-Biblical teachings and humanly contrived religious tradition:YESHAYAH 29:13]. |23| Which things have a superficial appearance of chochmah in self-imposed religion and mystical asceticism and severe physical mortification, but are of no value against the indulgence of the yetzer (the so-called basar unrenewed and unregenerated by the Ruach Hakodesh).

If therefore you were made to stand up alive in hitkhadshut with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, seek the things above, where Moshiach is, LIMINI (‘at my right hand’ TEHILLIM 110:1), sitting at the right hand of Hashem. |2| Place your machshavot (thoughts) above (in Shomayim), not on the things of the Olam Hazeh.

For you died and the Chayyim you has become nistar (hidden, 2:3) with Moshiach in Hashem. |4| When Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach who is Chayyeinu (our Life) is made manifest in hisgalus (revelation), then also you with Him will be made manifest in hisgalus in kvod.

Therefore, put to death hisgalus in kavod. Him will be made manifest in hisgalus Chayyeinu (our Life) is made Chayyme (revelation), then also you with Him will be made manifest in hisgalus in kvod.

Because of such things as these the charon af Hashem habah (the coming burning wrath of Hashem) is on the way.

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loshon hora from your mouth.
[9] Do not speak sheker to one another, having disrobed from the Adam hakadmoni (old [unregenerated] humanity) with his ma’asim (works),
[10] And instead enrobe with the Adam HaChadash, the one being renewed in da’as in accordance with the demut (1:15; BERESHIS 1:26-27; Pp 2:6) of the One having created him.
[11] Here there is neither Yevani nor Yehudi, there is neither those who are or are not of the Bris Milah, there is no uncultured non-Greek speaker, there is no Scythian, eved, or Ben Chorin, but rather Moshiach is all in all.
[12] Therefore, as Bechirim (Chosen ones) of Hashem, Kedoshim and ahuvim, enrobe yourselves in tender feelings of rachmei Shomayim (heavenly compassion, mercy), chesed (lovingkindness), anavah (humility), shiflut (lowliness), and savlanut (longsuffering),
[13] Being soivel (bearing with) one another and extending selicha (forgiveness) to each other, if it should be that one is murmuring his complaint against another; just as Adoneinu extended selicha to you, so also you should extend selicha.
[14] And to all these things add ahavah, which is the agudah of tamimim.
[15] And let the shalom of Moshiach arbitrate in your levavot. You were called to this shalom in one NEVELAH [DEVARIM 21:23; cf geviyah, BERESHIS 47:18; cf basar, TEHILLIM 16:9-10; IYOV 19:25-27; YESHAYAH 53:11, guf (body)]. Let there be todah in your levavot.
[16] Let the dvar of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach make its mishkan in you richly, in all chochmah and in all Moshiach’s pnimiyus haTorah (innermost Torah teaching) and words of chizzuk, ministering to one another with Tehilim, shirim, and neshamah niggumim miRuach Hakodesh (soul melodies from the Ruach Hakodesh) with gratitude, singing in your levavot to Hashem.
[288] Adonim, treat your avadim in a manner that is yashar and even-handed, with the da’as that you also have an Adon in Shomayim. [Lv 25:43,53]
[2] Persevere in your tefillos, keeping watch while davening with todot (thanksgiving),
[3] Davening together also concerning us, that G-d may open for us a delet for the Besuras HaGeulah, to speak the raz of Moshiach, on account of which also I have been bound with sharsherot (chains).
[4] Offer this tefillah: that I make known the Besuras HaGeulah as it is necessary for me to speak.
[6] May your lashon always be with the Chen v’Chesed Hashem, seasoned with melach (salt), so that you may have da’as how it is necessary for you to answer each one.
[7] Tyticus will tell you all the news about me; he is a beloved Ach b’Moshiach and a keli kodesh who is ne’eman (faithful), a chaver and fellow eved in Adoneinu.
[8] Tyticus I sent to you for this very reason, that you might have da’as of everything concerning us and he might impart chizzuk (strengthening, encouragement) to your levavot.
[9] With Onesimus, the Ach b’Moshiach, ne’eman and a beloved chaver, one of your kehillah, Tyticus will make known the things here.
[10] Aristarchus, my fellow prisoner, sends you Drishat Shalom. Also Markos, cousin of Bar-Nabba. You have received word klapei (concerning) Markos. If he should come to you, give him a kabbalat panim reception and be mekarev (befriend) him.
MOSHIACH’S LETTER THROUGH THE SHLIACH SHA’UL TO THE BRIT CHADASHA KEHILLAH IN THESSALONIKA (I)

11| Also Yehoshua, the one being called Justus. These [Aristarchus, Markos, and Justus] are the only Messianic Jews among my fellow po‘alim (workers) in the Malchut Hashem. They became to me an encouragement.

12| Epaphras sends you Drishat Shalom. He has also been mishtatef your kehillah, an eved of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, always davening, always agonizing for you in his tefillos, that you might stand Bnei Chayil mature and be fully assured in all the ratzon Hashem.

13| For I give solemn eidus for him that he has toiled much for you and for the ones in Laodicea and for the ones in Hierapolis.

14| Lukas, the beloved physician, sends you Drishat Shalom, and Demas.

15| Drishat Shalom to the Achim b’Moshiach in Laodicea and to Nymphas and the Brit Chadasha kehillah at her bais.

16| And whenever this iggeret (hakodesh) holy epistle is read before you, make sure also that it is read in the Moshiaḥ’s Brit Chadasha Kehillah at her bais.

17| And say to Archippus, ‘Give attention to the avodas kodesh ministry which you received in Adoneinu, that you fulfill it.’

18| This is my hand-signed drishat shalom greeting, SHA’UL. Remember my sharsherot (prison chains). Chen v’Chesed Hashem be with you.

T.N. When Rav Sha’ul wrote Romans there were four Messianic Jews with him. Here he speaks of three.

1| From Sha’ul and Silvanus (Sil) and Timotiyos. To the kehillah of the inhabitants of the city of Thessalonika, the kehillah in Hashem, in Elohim HaAv and in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua. Chen v’Chesed Hashem and Shalom Hashem to you.

2| Hodinu l’Hashem (We give thanks to Hashem) always for all of you, with zikaron (remembrance) during our davening, without ceasing.

3| In our tefillos recalling before our G-d and Avinu your work of emunah, your labor of ahavah (agape), and your perseverance of tikvah in Moshiach Adoneinu Yeshoshua,

4| Knowing, Achim b’Moshiach ahvei Hashem (Brothers in Moshiach beloved of G-d), your bechirah (election).

5| For our Besuras HaGeulah did not come to you in mere locution but indeed in gevurah (miraculous power) and in the Ruach HaKodesh and in full bitachon (confidence), just as you have da’as what sort of men we were among you for your sake.

6| And you became imitators of us and of Adoneinu, having received the Dvar Hashem (the Word of the L-rd) in much redifah (persecution) with the simcha of the Ruach HaKodesh,

7| With the result that you became a mofet (portent), even a role model for all the ma’amanim (believers) in the territory of Macedonia [T.N. a Roman province of northern Greece] and in Achaia [T.N. a Roman province of southern Greece].

8| For from you the Dvar Hashem has resounded not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but also in every place to which your emunah in Hashem has gone forth, with the result that we have no need to say anything.

9| For they themselves (the ma’amanim b’Moshiach in Macedonia and Achaia) are reporting about us, what sort of initial reception we had with you, and how you made teshuva, turning to Hashem from elilim (idols), from avodah zarah (idol worship), turning to worship the Elohim Chayyim and Elohei Emes (the Living G-d and the True G-d),

10| And to expect [Moshiach.] Zun fun der Oybershter from Shomayim whom Hashem made to stand up in the Techiyas HaMoshiach from the Mesim Yehoshua Mosheiynu (our Deliverer) from the Charon Af HaBah (the wrath to come).

2| But you yourselves know, Chaverim b’Moshiach, that our initial reception with you was not empty of result.

3| On the contrary, having suffered before and having been shamefully persecuted (as you know) in Philippi, we had the chozek b’Eloheinu (strength in our G-d) to speak to you the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem in the face of tzorrim rabbi (great and oppressive enemy opposition).

4| For our appeal, our eidus (witness of testimony), does not spring from toyus (error) or meshuga delusion or from tum’a (uncleanness) or from remiyah (guile, deceit).

4| On the contrary, in this way we speak: as persons...
examen and approved by G-d to be entrusted with the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem, as striving to please not men but Hashem who tests, who examines, our levavot.

[5] Nor did we ever come with divrei chanuppah (words of flattery), as you know, nor with pretext for chamdanut (greed) --Der Oybershter is mine eidus! (G-d is my witness!)

[6] Nor seeking kavod from men, neither from you nor from others.

[7] Even though we had the samchut [authority] to be able to throw our weight around as Shlichim (Emissaries) of Moshiach, yet we became anav (humble) and eidel (gentle) among you, as a nursing imma (mother) might take care of her own yeladim.

[8] Thus having a tshuka (yearning) for you, it was our good pleasure to share with you not only the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem, but also our very lives, because you became beloved chaverim to us.

[9] For remember, Achim b'Moshiach, our labor and toil yomam valailah working for the purpose of not weighing down any one of you while we maggidim [for Moshiach] made the Hachrazah (Proclamation, Kerygma) to you of the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem, but also our very lives, because you became beloved chaverim to us.

[10] You were edim (witnesses) and so is Hashem, with what kedushah and tzdeek and tamim manner of shomer masoret we acted toward you ma'amainim b'Moshiach.

[11] For you know how we treated you, as an abba treats his own yeladim.

[12] Exhorting you with divrei chizzuk and comforting you, addressing you with solemn edut (testimony) that you let your derech (way of life), your hitnahagut (conduct), be to fier zich (comport oneself) in a manner worthy of Hashem, who summons you to His Own Malchut and Kavod.

[13] And for this reason also we constantly offer hodayah to Hashem that when you received (as “Ani Maamin” authoritative teaching) the Dvar Hashem, the Word of Hachrazah (Proclamation, Kerygma) from us, you received it not as the dvar HaBnei Adam but, as it actually is, the Dvar Hashem, which also is at work in you who have emunah.

[14] For you became imitators, Chaverim, of the kehillot Hashem in Moshiach Yehoshua which are in Yehudah, because you also were similarly persecuted by your own landslait, just as also they were by the ones in Yehudah.

[15] Even the ones who caused the histalkus of [Moshiach] Adoneinu Yehoshua and killed the Nevim and persecuted us [Shlichim] severely. Indeed, they are not pleasing Hashem and are hostile to kol Bnei Adam, by hindering us from speaking to the Goyim in order that the Goyim might find Yeshu’at Eloheinu. Thus they always make complete their peysha’im. So the charon af, the burning wrath, the furious retribution of Hashem has overtaken them at last.

[16] But you, Achim b'Moshiach, while we were separated from you for a short time (panim el panim, not b'lev), we made all the more effort in much desire to see your penemer (faces).

[17] For we wanted to come to you. Indeed I, [Rav] Sha'ul, did again and again; but Hasatan hindered us.

[18] For who is our tikvah or simcha or crown to glory in before Adoneinu Yehoshua at His Parousia, at the Bias Moshiach-- is it not you?

[19] For you are our kavod and simcha.

Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we resolved to be left behind alone in Athens.

[2] Also we sent Timotiyos, acheinu and fellow poel of Hashem in the Besuras HaGeulah of Moshiach. We sent Timotiyos in order to give you chozek (strength) and to speak divrei chizzuk to you on behalf of our [orthodox Jewish] Emunah [of the true Dat haYehudit].

[3] This was for the tachlis that no one be unsettled because of ES TZARAH. For you yourselves have da'as that we have a divine calendar date with ES TZARAH.

[4] For, hinei, when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were going to suffer redifah, just as also it came to pass, of which you have da'as.

[5] For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent in order to know your emunah, lest somehow [Hasatan Samma’el] the Tempter [HaMenasseh] had ensnared you by nissayon and our labor should be for nothing.

[6] But, just now, when Timotiyos has come to us from you and has brought us good news of your [correct orthodox Jewish] Emunah and your ahavah and that you always have zochrim tovim (good memories) of us, yearning to see us, just as we yearn to see you.

[7] For this reason, Achim b'Moshiach, in all our tzoros and redifah, we received chozek


because of you through your emunah.

[8] For now we have Chayyim if you have a firm standing and remain ne'emanot (faithful) in Hashem.

[9] For what hodayah are we able to return to Hashem concerning you because of all the simcha with which we rejoice on account of you before Eloheinu,

[10] As, yomam valailah, we are davening with all retzinut (earnestness) in order to see your penemer (faces) and to bring to shleimut what is lacking in your [orthodox Jewish] emunah?

[11] And may Eloheinu and Avinu, may Hashem Himself and Adoneinu Yehoshua direct our way to you.

[12] And may Hashem cause you to grow and to overflow and abound in ahavah (agape) for one another and for kol Bnei Adam, just as also we have ahavah (agape) for you,

[13] With this tachlis (purpose): to establish your levavot faultless in kedushah (holiness) in the presence of Hashem and Avinu at the Bi'as Moshiach (Coming of Moshiach) of Adoneinu Yehoshua with all His Kedoshim. Omein.

Lemaskana (finally), Achim b'Moshiach, we ask and exhort you in Adoneinu Yehoshua, in order that, just as from us (Moshiach’s Shlichim) you received (as authoritative halachic tradition, as the Messianic teaching to be followed) how it is necessary for you to be fier zich (comport oneself) in your derech (way of life) and to please Hashem (just as you in fact are doing), so you should abound more and more.

[12] The tachlis (purpose) is that the way you fier zich (comport oneself) in your derech (way of life) be conducted properly toward outsiders and that you might not be nitzrach (needy).

[13] We do not want you to lack da’as, Chaverim, concerning those who have ‘fallen asleep.’ The purpose is that you not have agmat nefesh (grief) like the rest, who do not have tikvah (hope).

[14] For, if we have an Ani Ma’amin belief that Yehoshua had his histalkus and then stood up alive again in the Techiyas HaMoshiach from HaMesim, even so, Hashem will bring with him [Moshiach] those who have fallen asleep through Yehoshua.

[15] For this we say to you by the Dvar Hashem, that we who are alive and have been left behind until the Bi’as (Coming, Parousia of) Moshiach Adoneinu, may in no way be kodem (preceding) those who have fallen asleep.

[16] For Adoneinu Himself, at the signal, at the hat kol of the Sar HaMalachim (the Archangel), and at the shofar blast of Hashem, shall come down from Shomayim, and the Mesim in Moshiach shall stand up alive in the Techiyas HaMesim first.

[17] Then [next in sequence], we who are alive and who have been left behind simultaneously with them shall be snatched up in the ananim (clouds) to meet Adoneinu in the air. And so always with Adoneinu we shall be.

[18] Therefore, give chozek (strength) and speak divrei chizzuk (words of encouragement), comforting one another with these words.
But concerning the ittim (times) and the zmanim (seasons), Chaverim, you have no need for you to have anything in writing.

For you yourselves know very well that the Yom Hashem comes like a ganav balailah (thief in the night).

Whenever they say, “Shalom and Bitachon!” then sudden churban (destruction) will come upon them like the chevlei leydah (birth pangs) of the isha with a baby in her womb. And they can certainly not escape.

But you, Achim b’Moshiach, are not in choshech that the Yom should overtake you like a ganav. For all of you are Bnei Ohr and Bnei Yom; we are not of the Lailah nor of the Choshech.

Therefore, let us not “sleep” as the rest, but let us keep awake with zililut da’as (sober-mindedness).

Now we ask you, Achim b’Moshiach, to have discerning binah (understanding) and discern the ones laboring among you who are your Mashgichim Ruchaniyim (Spiritual Overseers) in Adoneinu. I’m referring to the ones who admonish and warn you.

And esteem them most exceedingly in ahavah (agape), because of their avodas kodesh work. Let there be shalom bayis (family peace) also in the kehillah.

And we exhort you, Achim b’Moshiach, warn the batlanim (unemployed or lazy loafers, idlers), comfort the congregant who is pachdan (fainthearted), those who are weak take an interest in, have zitzfleisch (patience) with all.

See that no one returns ra’ah for ra’ah, but always pursue haTov both for one another and for all.

Have simcha always.

Daven unceasingly.

In everything offer hodayah, for this is the ratzon Hashem in Moshiach Yehoshua for you.

Do not quench the Ruach Hakodesh.

Do not reject nevu’ot (prophecies).

But test kol davar (everything); hold fast to haTov.

Abstain from every appearance of ra’ah (evil).

And now Elohei HaShalom wholly set you apart as Kedoshim and may your whole ruach and nefesh and basar be preserved without blame at the Bi’as HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.

Ne’eman (Faithful) is the One who summons you to your kri’ah (calling). He will do it.

Achim b’Moshiach, offer tefillos also concerning us.

Say Drishat Shalom to all the Achim b’Moshiach with a neshikat kedoshah.

By Adoneinu, I solemnly give you the directive that this iggeret hakodesh has to be read to all the Achim b’Moshiach.

The Chen v’Chesed of Adoneinu, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, be with you.

[T.N. A spouse may have changed partners in the congregation (see 1Th 4:5-6) and this Judas-like domestic betrayal will bring G-d’s vengeance, Rav Sha’ul warns. At any rate, some of the people were not acting like believers. Busy with secular work and preaching continually, Moshiach’s Shliach and his associates contrasted with the immature believers here who had quit their jobs, weren’t looking for work, and, with perhaps a few funerals in the community to depress them, were questioning the Bi’as Moshiach and its benefit to those who had died and apparently missed the boat. The need to explain this and that “waiting for Moshiach” did not mean being idle prompted this letter which was written about 15 years before Rav Sha’ul’s death al-kiddush ha-Shem, and is one of the earliest written by one of Moshiach’s Shlehim.]
MOSHIACH’S LETTER THROUGH THE SHLIACH SHA’UL
TO THE BRIT CHADASHA KEHILLAH IN THESSALONIKA (II)

1 From Sha’ul and Silvanus (Sila) and Timotiyo. To the Kehillah of the inhabitants of the city of Thessalonika, the Kehillah in Hashem, in Elohim Avinu and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu,
[2] Chen vChesed Hashem to you and Shalom from Elohim Avinu and Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.
[3] With continuous hodayah (thanksgiving) we ought to make brachot to Hashem concerning you, Achim bMoshiach, as is fitting, because your emunah is increasing abundantly and the ahavah (agape) every one of you has for the other is growing.
[4] Therefore, we ourselves glory in you in all the kehillot of Hashem for the other is growing your emunah and because your ahavah is increasing abundantly and the haShem Adoneinu.
[5] This is kluhr (obvious) that here is a manifest siman (sign, indication) of the yashar haemunah (work of faith) that Eloheinu may count you haShem Adoneinu Yehoshua may be glorified in you and you, in him [Moshiach], according to the unmerited Chen vChesed of Eloheinu and Moshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

2 We ask you, Achim bMoshiach, concerning the Bias HaMoshiach (the Arrival, Coming of Moshiach) Yehoshua Adoneinu and our being gathered together to him [Moshiach],
[2] that you not become too hastily disturbed from your spiritual composure nor frightened either by a ruach or by a dibur (saying, utterance) or by an iggeret (letter), as if from us, saying that the YOM HASHEM (Day of the L-rd, AMOS 5:18) has come.
[3] Let no one in any way lead you astray, because, unless the Merid (Rebellion, Revolt, the [Anti-Moshiach] Shmad Betrayal Defection of Apostasy, the Azivah Abandonment) Desertion comes rishonah (first), and the Apocalypse of the Ish HaMu’afkarut (Man of Lawlessness), the Ish HaChat’ahah Ben HaAvaddon (Man of Sin, Son of Destruction Anti-Moshiach) is unveiled...
[4] I’m referring to the one setting himself against and exalting himself AL KOL EL (above every G-d, DANIEL 11:36), above all that is given the appellation ‘G-d’ or object of worship, with the result that in the Beis Hamikdash Heikhal he sits down on the MOSHAV ELOHIM (throne of Elohim) according to the T.N. The word can mean witness al kiddush haShem to you was believed in YOM HAHU (that Day) YESHAYAH 2:11).
[11] To this end also we make tefillos always concerning you that Eloheinu may count you worthy of the Kri’ah (Calling) that Eloheinu may count you worthy of the Kri’ah (Calling) and by His gevurah may fulfill every chafetz hatov (good desire) and ma’aseh haemunah (work of faith)
[12] In order that ha-Shem Eloheinu and Moshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

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Bi'as (HaMoshiach, His Parousia, Coming).

|9| The Bi'as Anti-Moshiach (Coming, Parousia, of Anti-Moshiach) is according to the working of Hasatan with all false ko'ach (power) and ototh (signs) and pseudo moftim (wonders),
|10| And with all deception of reshia (wickedness) for those who are perishing, because they were not being mekabel (receiving) the Ahavas HaEmes (Love of the Truth) so that they have the Geulah deliverance.

|11| And for this reason Hashem sends to them a powerful madduchei shav (false enticement, delusion) in order that they believe what is sheker . [MELACHIM ALEF 22:22]
|12| This is for the tachlis (purpose) of condemning to Onesh [Gehinnom] all the ones who have no emunah in HaEmes, but instead have had delight in resha.

|13| But we ought always to offer hodayah (thanksgiving) and make brachot to Hashem concerning you, Achim b'Moshiach, ahuvei Hashem, because Hashem chose you as bikkurim (first fruits) for the Geulah through mekudash b'Ruach HaKodesh (being set apart as holy in the Ruach HaKodesh) and through emunah in HaEmes.

|14| This is HaEmes to which Hashem called you through our Besuras HaGeulah to the obtaining of the kavod of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.

|15| So then, Achim b'Moshiach, stand fast and hold fast to the [orthodox Jewish] emunah, the Moshiach's pnimiyus haTorah that was handed over and transmitted to you, which you were taught, whether by divrei pinu (words of our mouth) or by our iggeret hakodesh.

|16| Now may HaMelech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu Himself and Elohim Avinu, who has regarded us with ahavah (agape), and has granted us nechamat olam (eternal consolation) and tikvah tovah (good hope) by the unmerited Chesed of Hashem.
|17| May He give chozek (strength) and encouragement to you in every mitzvah (good deed) you do and in every dibur (utterance) you speak.

Lemaskana (finally), Achim b'Moshiach, daven for us, that the Dvar Hashem will run on and be lifted up in kavod, just as it is also with you,

|2| And that we may be delivered from anshei resha (men of wickedness), not all possess the Messianic emunah.

|3| But Ne'eman (Faithful) is Hashem who gives you chozek (strength) and is shomer over you, guarding you from the Evil One.

|4| And we have bitachon in Hashem concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we have directed.

|5| Now may Hashem direct your levavot in the Ahavas Hashem and into the zitzfleisch of Moshiach.

|6| Now we charge you, Achim b'Moshiach, b'Shem Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, to shun chavrusashaft (association) with every one of the Achim b'Moshiach who follows the derech habatlanim (way of idlers) and walks not according to Moshiach's [pnimiyus] haTorah that was handed over and transmitted to you and which you received from us [Shlichim].

|7| For you yourselves have da`as as how it is necessary to imitate us as a mofet (role model), because we [Shlichim] were not batlanim (idlers) among you.

|8| Nor did we eat lechem (food) from anyone gratis, but in labor and exertion lailah v'yomam (night and day) we were working for the tachlis (purpose) of not weighing down and burdening any one of you;

|9| Not because we do not have the zchus (right), but in order that we impart ourselves as a mofet (role model) to you that you might imitate us.

|10| For even when we were with you, this we used to direct you: that if anyone will not be a po'el (worker), neither let him be an ochel (eater) [Gn 3:19].

|11| For we hear that some among you are leading the life of a batlan (loafer), not being busy with a parnasah, but being busynesses with hitarevut (meddlesomeness).

|12| Now such persons we are directing and exhort in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu to work with quietness that they may eat their own lechem.

|13| But you, Achim b'Moshiach, do not lose chozek in well-doing.

|14| But if anyone does not obey the gzeira (injunction) in this iggeret hakodesh (holy letter), take special notice of that one; do not have chavrusashaft (association) with him, for the tachlis (purpose) of stirring him with a sense of bushah (shame).

|15| And do not consider (him) an oyev (enemy) but warn him as an Ach b'Moshiach.
MOSHIACH’S LETTER THROUGH THE SHLIACH SHA’UL TO TIMOTIYOS (I)

1 From Sha’ul, a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua according to the authoritative command of the Dvar Hashem, that is, Hashem Moshiyenu and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua tikvateynu.

2 To Timotiyos [Ac 16:1] a trueborn ben haEmunah [son in the faith], Chessed Hashem, Rachamim Hashem, and Shalom Hashem from Elohim Avinu and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu.

3 Even as I urged you to remain in Ephesus while I was going into Macedonia so that you might enjoin the gzeira (authoritative command) on certain persons not to teach heterodoxy,

4 Nor to focus on agгадah [Ti 1:14] and endless toldot (genealogies) which give rise to useless speculations in contrast to Hashem’s imun (training) in emunah.

5 But the tachlis (purpose) of the gzeira [1:3] is ahavah (love) out of a lev tahor (pure heart) and a clear matzpun (conscience) and emunah (faith) without tzvi’ut (hypocrisy).

6 Some people [1:3] have missed the mark and deviated from these things to hevel (vanity), to divrei havohu (words of emptiness).

7 Wanting to teach Torah as rabbonim, they have binah neither of what they are talking about nor of the things about which they so confidently make assertions.

8 But we know that the Torah is beneficial if anyone’s use of Torah is Torah-true.

9 This means one must have da’as that the Torah [in reference to the mitzvot lo ta’aseh, the negative commandments, lo tachmod, lo tirtzach, lo tinof, etc] is not intended for the anshei tzedek (men of righteousness) but for the bnei Belial and the poshei’im (the ones transgressing, rebelling), those without yirat Shomayim and the chote’im (sinners), osei hakavod (the ones for whom it is not), shakranim (fornicators), shochvim es zachar (homosexuals), govnei nefesh (kidnapper, slave dealers SHEMAOT 21:15(14)], and rotzeachim (murderers).

10 Zannayim (fornicators), shochvim es zachar (homosexuals), govnei nefesh (kidnapper, slave dealers SHEMAOT 21:16), shakranim (liars), nishba’im hasheker (perjurers) and whatever else is keneged (against) sound orthodox torah [Moshiach’s Torah in correct Messianic teaching]

11 According to the Besuras HaGeulah kavod haElohim hamvorach (the Good News of Redemption of the glory of the blessed G-d) with which I [Rav Sha’ul] was entrusted.

12 Modeh ani (I give thanks) to the one having empowered me, Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Adoneinu, because he considered me ne’eman (faithful), having appointed me to the rabbanut of Moshiach (i.e., Messianic ministry).

13 Previously being one guilty of Chilul Hashem gidduf (blasphemy), redifah (persecution), and [religious] terrorism, fort (nevertheless), I received rachamim (mercy), because I acted in [unregenerate] ignorance in the absence of emunah.

14 And the Chen vChesed Hashem of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

15 Trustworthy is the dvar Emes and worthy of all mekabel acceptance, that Rebbe, Melech, HaMoshiach Yehoshua came into the Olam Hazeh to rescue chote’im, of whom I am the foremost.

16 But because of this, I received rachamim that in me, the foremost, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua might display all savlanut (longsuffering, patience), making me a mofet (model) to the ones about to have bitachon (trust) and emunah in Moshiach, resulting in Chayyei Olam.

17 Now to HaMelech HaOlamim, the One who is Ein Sof (without end), Whom no eye has seen, Adonoi echad, lo hakavod vhatiferet maayhalom vad haolam (to him be honor and glory from forever to forever). Omein.

18 This gzeira (1:3) I commit to you, beni Timotiyos, according to the dvar hanevu’ot (the prophecies 4:14) made previously about you, that by them you might war the good warfare, holding emunah and a clear matzpun (conscience), which some persons [1:3], because they pushed aside a clear matzpun [1:5], have suffered shipwreck in the [Orthodox Jewish] emunah.
I urge, therefore, of first importance, davening, techinnah (supplication), tefillah (prayer), bakkashot (petitions), and hodayah (thanksgiving) be made on behalf of kol Bnei Adam (all mankind).

On behalf of malchei eretz (kings) and on behalf of all the ones in authority, that we may lead a life of chayyei menuchah (life of rest) in all chasidus (piety) and yirat Shomayim (reverence).

This is good and acceptable before Hashem Moshiyenu,

Who wants kol Bnei Adam to have Yeshu’at Eloheynu, benediction and tahorah characterized by hashem yosef (kindness, piety) and ma’asim tovim (good works).

But with what is proper for nashim professing yirat Shomayim, that is, by means of ma’asim tovim (good works).

Let the isha (wife) learn in silence in all submission.

I do not allow an isha (wife) either to have teaching authority over or to have hishtaltut (domination, taking control) over [her] man, but to be in silence.

For Adam was formed rishonah (first), then Chavah.

And Adam was not deceived, but the isha, having been deceived, has come to be in averah (transgression).

But womankind will be saved through her childbearing if nashim remain in emunah and ahavah and kedushah with tznias [2:9].

Trustworthy is the dvar Emes: if anyone aspires to the congregational office of Meshgiach Ruchani (Spiritual Overseer) over the Adat Hashem (Congregation of G-d), he desires a good task.

It is necessary, therefore, for the congregational Meshgiach Ruchani to be without reproach, ba’al isha echat (a one woman man/master, see OJB p.258, Ism 2:22-25, i.e., kedushah and tahorah characterized by heterosexuality, exclusivity, and fidelity), drug-free and clear-headed, a man of seichel, practiced in derech eretz and hachnosas orchim (hospitality), skillful as a rabbinic moreh (yeshiva teacher),

Not a shikkor (drunkard) indulging in much wine, not violent but forbearing and eidel (gentle, courteous), not a ba’al machlokes (quarrelsome person), not a gelt-loving kamtzan (miser).

He must be a ba’al bayit who can manage his own household well, having his banim (children) in submission with all respect.

Now if anyone does not have da’as (wisdom) of how to manage his own bais, how will he be a mashgiach (spiritual administrator) who can give oversight to the Kehillah of Hashem?

He must not be a neophyte in the emunah [of Moshiach] lest, having become a ba’al gevul (a haughty person), he might fall into the din Hasatan (the judgment or verdict of the Adversary, the Accuser).

Now it is necessary also for him to have a keter shem tov (good name) with the outsiders, lest he might fall into reproach and a pakh (pitfall, trap) of Hasatan.

Messianic Shammashim similarly must be respectable men of derech eretz, not double-tongued, the Shammash not a shikkor (drunkard) indulging in much wine, not a lover of dishonest gain,

Keeping the sod haemunah (the mystery of the faith) with a clear matzpun (conscience, 1:5,19).

And let these Messianic Shammashim also be tested before holding office and then, if they prove unreprouvable, let them have the avodos hakodesh sherut (ministry) of Messianic Shammashim.
[11] Nashim (women, see Ro 16:1) serving as Shammashim similarly must be tzidkaniyot (righteous women), respectable, not yentas with mouths of lashon hora and rekhilus (gossip), but nashim who are temperate and faithful in all things.

[12] Let the Shammashim be ha'at isha achat (one wife husbands), managing well their banim and their own batim (households).

[13] For the ones having served well in the avodas hakodesh of Messianic Shammashim acquire for themselves a good standing and much bitachon in emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

[14] I have the tikvah to come to you soon, but I am writing these directives so that, if I delay, you may have da'as of HaEmes.

[15] If I delay, you may have da'as of HaEmes, because the whole Briah (Creation) that Hashem has created is tov [BERESHIS 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31] and nothing is to be rejected that is received with hodayah.

[16] And confessedly great is the sod of chasidus [see 3:9]: Elokim was manifested in basar, was vindicated [proven just] by the Ruach HaKodesh, was seen by malachim, was proclaimed among the Nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in kavod.

Now the Ruach HaKodesh says befeirush (explicitly) that in the acharit hayamim some will become meshummad (apostate) from the emunah [of Moshiaich], giving heed to deceitful ruchot (spirits, 1Yn 4:1) and teachings of shedim, [2] Through the tzevi'ut (hypocrisy) of ones [morei sheker] speaking shoker, the matzpun of whom is seared as with a branding iron.

[3] Such will forbid nisu'im (marriage), commanding an issur (prohibition) against that ma'akhhal which Hashem created for partaking with hodayah by the ma'amimim in Moshiaich and by the ones who have da'as of HaEmes.

[4] Because the whole Briah (Creation) that Hashem has created is tov [BERESHIS 1:4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, 31] and nothing is to be rejected that is received with hodayah.

[5] For it is being set apart as kodesh through the dvar Hashem and tefillos and brachot.

[6] By presenting these things to the Achim [in Moshiaich] you will be a good k'li kodesh (minister) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, will be one nourished with the divrei haemunah and the torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching) torah yeshara (good, straight Orthodox Jewish teaching).


[8] For hitammelut (bodily exercise or training) is kedai (profitable) a bissle, but chasidus [in Moshiaich] is profitable in every way, holding havtachah (promise) of Chayyim now in the Olam Hazeh, and, later, of Olam Habah.

[9] This dvar torah is trustworthy and worthy of all acceptance.

[10] For to this end we labor and strive at the melachah (task), because we have set tikvateynu in the EL CHAI [YEHOSHUA 3:10] who is Moshia'is (Savor) of kol Bnei Adam, that is, the ma'aminim [in Moshiaich Adoneinu].


[12] Let no one regard with contempt your tza'irut (youth), but become a mofet (example) for the ma'amimim [in Moshiaich] in loshon (speech), in hitnahagut (conduct), in avahav, in emunah, and in lev tahor.

[13] Until I come, attend to the kri'ah betzibbur (congregational public reading) of the Ketuvim.

[14] Do not neglect the matanah (gift) in you which was given to you by means of dvar hanevu'ah (prophecy) with the smichat administered by the Ziknei HaKehillah.

[15] Put these things into practice, that your progress in shomer masoret (religious devotion) may be manifest to all.

[16] Be shomer both toward yourself and toward your Messianic hora'ah (instruction, teaching). For by so doing this, you will come to Yeshu'at Eloheynu, and this means not only you yourself but also those who hear your hatafah [about Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach].

To a Zaken do not speak harsh rebuke. Rather entreat him as an abba. Treat the bochrim as achim (brothers).

[2] Elderly nashim treat as imahot (mothers); younger nashim as achayot (sisters) in all hatohar (moral purity).

[3] Honor [with support] almanot (widows) that are really almanot.

[4] But if any almanah has banim or bnei banim, let the banim or bnei banim learn first to show yirat Shomayim vis-a-vis their own bais and to render recompense to the horim (parents), for
this is acceptable in the sight of Hashem.

[5] Now the true almanah, left alone, has set her tiqvah on Hashem and continues in her techinnah [2:1] and her tefillos yomam valailah.

[6] But the one living in ahavat ta’anugot (hedonism) has died while living.

[7] And insist on these things, that the almanot be irreproachable.  

[8] But if anyone does not get a parnasah to provide for his own mishpochah and especially his own bais, he has denied the emunah [of Moshiach] and is worse than an Apikoros (skeptic, unbeliever).

[9] Let an almanah be enrolled on the [kehillas support] list if she is not less than sixty years old, nesu’ah lish chayim (a one man woman),

[10] being commended by ma’asim tovim, having brought up banim, having showed hachnosas orchim, having washed the feet of the Kedoshim, having given nechamah (comfort), having devoted herself to every ma’aseh tov.

[11] But younger almanot refuse, for, when they have ta’avah (lust), in disregard of Moshiach they want nissuin (marriage, see v.9),

[12] Having harsha’ah (condemnation, conviction), because their first havtachah (condemnation, conviction), promise, pledge to ministry, v.9 they annulled.

[13] And at the same time also they learn atzulut, going around house to house, and not only idle but also platke machers (gossipy intriguers) and busybodies, speaking things they ought not.

[14] Therefore, I counsel younger almanot to proceed with nissuin (marriage), to bear banim, to manage the bais, giving no occasion to the mitnagged (opponent, antagonist) to reproach us.

[15] For already some almanot have turned aside to follow Hasatan.

[16] If any ma’amimah (believing woman) has in her mishpochah (family) almanot, let her assist her almanot and let not Moshiach’s Kehillah be burdened, that indeed Moshiach’s Kehillah may assist the ones who are true almanot [v.9].

[17] Let the Zekanim (elders, see SHEMOT 12:21) who have ruled well be considered worthy of double kavod, especially the Zekanim laboring in Messianic hatafah (preaching) and Messianic horah (teaching).

[18] For the Kitzvi HaKodesh says, LO TACHSOM SHALOM BEDISHO ‘You shall not muzzle the ox while he is treading out the grain’ DEVARIM 25:4), and ‘Worthy is the workman of his wages.’

[19] Do not receive an accusation against a Zaken (Elder), unless on the PI SHLI EDIM O AL PI SHLOSHA EDIM ‘testimony of two or three witnesses’ DEVARIM 19:15.

[20] The Zekanim that are sinning, expose before all, that the rest also may have yirat Shomayim.

[21] I charge you before Hashem and Moshiach Yehoshua and the malachim habechirim (chosen angels) that these directives you keep without discrimination, doing nothing on the mokor (basis) of mosoh panim (partiality).

[22] Give simchah quickly to no one nor participate in the chatta’im (sins) of others; keep yourself tahor.

[23] No longer drink only mayim, but use a little yayin because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

[24] With some, their chatta’im are obvious, going before them to mishpat, but with others, some chatta’im indeed follow after them [to the Yom HaDin].

[25] Likewise, also ma’asim tovim are borur (obvious), but even when they are not, they cannot be hidden.

6 As many avadim as are under the ol (yoke) of slavery let them consider their own adonim as worthy of all kavod, lest the name of Hashem and torateynu (our teaching) suffer Chillul Hashem gidduf.

[2] And let the ma’amim in Moshiach that have adenom not disrespect their masters because their adonim are achim, but let them all the more render service to them because the ones receiving benefit from their sherut hatov are ma’amim in Moshiach and almanot. Say shiurim on these things and exhort them.

[3] If anyone teaches heterodoxy (a doctrine that has a chiluk or difference) and does not agree with the orthodox Jewish teaching of Yehoshua the Moshiach Adoneinu and with torateynu (our teaching) suffer Chillul Hashem gidduf.

[4] He has succumbed to gaavah (conceit), having binah of nothing, but having a morbid craving for controversies and disputes over dvarim out of which comes kinah (envy), madon (strife), lashon hora (evil speaking), chashadot merusha’im (evil suspicions),

[5] And constant friction between men corrupted in their minds and having become bereft of HaEmes, thinking chasidus to be a means of financial revach.

[6] But chasidus with tzufriedenkait (contentment) is great revach (gain, profit).
[7] For we brought nothing into the Olam Hazeh, neither are we able to carry anything out of it,
[8] But having okhel (food) and begadim (clothes), with these we will be satisfied.
[9] But the ones desiring to be oishirim (rich men) fall into nisayon (temptation) and into a pakh (trap) and into many foolish and destructive ta'avot (lusts) which plunge men into cherem and Avaddon (destruction).
[10] For the ahavas hakesef (love of money) is the shoresh (root) of kol hara'ot (all evils), which some, craving, were thereby led away from the emunah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and pierced themselves with many machovim (sorrows).
[12] Fight the good fight of emunah; lay hold of the Chayyei Olam to which you were called when you made the eidus tovah (good testimony) before edim rabbim (many witnesses).
[13] I charge you before Hashem, the one giving Chayyim to all things, and before Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, the one having testified the eidus tovah (good testimony) before Pontius Pilate,
[14] I charge you to be shomer over the mitzvoh [of Moshiach] spotlessly, irreproachably, until the appearing of Moshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua,
[15] Which He will make manifest at the right time--HaMvorach, HaRibbon HaYachid, Melech HaMelachim and Adon HaAdonim.
[16] To the One who is alone haAlmavet (Immortal), dwelling in Ohr unapproachable, whom no man among Bnei Adam saw, neither is able to see, lo hakavod v'hagevurah l'olam va'ed. Omein.
[17] Charge the oishirim in the Olam Hazeh not to walk in gaavah (pride) and high-mindedness, neither to put their tikvah (hope) in the uncertainty of their other but in Hashem who richly grants us all things for enjoyment.
[18] Charge the oishirim to do HaTov, to be rich in ma'asim tovim, to demonstrate rochav lev (generosity) and willingness to do gemilus chesed,
[19] Treasuring up for themselves a yesod tov (good foundation) for Olam Habah that they may lay hold of HaChayyim HaAmittiyim.
[20] O Timotiyos, the pikkadon (deposit) [of Moshiach's torah, Ac 2:42] entrusted to you be shomer over, turning away from the profane empty utterances and oppositions of the falsely named Da'as (proto-Gnostic, see 1Y chps 1-5) by which, some, professing, missed the mark concerning the emunah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.
[21] By which, some, professing, missed the mark concerning the emunah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, Chen v'Chesed Hashem be with you.

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Shaul, a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua birtzon Hashem (by the will of G-d), according to the havtachah haChayyim (promise of Life) in Moshiach Yehoshua.

light through the Besuras HaGeulah,
[11] For which I was appointed a karoz (herald), a maggid (darshan, preacher), a Shliach and a rabbi (teacher). [12] It is because of these things also that I suffer. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and I have been persuaded that He is able to stand shomer, guarding [preserving] until HaYom HaHu the orthodox Jewish, see 1Ti 6:20 pikkadon (deposit) entrusted to Him by me. [13] Follow the pattern of sound orthodox Jewish devarim which you heard from me, in emunah and ahavah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua. [14] Stand shomer over the orthodox Jewish pikkadon entrusted to you through the Ruach Hakodesh dwelling in us. [15] Of this you have da'as: all the ones in Asia, of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes, turned away from me. [16] May Hashem grant rachamim to the bais of Onesiphorus, because often he refreshed me and he was not ashamed of my sharsherot.

You, therefore, beni, be empowered in the Chen v’Chesed which is in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua. [2] And what things you heard from me through edim rabbin, these things commit to anashim ne’emanim (faithful) for to deny Himself, He is not able.

[14] Remind them of these things, solemnly warning them in the presence of Hashem not to be engaged in disputes over devarim, which is not beneficial, but only ruins the hearers. [15] Do your best to sh'tal zich (apply yourself), to present yourself to Hashem as one approved, a po’el (workman) without bushah (shame), keeping on a derech yashar the Dvar HaEmes.

[16] But profane chatter bereft of kedushah, avoid, for such will advance that which is frai (irreligious).

[17] Their lashon hora will spread like gangrene, as in the case of Hymenaeus and Philetus, [18] Who concerning HaEmes missed the mark, teaching that the Techiyas HaMesim has already occurred. They are overthrowing the emunah of some.

[19] Al kol panim (nevertheless), the solid yesod of Hashem stands firm and zicher (certain), having this seal: V’YODA’ Hashem ES ASHER LO (“Hashem KNOWS THE ONES WHO ARE HIS” BAMPIDBAR 16:5); and let everyone who names the name of Hashem depart from avel (iniquity, gross injustice).

[20] In a bais gadol, there are not only k’lei (vessels) of gold and silver but also those wooden ones and earthen ones: some, for honorable use; others, for dishonorable use.

[21] But flee from the ta’avot hane’urim (lusts of youth TEHILLIM 25:7)
and pursue tzedek, emunah, ahavah, and shalom with the ones calling on Adoneinu out of a lev tahor.

| 23 | But speculations characterized by narrishkait and lacking da'as—such refuse, knowing that they produce fights.

| 24 | And an eved Hashem ought not be a Ba’al Machlokes (quarrelsome person), but ought to be eidel (gentle, courteous) to all, a skilled rabbinic moreh, savlan (patient).

| 25 | Correcting the mitnaggedim (opponents) in anavat ruach (a spirit of meekness), in the tikvah that Hashem may efsher (perhaps) grant them teshuva, resulting in da’as HaEmes,

| 26 | And that they may come to their senses, escaping the pakh (trap) of Hasatan, after having been captured by him to do his will.

| 3 | But of this have da’as, that in the acharit hayamim there will be terrible times,

| 2 | For Bnei Adam will be in love with self, ohavei kesef (lovers of money), ga’avtanim (proud boasters), speakers of lashon hora, disobedient to horim (parents), without hakarat todah (gratitude), without kedushah,

| 3 | Without ahavah, unforgiving and irreconcilable, without shlitah atzmi (self-control) in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of a mevaser of the Besuras HaGeulah, fully carry out your avodas kodesh ministry of kiruv rechokim (bringing near the far away ones).

| 4 | For already I am being poured out, and the time of my avekfor (departure, see Pp 1:23) has come.

| 7 | Always learning but never being able to come to da’as HaEmes.

| 8 | As Jannes and Jambres opposed Moshe Rabbeinu, so also these oppose HaEmes. These men have been corrupted in their mind and are failures with respect to the emunah [of Moshiach, Yd 1:3],

| 9 | But they will not proceed very far, for the sichtig (folly, stupidity) of them will likewise become conspicuous to all.

| 10 | But you closely followed my torah, my halichah, my tachlis, my emunah, my zitzfleisch (patience), my ahavah, my endurance,

| 11 | The redifot (persecutions) and Messianic yissurim (sufferings) which happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, what kind of redifot I endured. And out of all Adoneinu rescued me.

| 12 | Also all the ones wanting to live as chasidim in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua will be persecuted,

| 13 | But anashim ra’im and impostors will progress to their abysmal worst, misleading and being misled.

| 14 | But, you, remain in the shiurim you learned, and the things you were convinced of, knowing under which rabbi you sat,

| 15 | And that from infancy you have known the Kitvei HaKodesh, which are able to make you chocham with a view to Yeshu’at Eloheynu through emunah in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

| 16 | The entire Kitvei HaKodesh is Hashem-breathed and useful for hora’ah (teaching), for reproof, for correction, for training in tzedek,

| 17 | That the ish haElohim may be proficient, having been equipped for every one of the maasim tovim.

| 4 | I solemnly charge you before Hashem and Moshiach Yehoshua, the imminent Shofet of the living and dead, and by the Bi’as HaMoshiach and His Malchut:

| 2 | Attend to the hatafah (preaching) of the Dvar Hashem. Be ready in season, out of season, expose, rebuke, encourage, with all long suffering and horah (teaching).

| 3 | For there will be a time when sound charedi (orthodox) hora’ah they will not tolerate, but according to their ta’avot they will accumulate morim to tickle their ears.

| 4 | And from HaEmes of Hashem they will turn their ear away shmad and to aggadah they will be turned aside.

| 5 | But, you, exercise shlitah atzmi (self-control) in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of a mevaser of the Besuras HaGeulah, fully carry out your avodas kodesh ministry of kiruv rechokim (bringing near the far away ones).

| 6 | For already I am being poured out, and the time of my avekfor (departure, see Pp 1:23) has come.

| 7 | The milchemet tzedek (war of righteousness) I have fought, the course I have finished, the emunah [Yd 1:3] I have been shomer over.

| 8 | Henceforth, there is laid up for me the keter hatzedakah (crown of righteousness) which Adoneinu, the Shofet Tzedek, will give to me in HaYom HaHu, and not only to me, but also to all the ones who are ohavei Bi’as HaMoshiach.
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[9] Have zerizut (diligence) to come to me quickly.

[10] For Demas deserted me. Having loved the Olam Hazeh, he departed for Thessalonica; Crescens, to Galatia; Titos, to Dalmatia.

[11] Lukas alone is with me. Get Markos and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for avodas hakodesh.

[12] Now Tyhicus I sent to Ephesus.

[13] When you come, bring the cloak which I left behind in Troas with Carpus, and the meglilos, especially the parchments.

[14] Alexander the coppersmith did ra’ot rabbot (much evil) to me; Adonoi will repay him L'ISH (to each as his deeds).

[15] If anyone is without emunah, let him be orthodox Jewish doctrine and of HaEmes (knowledge of the Truth) as pertains to chasidus [in Moshiach].

[16] At my first hitstaddekut (defense), no one came to be with me, but all forsook me. May it not be counted against them.

[17] But Adoneinu stood with me, and empowered me, that through me the hachrazah (proclamation, kerygma) of the Besuras HaGeulah might be fully preached and all the Nations might hear it. And I was rescued out of the mouth of the lion.

[18] Hashem will rescue me from every evil work and thus will bring me safely into his Moshieynu. Moshieynu.

[19] But revealed at the proper time Hashem’s dvar [Besuras HaGeulah] in the hachrazah (proclamation, kerygma), with which I was entrusted, according to the mitzvat Hashem Moshiyeynu.

[20] For this reason I left you in Crete that you should set beseder (according to acceptable order) what remains and give messianic s’michah to Zekenim (holy), with shlitah atzmi (self-control).

[21] For there are indeed many mitnaggedim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers, especially the ones of the party of the Mohalim (opponents), idle talkers and deceivers.

[22] Rather, the Mashgiach Ruchani to be without reproach as Hashem’s mefake’ach al Beis Hashem (steward or supervisor of the House of G-d), not a ba’al gaavah (a haughty person), nor quick in ka’as (anger), nor a shikkor (drunkard) given to much wine, not violent, not a gelt-loving kamtzan (miser).

[23] For it is necessary for the congregational Mashgiach Ruchani to be without reproach as Hashem’s mefake’ach al Beis Hashem (steward or supervisor of the House of G-d), not a ba’al gaavah (a haughty person), nor quick in ka’as (anger), nor a shikkor (drunkard) given to much wine, not violent, not a gelt-loving kamtzan (miser).

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[25] Not paying attention to Jewish aggadot and to mitzvot d’Rabbanan (precepts)

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imposed by the rabbis, i.e., which contradict the Kitvei Hakodesh—IC 4:6; DEVARIM 4:2], becoming meshummad [apostate] from HaEmes.

[15] All things are tahor to hatehorim; but, to the ones having been defiled and taking the side of the Apikoros, nothing is tahor, but has been made tameh, both lev and matzpun.

[16] Hashem they profess to know, but by their ma’asim they deny him, being disqualified [for the rabbanan or ministry of Moshiach] and being without mishma’at (obedience), and, as to every one of the ma’asim tovim, unpalatably unkosher (unfit).

2 But you, speak the things which are suitable to Moshiach’s orthodox Jewish doctrine.

[2] Zekenim need to be temperate, respectable, men of seichel, being orthodox [in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] in the emunah, in ahavah, in savlanut (longsuffering).

[3] Similarly the senior women, the Zekanot, in hitnahagut (conduct) as befitst kedushah, not yentas of lashon hora nor slaves of wine, but melamedot es haTov (teachers of the Good)

[4] That they may encourage the young nashim to have ahavah for their ba’alim and their banim.

[5] To have seichel, tehorot in tzniius, [Asethes Chayil] managers of the Bayit, being tovot, being submissive to their ba’alim, lest Chillul Hashem come to the Dvar HaElohim.

[6] The bochrim, similarly, you exhort to have seichel

[7] About all things, showing yourself a mofet of ma’asim tovim. In the hora’ah [of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach],

show integrity, seriousness,

[8] Along with dibur (speech) that is orthodox [in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] and beyond reproach, that the mitnagged may be brought to bushah (shame), having no lashon hora to say against you.

[9] Avadim (slaves) need to be submissive to their own adonim in everything, to be acceptable, not talking back,

[10] Not pilfering, showing all good reliability, that they may adorn the horeah (teaching) of Hashem Mosheynu in all things.

[11] For the Chen v’Chesed of Hashem has appeared, bringing Yeshuat Eloheynu to kol Bnei Adam,

[12] Instructing us to deny all that is frai (irreligious) and not of chasidus [in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach] and all that is ta’avon, and to live with seichel and ta’avanat Hashem and yirat Shomayim in the Olam Hazeh,

[13] Awaiting the tikvah hameashsheret (the blessed hope), the appearing of the kavod HaEloheinu HaGadol and Mosheynu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua,

[14] Who gave his nefesh on behalf of us, that for us he might bring in the Geulah, redeeming us MI KOL AVONOTAV (‘from all Israel’s sins’) TEHILLIM 130:8; Isa 53:8), making tahor AM LI SEGULAH (‘a people for My possession’ SHEMOT 19:5), zealous for ma’asim tovim.

[15] Preach these things, with words that give chizzuk (strengthening) and reprove with all authority. Let no one ‘write you off.’

Remind them to be ‘V’NISHMA’ (obedient, and we will obey)!

SHEMOT 24:7] to sarim (rulers), to shiltonim (authorities), to be submissive, to be obedient, ready for every ma’asah tov.

[2] Speak lashon hora of no one, be not ohev riv (quarrelsome). Be eidel (gentle), displaying anavah (meekness) to kol Bnei Adam.

[3] For all of us were once without da’as, sorarim (disobedient), being led astray, avadim (slaves) of ta’avot and to various ta’anugot (pleasures) of the Olam Hazeh, spending our lives in eyah (enmity) BERESHIS 3:15 and kina (jealousy), hated, and hating one another.

[4] But when the Chen v’Chesed and the ahavas Hashem Mosheynu appeared to Bnei Adam,

[5] Not by ta’idkateynu (our righteousness) in ma’asim tovim which is to our zchus (merit), but according to His rachamim, He granted us Yeshuat Eloheynu through the mikveh mayim ruchani of rebirth and hitchadshut of the Ruach Hakodesh [Yn 3:3],

[6] Which Hashem poured out on us richly through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua Mosheynu,

[7] That, having been made YITZDAK IM HASEM (IYOV 25:4) by the Chen v’Chesed of Hashem, we might become yoreshim (heirs) in the tikvah HaChayyei Olam.

[8] This dvar Emes is trustworthy. And I counsel you to strongly affirm the divrei torah I am handing on to you, that those who have become ma’animin in Hashem may be shomer for ma’asim tovim.

These things to Bnei Adam are good, tv me’od.

[9] But pilpul minutiae controversies and toldot and quarrels and fights about the Torah, avoid,
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for they are unprofitable
[10] An ish ha’ahov (a man of division, a divisive man) after one or two warnings, avoid,
[11] Having da’as that such a man is perverted and sinful, bringing harsha’ah (condemnation) upon himself.
[12] When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, try to come to me at Nicopolis, for there I have decided to spend the choref (winter).
[13] Do your utmost to speed Zenas, the Ren Torah (scholar), and Apollos on their way, that nothing for them may be lacking.
[14] Let anshei adateynu (the men of our community) learn to be concerned about ma’asim tovim so as to supply urgent needs, that they may not be lo poreh (unfruitful).
[15] Drishat Shalom from all the ones with me. Drishat Shalom to the Kehillah in our chaver leneshek (comrade (our sister) and to Archippus, fellow po’el (worker) ha’ahuv (the beloved) and our brother].
[16] No longer as a bond servant, but, more than a bond servant, an ach ahuv (a beloved brother [in Moshiach]), especially to me, and how much more to you, both as a man and in Adoneinu.
[17] So if you consider me partnered to you as a chaver in our [common orthodox Jewish emunah], receive him as you would me.
[18] But if in anything he wronged you or owes you, charge this to my cheshbon (account, bill).
[19] I, [Rav] Sha’ul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay. This is not to meorer [point out] the fact that on your cheshbon you owe me your very neshamah.
[20] Yes, Ach b’Moshiach, I owe me your very neshamah.
[21] Confident of you as one who is shomer mitzvot, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even above what I say.
[22] Also, this too, prepare a heimishe mekom linah (guest room, lodging place) for me, for I have the tikvah (hope) that through your tefillos I will be restored to you.
[23] Drishat Shalom to you from Epaphras, my co-prisoner in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.
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[24] Drishat Shalom, also, from Markos, Aristarchus, Demas, and Lukas, my fellow po’alim (workers).

[25] The Chen v’Chesed Hashem of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua be with your neshamah.

In many and various drakhim (ways) Hashem in amolike times (olden times) spoke to the Avot by the Nev'im.

At the Ketz HaYamim, Hashem spoke to us by HaBen, whom He appointed Bechor of the Bechorah, Yoresh Kol (Heir of All Things), through whom also Hashem BARAH ES HASHOMAYIM V’ES HA’ARETZ (see Prov 30:4);

Who being the Shechinah zohar (brilliance) of Hashem and the exact impress and demut of Hashem’s essential nature, being, and reality, and sustaining everything by his Dvar HaKo’ach, after he made tihur (purification) of chatta’im (sins), sat down at LIMIN (“the right hand” TEHILLIM 110:1) of the Majesty on High.

He had become as much superior to the malachim as ha-Shem (the Name) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has inherited is more fest (excellent) than theirs.

For to which of the malachim did Hashem ever say, BENI ATAH, ANI HAYOM YELIDTICHA, (“My Son you are; today I have become your Father.” TEHILLIM 2:7)? And again, ANI EHYEH LO LAV VHU YEHEYEH LI L’BEN (‘I will be to Him a Father and He will be to Me as a Son,’ SHMUEL BAIS 7:14)?

And again, when Hashem brings HaBechor into the Olam Hazeh, He says, ‘Let all Hashem's malachim worship him.’ [DEVARIM 32:43]

[21] Are not all RUCHOT [TEHILLIM 104:4] sharet (ministering spirits, malachey hasharet) sent out with the shlichus (mission) to do avodas kodesh service as Hashem’s klei kodesh (ministers) on behalf of the ones being about to inherit Yeshu’at Eloheinu?

In considering all this, it is necessary for us to pay far greater attention bifraht (particularly) to the things we have heard, lest from it we may drift away.

For if the Dvar Hashem which was declared through malachim became firmly established and every peysha (transgression) and averah (disobedience to the commandment) received a gemul tzodek (just retribution), [DEVARIM 33:2, TARGUM HA-SHIVIM]

How shall we escape if we neglect so great a Yeshu’at Eloheinu, one that was declared initially through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach A’doneinu, and was confirmed and attested to us by those who heard him,

While Hashem gave solemn eidus (testimony) through otot u’moftim (signs and wonders) and nifla’ot rabbot (many miracles) and matanot (gifts) of the Ruach Hakodesh distributed according to the ratzon Hashem?

For Hashem did not subject the Olam Habah, about which we are speaking, to malachim.

But someone has given solemn eidus (testimony) somewhere, ‘MAH ENOSH KI TIZKERENU UVEN ADAM KI TIFKEDENU?’ (What is Man that You are mindful of him or until I put your enemies as a footstool for your feet’ –TEHILLIM 110:1)?
the Son of Man that You care for him?
[7] “You made him a little lower than the angels and you crowned him with glory and splendor and you made him ruler over the works of your hands”
[8] KOL SHATAH TACHAT RAGLAV (‘Putting everything under his feet’ TEHILLIM 8:5-7). Now while Hashem subjected all things to him, he left nothing unsubjugated to him, though now we do not yet see all things having been subjected to him.

[9] But this is what we do see: Yehoshua, for a short time having been ‘made lower than the angels,’ has, because of the yissurim (suffering) of mavet (death), been ‘crowned with KAVOD V’YADAR’ (‘glory and splendor’) TEHILLIM 8:6) in order that by the Chen v’rf Hashem on behalf of all he might taste the histalkus of mavet [Isa 53:8].

[10] For it was bekavod (fitting, proper) for him, for whom are all things and through whom are all things, in bringing banim rabbim (many sons) to kavod, to bring to shleimut (perfection, completion) the Rosh (Head) and Mekhonen (Founder) of their Yeshua at Hashem through yissurim (suffering).

[11] For both HaKadosh who makes holy and Kedoshim who are being made holy all have HaAv Echad. It is for this reason Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is not ashamed to call them Achim, as an eved, for a solemn edut of the things which were to be spoken afterward [i.e., Moshiach’s Torah coming later].

[12] Saying, ‘I will declare your Name to my brothers, within the congregation I will praise you’—TEHILLIM 22:23 [22].

[13] And again, ‘I put my hitachon in him’ [YESHAYAH 12:2] and again ‘HINEI ANOCHI V’HAYELADIM ASHER NATAN LI HASHEM (‘Here I am and the yeladim whom Hashem gave to me.’) [YESHAYAH 8:18]

[14] Therefore, als (since) the yeladim share in the basar vadamh and Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach likewise shared in the same things, that through the histalkus of his mavet he might destroy the one having power over mavet, that is, Hasatan [see Gn ch 3].

[15] And he might release these, as many as through eymat haMavet (terror of Death) were subjected to avdut (slavery) all the days of their existence.

[16] For surely it was not malachim that concerned him, but the zera Avraham Avinu.

[17] And for this reason, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was obliged to become like the Achim b’Moshiach [2:11] in every respect, that he might become a Kohen Gadol rachaman v’ne’eman before Hashem in order to make kapporah for the chatta’im before HaAm. [Isa 53:8; 49:7]

[18] For, because Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach himself has endured, being tested in the yissurim (sufferings) of his nefesh [YESHAYAH 53:10,11], he is able to come to the ezrah (aid) of the ones being tested.

For this reason, Achai Hakedoshim b’Moshiach, Chaverim and Chavrusa partners in a Kriat Marom (High [Himel] Calling), consider carefully the Shliach and Kohen Gadol of the Hachrazah (Proclamation) of our Emanah (‘Faith, our Orthodox Jewish Ani Maamim Body of Emanah, Yd 1:3’), Yehoshua, Yeshua.

[2] He being ne’eman (faithful) to the One having given him mishchah as also Moshe Rabbeinu was ne’eman (faithful) in kol Beis Hashem.

[3] Yet Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is considered worthy of more kavod than Moshe Rabbeinu, because more kavod has the Boneh (Builder) of the Beis than the Beis itself.

[4] For every Beis is built by someone, but the One having built everything is Hashem.

[5] Now Moshe Rabbeinu was ne’eman in kol Beis Hashem as an eved, for a solemn edut of the things which were to be spoken afterward [i.e., Moshiach’s Torah coming later].

[6] But Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was ne’eman as HaBen over the Beis Hashem, whose Beis we are, if indeed the bitachon and the tikvah in which we glory we keep hold of to HaKetz.

[7] Therefore, just as the Ruach Hakodesh says, ‘HAYOM IM BEKOLO TISHMAU’ (‘Today, if you hear His voice’ TEHILLIM 95:7); [8] AL TAKSHU LEVAICHEM KIMRIVAH KYOM MASSAH BAMIDBAR (‘Do not harden your heart as you did at Meribah, as you did that day at Massah in the desert’)

[9] ASHER NISSUNI AVOTECHEM BEKHANUNI GAM RAV POOLI ARBAIM SHANAH (‘Where your Fathers tested me and tried me though they saw my deeds forty years’)

[10] Therefore ‘AKUT BEDOR VAOMAR AM TOEY LEVAY HEM VHEM LO YAD’U DERAKHAH’ (‘I was angry with that generation and I said they are a straying-of-heart people and they have not had da’as of my ways’);

[11] ASHER NISBAEITI V’APEY IM MELECH V’CHERASH haMavet YEVO’UN EL MENUKHATI (‘Therefore I declared on oath in my anger, Never shall they enter into my Rest, Home, Abode, Place of Tranquility.’) [BERESHIS
4:15; TEHILLIM 23; YESHAYAH 28:12; 66:1; RUTH 1:9; MELACHIM ALEF 8:56
|12| Beware, Achim b'Moshia'h, lest there be in any one of you a lev rah (evil heart) without Emunah, that turns away shmad from Elohim Chayyim.
|13| Instead, give one another chozek (strength) each and every day, as long as it is still called 'HAYOM,' ('today,' TEHILLIM 95:7) lest some of you may fall into KESHI (stubbornness, hardness DEVARIM 9:27) and be stubbornly hardened by the nechalim (deceitfulness) of Chet.
|14| We have become chavrusa partners of Moshia'h if only our bitachon (confidence) we had initially we hold firm until HaKetz, because hearing did not form an agudah with emunah [faith].
|15| For we ma'aminim [in Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach] enter into that menuchah, just asHashem has said, 'ASHER NISHBATI V'API IM YEVO'UN EL MENUCHATI' ('As I vowed in My fury, they shall never enter into My rest' TEHILLIM 95:11), although the masim (works) of Hashem were finished from the hivvased tevel (foundation of the world).
|16| Now who were they who heard and yet rebelled? Who was it not all the ones having had litz'i at Mitzrayim (going out from Egypt) under Moshe Rabbeinu?
|17| And with whom was Hashem angry ARBAIM SHANAH? Was it not with the ones having sinned, whose 'PEGARIM' (corpses) BAMIDBAR 14:29 lay where they had 'fallen BAMIDBAR 'in the desert' BAMIDBAR 14:29?
|18| And to whom did He swear that they would not enter into the menuchah (resting place) of Him? Was it not to the ones without mishma'at (obedience)?
|19| And so we see that they were not able to enter because of lack of Emunah. Therefore, let us walk in yir'at Shomayim, for fear that, while the havtachah (promise) of entering the menuchah of Hashem is still open, anyone of you should seem to have fallen short of it.
|2| For indeed we have had Besuras HaGeulah preached to us, just as they did also; but the Dvar Hashem preached did not make that generation benefit, because hearing did not form an agudah with emunah [faith].
|3| For we ma'aminim [in Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach] enter into that menuchah, just asHashem has said, 'HAYOM IM TEKOLO TISHMAU AL TAKSHU LEVAVCHEM' ('Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart' -TEHILLIM 95:7).
|5| As it is said, "HAYOM IM BEKOLO TISHMAU AL TAKSHU LEVAVCHEM' ('Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart') (TEHILLIM 95:7).
|6| Therefore, let us have zerizut (diligence) to enter into that menuchah, for fear that anyone fall through following beikvot (in the footsteps) of their same lack of mishma'at (obedience) (cf 3:17-18; 4:6).
|7| For concerning Shabbos, the Yom HaShevi'i, Hashem has said somewhere, 'VATISHBOT Elohim BAYOM HASHEVI'I MIKOL MELAKHTO' ('And He rested on the seventh day from all His work.') (BERESHIS 2:2)
|8| And again in this mekor (passage, citation), 'IM YEVO'UN EL MENUCHATI' ('Never shall they enter into My rest' TEHILLIM 95:11).
|9| 'Therefore, let us have zerizut (diligence) to enter into that menuchah, for fear that anyone fall through following beikvot (in the footsteps) of their same lack of mishma'at (obedience) (cf 3:17-18; 4:6).
|10| For the Dvar Hashem is chai (living) and chazak (strong), sharper than every doubled-edged cherev and penetrating as far as the division of nefesh and ruach, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the machshavot and deliberations of the kavanat halev (the inner directedness of the heart).
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|13| And there is not nivra (anything created) nistar (hidden) from His sight, but all things are laid bare and exposed to the cynayim (eyes) of Him to whom we must render an account.
|14| Therefore, let us have zerizut (diligence) to enter into that menuchah, for fear that anyone fall through following beikvot (in the footsteps) of their same lack of mishma'at (obedience) (cf 3:17-18; 4:6).
|15| Beware, Achim b'Moshia'h, lest there be in any one of you a lev rah (evil heart) without Emunah, that turns away shmad from Elohim Chayyim.
|16| Now who were they who heard and yet rebelled? Who was it not all the ones having had litz'i at Mitzrayim (going out from Egypt) under Moshe Rabbeinu?
|17| And with whom was Hashem angry ARBAIM SHANAH? Was it not with the ones having sinned, whose 'PEGARIM' (corpses) BAMIDBAR 14:29 lay where they had 'fallen BAMIDBAR 'in the desert' BAMIDBAR 14:29?
|18| And to whom did He swear that they would not enter into the menuchah (resting place) of Him? Was it not to the ones without mishma'at (obedience)?
For every Kohen Gadol 
taken from among Bnei 
Adam is ordained for 
men for the avodas kodesh of 
Hashem, that he may offer 
both minchot (gifts) and 
zevakhim (sacrifices) for 
chatatim (sins).

The Kohen Gadol is able 
to deal gently with the Am 
HaAretz and Wayward, als 
(since) he himself is subject to 
helpless human frailty;

and therefore he is 
obligated to offer zevakhim 
not only for the averos of the 
Am Berit but also for his own 
averos.

And one does not presume 
to take the kavod of the office 
of Kohen Gadol upon oneself, 
but one must have the 
bechirah (choice, election) of 
Hashem, just as Aharon did.

So also Rebbe, Melech 
HaMoshiach did not seize 
kavod for himself to become a 
Kohen Gadol, but the One 
having said to him, 'BENI 
Kohen Gadol, but the One 
who was able to deliver 
him from mavet, and Hashem 
heard him because of his 
chasidus.

Although he was HaBen, 
Rebbi, Melech HaMoshiach 
learned mishma'at from his 
yissurim.

And having been made 
shalem (complete), to all those 
with mishma'at toward Rebbe, 
Melech HaMoshiach, he 
became the source of Yeshuat 
Eloheinu Olamim.

Having been designated 
by Hashem as Kohen Gadol 
AL DIVRATI MALKI- 
TZEDEK [TEHILLIM 110:4], 
We have much to say 
about this for which it is 
difficult to make a midrash, 
als (since) you have become 
spiritually hard-of-hearing.

For indeed by this time 
you ought to be [rabbininic] 
omorim saying shiurim, but 
you have become again 
to teshuva, because they 
have pierced to themselves the 
Zun fun der Oybershter on HaEtz 
HaKelalat Hashem and have 
again held him up to 
contempt and open bushah 
(shame).

For the Adamah (Mud), 
which drinks the geshem (rain) 
that often falls upon it, and 
brings forth ESEV (plants, 
BERESHIS 1:11) suitable for 
those for whom it is cultivated, 
receives a bracha from 
Hashem; 
But if Adamah (Mud) is 
producing KOTZ V’DARDAR 
thorns and thistles, 
BERESHIS 3:18), it is 
worthless and near to being 
arurah (cursed, BERESHIS 
3:17), whose Ketz (End) is for 
burning in Eish [T.N. the 
allusion is to Eish Gehinnom].
However, Chaverim, even 
though we speak in this way, 
we have been convinced of 
better things concerning you 
and of things belonging 

Therefore, let us leave 
behind the stem 
(elementary) ikarim 
(essentials) of the dvarim 
hahora'ah (words 
of teaching) about Rebbe, 
Melech HaMoshiach, and let 
us move ahead to hitbagrut 
(maturity), not laying again a 
foundation of teshuva from 
ma'asisim metim (dead works) 
and Emunah toward Hashem, 
Of divrei torah on tevilot 
and tohorah and smichat 
yadayim and of the Techiyas 
HaMesim and of the Mishpat 
Olam.

And this we shall do, im 
yirtzeh Hashem (if the L-rd 
wills). 
For it is impossible for 
those who once received the 
Ohr Hashem, having tasted of 
the matanah of Shomayim 
and having become chavrusa 
partners of the Ruach 
Hakodesh,

And having tasted the 
goodness of the Dvar Hashem 
and the nifla’ot of the Olam 
HaBah,

and then, having fallen 
away, and become shmad-- it 
is impossible to renew them 
again to teshuva, because they 
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and of things belonging
to Yeshu'a Eloheinu.

[10] For Hashem is not unjust so as to forget your po'el (work) and the ahavah which you have shown toward ha-Shem of him, having rendered avodas kodesh ministry service to the Kedoshim, ken, and you are still serving them.

[11] And we desire that each one of you show the same zizfleisch (patience) but imitators of the ones who through Emunah and zizfleisch (patience) inherit the havtachot (promises).

[12] That you not become atzlanit (sluggards) but imitators of the ones who through Emunah and zizfleisch (patience) inherit the havtachot (promises).

[13] For when Hashem gave the havtachah (promise) to Avraham Avinu, als (since) Hashem had no one greater by which to make a shevu'ah (oath), Hashem made a shevu'ah by Himself, [BERESHIS 22:16]

[14] Saying 'Surely blessing I will bless you and multiplying I will multiply you' [BERESHIS 22:17].

[15] And thus, having waited with zizfleisch, Avraham Avinu obtained the havtachah (promise).

[16] For Bnei Adam make a shevu'ah by someone greater than themselves, and a shevu'ah given as confirmation, settles every matter decisively.

[17] Similarly, when Hashem wanted to demonstrate even more emphatically to the yoreshim (heirs) of the havtachah (promise) the unchangeableness of his willed tachlis (purpose), Hashem guaranteed it with a shevu'ah,

[18] In order that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for Hashem to speak sheker, we may have chozek (strength) and great encouragement, we who say that 'he is my MAKHSEH (refuge, shelter TEHILLIM 91:2)' and have taken hold of the tikvah (hope) set before us.

[19] This tikvah we have as an ogen (anchor) for the neshamah, a tikvah both firm and secure, which enters inside the parokhet,

[20] Where Yehoshua has entered as a metatron (forerunner) on behalf of us, having become a KOHEN L'OLAM AL DIVRATI MALKI TZEDEK ('Kohen forever according to the order of Malki Tzedek' Ps 110:4).

For this MALKI-TZEDEK MELECH SHALAM KOHEN LEI ELYON, the one 'having met Avraham Avinu ACHAREI MIKOL (a tithe of everything.' As for his Name, it is rendered 'King of Tzedek (Righteousness) and then also 'Melech of SHALOM.'

[3] Without Av, without Em, without Yichus, having neither a techillah (beginning) leyamim (to days) of him nor a Ketz HaChayyim, but resembling the Zun fun der Oyber- shter, he remains a "kohen perpetually," (Ps 110:4).

[4] Now consider how great among the Gedolim this one was to whom also Avraham Avinu gave from his booty a ma'aser (tithe).

[5] And the ones of the Bnei Levi have received the Kehunah (Priesthood) and they have a mitzvah to collect the ma'aser (tithe) from the Am Brit, and they have this mitzvah according to the Torah, that is, to collect from their achim, though these also are descended from the loins of Avraham Avinu.

[6] But, this man, though not tracing his descent from them, has received ma'aser (tithe) from Avraham Avinu and has given a bracha to the one having the havtachot (promises).

[7] Now it is beyond all argument that the greater gives a bracha to the lesser.

[8] Notice, in one case, ma'aser are received by mortal men; in the other case, ma'aser are received by one of whom we have solemn eidus (testimony) that hu Chai ("he lives").

[9] One could even go so far as to say that even Levi, who receives ma'aser, has paid ma'aser through Avraham Avinu,

[10] For Levi was still in the loins of his ancestor Avraham when Malki-Tzedek met Avraham Avinu.

[11] Now if shelemit (completeness) had been attainable through the Kehunah of Levi—for under it came the Mattan Torah (giving of the Torah) to the Am Brit—what further need would there have been to speak of another KOHEN arising 'according to the order of Malki-Tzedek' TEHILLIM 110:4 rather than 'al divrati Aharon?'

[12] For when there is a 'changing of the guard' of the Kehunah (Priesthood), this behechirah (necessarily) also affects the Torah [Isa 42:4].

[13] For the One about whom these things are said belong to a different shevet (tribe), from which no one has officiated at the Mizbe'ach.

[14] For it is ugeret (easily seen, evident) that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu was descended from Yehudah, and in connection with
that shevet (tribe), Moshe Rabbeinu said nothing about kohanim.

15 And it is even more evident if another Kohen arises resembling Malki-Tzedek,

16 One who became a kohen, not by means of a mitzvat haTorah concerning yichus (lineage), but according to the gevurah of a Chayyei Ein Sof (Endless Life).

17 For of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach comes the solemn eidus, ‘ATAH KOHEN L’OLAM AL DIVRATI MALKI TZEDEK’ (‘You are a kohen forever according to the order of Malki Tzedek’ TEHILLIM 110:4).

18 For, on the one hand, there is an abrogation of an earlier mitzvah because of its weakness and ineffectuality --For the Torah brought nothing to shleimut (perfection); on the other hand, there is the mavo (introduction) of a tikvah tovah yoter (a better hope) through which we draw near to Hashem--

20 This was attested with a shevu'ah (oath); for others who became kohanim were installed in the office of kehunah without a shevu'ah; [21] But the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach became a kohen with a shevu'ah (oath) through the One saying to Him, 'Hashem has made an oath and will not change his mind, You are a kohen forever' --TEHILLIM 110:4.

22 According to such a shevu'ah of Hashem, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua has become the arev (surety, guarantee) of a tovah yoter HaBrit.

23 Not only this, but it was the fact that the former kohanim were many in number, because mavet prevented them from continuing in the office of kehunah.

24 But because Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach continues l'olam (forever), he has an unchangeable Kehunah.

25 From which also he is able to completely deliver to the Geulah (Redemption) and Yeshu'at Eloheinu the ones approaching Hashem through him, als (since) he has Chayyei Ein Sof (Endless Life) and always lives to intercede in techinnah (supplication) for them.

26 For such was for us, indeed, a bekavod (suitable) Kohen Gadol, chasid, tamim, tahor, nivdal from chote'im (separated from sinners) and exalted above HaShomayim; A Kohen Gadol who does not have daily need--as do the other Kohanim Gedolim--on the one hand, to offer up zevakhim for his own averos, and then to offer up zevakhim for the averos of the Am Brit. For this Kohen Gadol offered up himself [Isa 53:10], once and for all.

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8 Now the main point of what is being said is this: we in fact have such a Kohen Gadol, who has taken his moshav LIMIN HASHEM (‘at the right hand of the kisso of the kavod in Shomayim’ TEHILLIM 110:1).

2 Our Kohen Gadol is mesharet baKodesh (minister in the holy things) of the true Mishkan set up by Adoneinu and not by any mere mortal.

3 For every Kohen Gadol is ordained to offer both minchat and zevakhim, from which it was necessary for this Kohen Gadol to have something also which he might offer.

4 If, therefore, he were on ha'aretz he would not be a kohen, als there are kohanim who offer every korban (sacrifice) according to the Torah;

5 However, the avodas kodesh sherut of these kohanim is service of a copy and shadow of the things in Shomayim, just as Moshe Rabbeinu was warned, when he was about to complete the Mishkan for 'UREEH' (Now see to it!), Hashem says, 'VAASEH BETAVNITAM ASHER ATAH MAREH BAHAR' (‘that you will make it according to the pattern having been shown to you on the mountain’ SHEMOT 25:40).

6 But now our Kohen Gadol has attained a more fest (excellent) avodas kodesh sherut in as much as he is also the Metavekh (Job 33:23; Isa 43:27; 2Ch 32:31; Isa 42:4; cf. Dt 5:5, 22-31) of a more fest (excellent) Brit upon which more auspicious havtachot (promises) have been enacted.

7 For if the Brit HaRishonah had been without fault, it would not have been necessary to speak about a Brit HaShniyah [YIRMEYAH 31:30-33 (31-34)].

8 For, when Hashem finds fault with them, he says, 'HINEI YAMIM BA’IM, NE’UM HASHEM, VKHARATI ES BEIS YISRAEL V’ES BEIS YEHUDAH BRIT CHADASHA' (‘Behold, days are coming, says Hashem, when I will establish with the Beis Yisroel and with the Beis Yehudah a Brit Chadasha’).
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[9] ‘Not like the Brit that I made with their forefathers on the day I took them by the hand to lead them out from the land of Egypt; because they broke my Brit, though I was a husband to them’

[10] ‘KI ZOT HABRIT ASHER EKHROT ES BEIS YISROEL ACHAREI HAYAMIM HAHEM, NEUM HASHEM; NATATI ES TORATI BEKIRBAM V'AL LIBAM EKHTAVENAH, VHAYITI LAHEM L’ELOHIM VHEMMAH YIHU LI LE’AM’ (‘Because this is the Brit which I will make with the Beis Yisroel after those days, says Hashem: putting my Torah into the mind of them and upon the levavot of them I will write it and I will be to them G-d and they will be to Me a people’—see Jer 31:30-33; also Prov 30:4; 8:30; Yn 1:1; Rev 3:20).

[11] ‘V’LO YELAMMEDU OD ISH ES RE’EHU V’ISH ES AKHIV LEMOR, DE’U ES HASHEM; KI KHULAM YEDE’U OTI LEMIKTANNAM V’AD GEDOLAM’ (‘No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying ‘Have da’as of Hashem,’ because they will all have da’as of Me, from the least of them to the greatest.’)

[12] ‘KI ESLACH LA’AVONAM U’LECHATTATAM LO EZKAR OD’ (‘For I will forgive the wickedness of them and their sin I will remember no more.’ Jer 31:30-33 [31-34]).

[13] When Hashem uses the word ‘CHADASHA’ he has thereby made the Brit HaRishonah yeshanah and a Brit thus made aging, is near to being yakhlof (vanished).

Now the Brit HaRishonah farshiteit zich (of course) had regulations for avodas kodesh in an earthly Mikdash.

[10] Als (since) they deal only with okhel and mashkeh (drink) and different tevilot, external regulations being imposed until the time of the Tikkun (Restoration).

[11] But when Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach came as the Kohen Gadol of the coming tovet (good things), he entered through the Mishkan Gadol, the greater and more perfect Mishkan, not made with hands, that is, not of this Britah (Creation);

[12] Not through the dahm of se’irim (goats) and of agalim (bulls) but through his own dahm (Isa 52:15) he entered the Kodesh HaKodoshim once and for all, having secured for us the Geulah Olamim.

[13] For if the dahm of se’irim (goats) and parim (young bulls) and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have become tum’a (uncleanness), if this dahm sets apart for kedushah for the tohorah (purification) of the basar,

[14] By how much more will the dahm of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach who through the eternal Ruach Hakodesh offered himself without MUM (defect, VAYIKRA 22:20) to G-d, by how much more will his DAHM (Isa 52:15) purify our matzpun (conscience) from ma’asim metim (dead works) in order to serve the Elohim Chayyim.

[15] And for this reason Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach is the Metavekh of a Brit Chadasha in order that those who are HaKeru’im (the Called ones) may receive the nachalat olam (eternal inheritance) of the Havtachah (Promise), because a mavit, a kapparat hapeysha’im has taken place that gives them pedut (ransom for
made by human hands, a mere TAVNIT (pattern, copy Ex 25:40) of the true Kodesh HaKodashim, but Moshiach entered into Shomayim itself, now to appear before the face of Hashem for us.

[25] Nor was it so that he may offer himself again and again, as the Kohen Gadol enters the Kodesh HaKodashim yearly with dahm not his own;

[26] For then it would have been necessary for him to suffer often from the hivvased tevel (foundation of the world); but now, once at the Ketz HaOlammim, he has appeared to put away averos (sins) by the korban of himself [Isa 53:10].

[27] And in as much as it is appointed for men to die once and after this HaMishpat [Yom HaDin];

[28] So he, having been offered up once in order that HU NASA CHET RABBIM ('he bore away the sin of many' YESHAYAH 53:12) and shall appear sheynit (a second time) for Yeshuat Eloheinu without reference to chet for those who expectantly khakeh levo'o shel (wait the arrival of) Moshiach.

For the Torah,als (since) it has only a shadow of the tovot ha'atidot (good things to come) and is not the etzem (actual) things, can never by the same yearly zevakhim (sacrifices), which they offer continually, make shleimut (whole, complete) those drawing kiruv (near).

[2] Otherwise, would these zevakhim not have stopped being offered, because the worshipers, having experienced tohorah (purification, cleansing) even once, would no longer have had consciousness of averos?

[3] But by those zevakhim there is a zikaron (remembrance) and a reminder of averos year after year.

[4] For it is impossible for the dahm of parim (young bulls) and se'irim (goats) to take away chatta'im (sins).

[5] Therefore, when he comes into the Olam Hazeh, he says 'ZEVACH UMINCHAH LO CHAFATZTI 'sacrifice and offering' Ps 40:7 (6) You did not desire but a body you prepared for me; [Ps 39:7 TARGUM HA-SHIVIM]

[6] OLAH V'CHATA'AH LO SHALTA ('Burnt offering and sin offering you have not desired!')

[7] Then I said, 'Look, here I am, I have come --it is written about me in the megillah [scroll'] LAASOT RETZIONECHAH ELOHAI CHAFATZTI ('I desire to do your will, O G-d.')

[8] When he said above, 'ZEVACH and MINCHAH and OLAH and GHATAAH you have not desired, nor have you taken pleasure in them' --these are offered according to the Torah

[9] --Then he said, 'I have come LAASOT RETZIONECHAH ('to do your will.') He takes away HaRishonah (the way of the zevakhim of the kehunah of Levi) in order to establish HaSheniyah (the way of the zevach of the kehunah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach).

[10] And it is by the ratzon Hashem that we will have been set apart for kedushah through the korban NEFESH YESHAYAH 53:10 cf. ASHAM KORBAN) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, once and for all.

[11] And every kohen stands daily at his avodas kodesh sherut ministering and offering again and again the same korbanot that can never take away chattaim;
12. But Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach, having offered up one korban for chatta'im for all time, YASHAV LIMIN HASHEM ("Sat down at the right hand of G-d Ps 110:1),

13. Waiting from that time onward until 'OYVAV ("His enemies") be made 'a footstool for his feet'.

14. For by one korban he has perfected forever HaMekudashim (the ones being set apart as Kedoshim).

15. And the Ruach Hakodesh also bears solemn edut to us; for after saying, ZOT HABRIT ASHER EKHORT with them 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,' says the L-rd, "I will put my Torah in the mind of them and I will inscribe it on their heart" Jer 31:33. He then says: LA'AVONAM U'LECHATTAM LO EZKAR ("And their wickedness and their sin I will remember no more" Jer 31:34).

16. Now where there is selicha (forgiveness) for these things, there is no longer a korban for chatta'im.

17. Therefore, Achim b'Moshiach, having confidence for bevitachon (confidently) entering haSha'ar laHashem (gate to approach G-d's presence, access of the tzaddikim TEHILLIM 118:20) into the Kodesh HaKodashim by HaDahm HaYehoshua, [gate to approach G-d's presence, access of the tzaddikim]

18. Which he opened for us as a Derech Chadasha, a Derech Chayyah, through the parokhet, that is to say, the parokhet of the basar of Moshiach. [Ps 16:9-10; Dan 9:26; Isa 53:5-12]

19. And als (since) we have a Kohen Gadol over the Beis Hashem, Let us approach and draw near to Hashem with a lev shalem, with full assurance and bitachon of Emunah, our levot having been sprinkled clean (tehorim) [YAZZEH, 'MOSHIACH WILL SPRINKLE,' YESHAYAH 52:15] from an evil matzpun (conscience) and our bodies plunged klhr (pure) into a tevilah in a mikveh mayim [YECHEZKEL 36:25-26].

20. And let us not turn away and defect from our noiheg (habitually) conducted daily minyan, as some are doing; let us impart chizzuk (strengthening, encouragement) to one another, and by so much the more as you see the Yom [HaDin (Day of Judgment)] approaching. For when we intentionally commit chet b'yad ramah ['wilful sin with a high hand of defiance' BAMIDBAR 15:30] after having received the full da'as of HaEmes, there remains no longer a korban for chattoteinu, But only a terrible expectation of Din and Mishpat and of a blazing EISH TZARECHA TOKHLEM ('Fire that will consume the enemies of Hashem' YESHAYAH 26:11). Anyone who was doiche (rejecting or setting aside) the Torah of Moshe Rabbeinu, upon the dvar of SHNI EDIM O AL PI SHLOSHA EDIM ("Testimony of two or three witnesses" DEVARIM 19:15), dies without rachamim.

21. For by how much worse onesh (penalty) do you think the one will be considered worthy who trampled on the Zun fun der Oybershter and also treated as mechallel kodesh (profane) the Dahn HaBrit which set him apart mekudash and also committed Chillul Hashem gidduf against the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem's chesed? For we have da'as of the One who said, LI NAKAM V'SHILEM ("Vengeance is mine and I will repay") DEVARIM 32:35] and again YADIN HASHEM AMMO ("The L-rd will judge his people" DEVARIM 32:36).

22. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Elohim Chayyim. But have zikaron of the yamim mikedem (earlier days) in which, when you had received the Ohr Hashem, you endured a great tzoros, a great "Kristallnacht" of yissurim (suffering), sometimes being publicly abused with baleidikung (insult) and fargolgung (persecution) yourselves; other times being oppressed chavrusa partners with the ones so treated.

23. For you showed Gemilut Chasadim for the Achim b'Moshiach in the beis hasohar and with simcha you accepted the pogrom-like confiscation of your property because you have da'as that you possess a better and more enduring yerushah (inheritance).

24. Do not discard, then, your bitachon (confident trust) which has gadol sachar (great reward).

25. You are nitzrach (needy) of the kind of zitzfleisch (patience) that has endurance, in order that, having accomplished the ratzon Hashem, you will receive the havtachah (promise).

26. For yet a little while and Hu HaBah [Rebbe Melech]
Now Emunah is the substance of things for which we have tikvah. Emunah is the conviction of things not seen.

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By Emunah we have binah Shomayim v'ha'Aretz (eternally firm foundation), "that is on the seashore”). [BERESHIS 15:5; 22:17]

Yet all of these became niftarim (deceased) in Emunah, not having received the havtachot (promises), but having seen them and, as it were, they gave the havtachot a 'Baruch Habah!' welcome from a distance, and they made the Ani Ma'amim hoda'ah (confession) that they were GERIM ['strangers' Ps 39:13(12)] and TOSHAVIM ('sojourners') in the Golus of the Olam Hazeh.

For those saying such things make it clear that they are searching for an Eretz Moshav.

And if they were remembering ha'aretz from which they made aliyah, they would have had an opportunity to make yerida (to descend back, return).

As it is, they aspire for something better, an Eretz HaAvot b'Shomayim; therefore, Hashem is not ashamed to be called 'Eloheihem;' for he prepared for them an Ir Kodesh.

By Emunah Avraham Avinu, when he underwent nisayon, offered up the nissim (tests) that he had received back, so that not from anything visible has what we see come into being.

By Emunah also Sarah, herself barren, received the ability to found a posterity, and she did so even beyond the normal age, als (since) she considered necessary (faithful) the One having seen them and, as it is, they aspire for something better, an Eretz HaAvot b'Shomayim; therefore, Hashem is not ashamed to be called 'Eloheihem;' for he prepared for them an Ir Kodesh.

By Emunah Chanoch was raptured in his impishness, and by his Emunah, Hevel, though niftar (deceased), still speaks.

But we are of not those who shrink back as shamad defectors toward churban destruction, but we are of those with Emunah whose neshamah is preserved in Yeshu'at Eloheinu.

For it is necessary for the one making a kiruv approach to Hashem to have Emunah in the fact that yesh Elohim (G-d is there), and that Elohim gives sachar (reward) to those who seek him with zerizut.

By Emunah Noach, having been warned about the things not yet visible to the eye of flesh, and being an ish of yirat Shomayim, built the Teva (Ark) for the Geulah of the Beis HaNoach. By his Emunah he condemned the Olam Hazeh and he became the voresh (heir) of the Tzdeek Hashem that is credited to Emunah. [Gn 15:6; Hab 2:4]

By Emunah Avraham Avinu, when he was called to go out to a place which he was about to receive as a nachalah (inheritance), responded with mishma'at (obedience), and he went out, not having da'as of where he was going.

By Emunah he made aliyah to the Promised Land, as in an etrez zarah (a strange land), living in oholim (tents); as did Yitzchak and Yaakov, the fellow yorshim (heirs) of the same havtachah (promise); For Avraham Avinu was looking forward to the Shtetl having a yesod Olam (eternally firm foundation), whose Planner and Builder is Hashem.

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This was Avraham Avinu, when he underwent nisayon, offered up the Akedas HaYitzchak; and he who had received the Havtachot (Promises) was offering as a korban his Ben Yechid. [Yn 3:16]

This was Avraham Avinu, about whom it was said KI VEYITYTCHAK YIKARE LECHA ZERA ('In Yitzchak will be called your seed' BERESHIS 21:12).

Avraham Avinu considered that Hashem was able to bring about the Tchiyas HaMesim, from which he also received back Yitzchak as a tipus (type, pattern).
By Emunah Yitzchak invoked brachot with respect to future events on Ya'akov and Esav.

By Emunah Ya'akov, as he was dying, gave a bracha to each of the banim of Yosef and V'YISHTAKHU YISROEL (‘And Yisroel worshiped’ BERESHIS 47:31).

By Emunah Yosef, as he was dying, dermohn (made mention) of the Yetzi'at Bnei Yisroel (the Going Out, the Exodus of Bnei Yisroel) and he gave instructions concerning his ATZMOT (bones, BERESHIS 50:25).

By Emunah, Moshe Rabbeinu, when he was born, was hidden SHELOSHA CHODESHIM [SHEMOT 2:2) because they saw he was a yeled TOV (SHEMOT 2:2) and they had no pachad (terror) at the king’s decree.

By Emunah, Moshe Rabbeinu, when he had grown, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; choosing rather to endure redifah (persecution) with the Am Hashem than to enjoy the ephemeral ta’anugot (pleasures) of averos for a season.

For Moshe Rabbeinu considered abuse and tzoros (torments) for the sake of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach greater osher (riches) than the otzar (treasure) of Mitzrayim (Egypt), for he had respect unto the recompense of the sachar (reward).

By Emunah, Moshe Rabbeinu departed from Mitzrayim (Egypt), not having pachad (fear) of the ka'as (anger) of the king, for he persevered as seeing the One who is unseen.

By Emunah, Moshe Rabbeinu kept Pesach and the sprinkling of the dahm [on the mezuzot, SHEMOT 12:22], for fear that the Destroyer of the Bechorim might destroy them.

By Emunah, they went through the Yam Suf as through YABASHAH (dry ground, BERESHIS 1:10); and those of Mitzrayim (Egypt), when they attempted it, were drowned. [MICHOH 7:19]

By Emunah, the walls of Yericho fell down, after they had been encircled for shivat yamim.

By Emunah, Rachav the Zonah did not perish along with the ones without mishma'at (obedience), after she gave the kabbalat panim to the spies b’shalom (YEHOSHUA 2:9f).

And what more shall I say? For the time will fail me if I tell of Gid'on, Barak, Shimshon, Yiftach, Dovid, Shmuel and the Nevi'im, Who by Emunah conquered mamlechot (kingdoms), worked tzedek (righteousness), obtained havtachot (promises), shut the mouths of arayot (lions).

Quenched the power of eish (fire), escaped from the edge of the cherev (sword), out of weakness found strength, became mighty in milchamah (war), put to flight tzive'ot zarim (armies of the aliens).

Nashim received back their mesim restored to Chayyim; and others were tortured to death al kiddush ha-Shem, not accepting their release, in order that they might obtain a better Techiyas HaMesim;

And others underwent the misyov of cruel mockings and scourings, also the sharsherot (chains) and the beis hasohar.

They were killed by seqilah (stoning); they were sawn in two, they were murdered by the cherev, they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being nitzrach (needy) and destitute, oppressed, under redifot (persecutions), those of whom the Olam Hazeh was not worthy, wandering in deserts and mountains and caves of the earth.

And all these, having Hashem's commendation through their Emunah, did not receive the havtachah (promise), Hashem having foreseen something better for us, so that, apart from us, they should not be made shleimut.

So, therefore, als (since) we have surrounding us so great an Anan Edim (Cloud of Witnesses), let us also lay aside every weighty impediment and easily enquiring averos, and let us run with endurance and savlanut the race set before us.

Fixing our gaze on the Mekhonen (Founder) of our [Orthodox Messianic Jewish] faith, and the One who makes it Shleimut— Yehoshua, who because of the simcha set before him, endured HaEtz HaMoshiach, disregarding its bushah (shame), and ‘sat down at the right hand of the throne of G-d’ TEHILLIM 110:1).

Let your hitbonenut (meditation) be on the one who endured such opposition from chote'im (sinners), that you may not be weary in your neshamot, losing heart.

For you have not yet resisted to the point of death al kiddush ha-Shem in your struggle against Chet;

And you have let slip from zikaron (remembrance) the dvar haChizzuk which he speaks to you as banim, ‘My son, do not despise the musar of Hashem, do not lose heart, resent when rebuked by Him’;
|6| KI ES ASHER YE'EHAV HASHEM YOKHI'ACH (for whom Hashem loves he disciplines') and he punishes ES BEN YIRTZEH every son he receives' MISHLE 3:11-12; IYOV 5:17).

[6] For you endure nisyonos for the sake of musar. And Hashem is dealing with you as banim. For what ben is there whom an Abba does not give musar?

[7] But if you are without musar, in which all the yeladim share, then you are not banim but mamzerim.

[8] Furthermore, we had Avot on HaAretz, who were morim that we reverenced and treated with kavod. Should we not even more subject ourselves to the Avi HaRuchot and live?

[9] For they disciplined us for a short time, as seemed tov to them, but Hashem disciplines us for tov lanu in order that we might share in his kedushah.

[10] All musar for the moment seems not to be na'im (pleasant), but seems to bring agmat nefesh; yet afterwards to those who have been taught by musar, it yields the p'ri haShalom and the p'ri haTzedek.

[11] Therefore, 'Bring chizzuk to the weak hands and the feeble knees; Isa 35:3), and make the drakhim straight for your feet, so that the ever (limb, member) which is lame may not be dislocated, but rather have refu'ah (healing).

[12] Pursue shalom with kol Bnei Adam, and the kedushah without which no one will see Hashem.

[13] See to it that no one fall short of the Chen v'Chesed Hashem; that no SHORESH (Dt 29:19) of merirut (bitterness) sprouting up may cause tzoros, and by it many be made teme'ot; for if those did not escape when they refused Him who gave them warning on ha'aretz, much less shall we escape who turn away from the One whose warning comes from Shomayim.

[14] And the bat kol of Hashem shook ha'aretz then, but now He has given havitachah (promise), saying, 'Yet once more VANI MARISH ES HSHOMAYIM VES HARETZ' (And I will shake the heavens and the earth.' CHAGGAI 2:6)

[15] Now the phrase, 'Yet once more' denotes the removal of that which can be shaken, that is, created things, in order that the unshakeable may remain.

[16] Therefore, als (since) we are receiving a malchut unshakeable, let us hold on to the Chen v'Chesed Hashem through which we may offer to Hashem, an acceptable avodas kodesh, with yirat Shomayim and chasidus.

[17] For, indeed, Eloheinu is a consuming Eish. [Dt 4:24; 9:3; Isa 33:14]

|13| Let ahavat achim (brotherly love) continue.

|18| Do not neglect hachnosas orchim (hospitality), for by this some without having da'as of it, have entertained malachim.

|19| Have zikaron of the prisoners in the beis hasohar, as if having been bound with sharsherot (chains) with them; and those being tortured as though you were also.

|20| Let the marriage Chuppah have respect in the eyes of all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for those guilty of gilui arayot (sexual immorality) and no'afim (adulterers), Hashem will judge.
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[5] Fier zich (comport oneself) in your derech free of chamdanut (covetousness), being content with what you have, for He Himself has said, LO ARPECHA VLO EEZEVECHA (‘I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you’) DEVARIM 31:6,8; YEHOSHUA 1:5.

[6] So that we say with bitachon, HASHEM LI my helper, LO IRA MAH YAASEH LI ADAM (“The L-rd is my helper, I will not be afraid. What shall man do to me?”—TEHILLIM 118:6)?

[7] Remember your manhigim and be machshiv (respect) and mechabed (honor) those who spoke to you the sha’ar.

[8] Yehoshua—Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the same etmol, hayom, ufOlamin.

[9] Do not be carried away by various torot zarot; for it is tov (honor) those who spoke to you the mishkan have no right to eat.

[10] We have a Mizbe’ach from which those who serve the Mishkan have no right to eat.

[11] For the zevakhim whose dahn is brought into the Kodesh HaKodesh by the Kohen Gadol as a Kapparat HaChet are burned outside the makhaneh (camp).

[12] Therefore, Yehoshua also, that he might make the Am Brit kedoshim through his own dahn, suffered outside the sha’ar.

[13] So then, let us go out to him outside the makhaneh, hearing the reproach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[14] For we do not have here a lasting Ir HaKodesh, but we seek one to come.

[15] By him, therefore, let us offer up a zevach todah to Hashem continually, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving hodayah (thanksgiving) to SHMO (“HIS NAME”) ZECHARIAH 6:11-12; 3:8).

[16] But do not drift away from ma’asim tovim and sharing; for with such zevakhim Hashem is well pleased.

[17] Obey your manhigim and submit to them; for they are being shomer over your neshamot, as those who have achraius (answerability, accountability) [to Hashem]. Let them do so with simcha and not with agmat nefesh, for that would not be profitable for you.

[18] Daven tefillos for us, for we are persuaded that we have a clear matzpun (conscience) in everything, wishing to conduct ourselves commendably in all things.

[19] And I urge you all the more to do this, that I may be restored to you more quickly.

[20] Now the Elohei Hashalom, who brought up in the Techiyas HaMoshiach, HaRo’eh HaTzon HaGadol, through the Dahm Brit Olam, even Adoneinu,

[21] May He equip you with ma’eniat (wisdom), as those who have neshamot, as those who have been released, with whom if he comes shortly, I will see you.

[24] Shalom greetings to all your manhigim and all the kedoshim. The ones from Italy send shalom greetings to you.

[25] Chen vChesed Hashem be with all of you. [T.N. MJ 4:15 “tempted in every way as we are, yet without chet.” means chet as inborn and inmemorial yetzer hara evil inclination which is Chet Kadmon Original Sin whose power and control is passed down to Bnei Adam from Adam, Ro3:9; Ro 5:12—see pages vii-ix on Moshiach Immanu-El Ben HaAlmah uncontaminated by Chet Kadmon].

1 Ya’akov [see p.848], eved (servant) of Hashem and of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua; To the Shneym Asar HaShevatim (Twelve Tribes) in the Golus, Shalom! [DEVARIM 32:26]

[2] Consider it all simcha, my Achim haMoshiach, whenever you fall into various nisayonos (tests, trials),

[3] Because you have da’as that the emunah you have, when it is tested, produces savlanut (patient endurance).

[4] And let savlanut be shilemah in its po’al (work) in order that you may be mevugarim (mature, grown up) and complete, lacking in nothing.

[5] But if any one of you is lacking chochmah (wisdom), let him direct tefillah (prayer) and techinot (petitions) to Hashem, the One whose matanot (gifts) are given generously and without grudging, and chochmah will be given to him. [MELACHIM ALEF 3:9,10; MISHLE 2:3-6; TEHILLIM 51:6; DANIEL 1:17; 2:21]

[6] But let the tefillah he offered with much bitachon in emunah (faith), in no way doubting. For the doubtful man, wavering in emunah, is like a wave of the yam (sea)
being tossed by the wind.

[MELACHIM ALEF 18:21]

[1] Let not such a one presume that he will receive anything from Adoneinu.

[2] He is an ish (man) of double mind, in all his drakhim (ways), mesupak (uncertain, having doubts) and unstable. [TEHILLIM 119:113]

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[4] But let the Ach b'Moshiach of shiflut (lowliness) glory in the da'as that Hashem will exalt him.

[5] And let the Ach b'Moshiach who has osher (riches) glory in his bizyoinos (humiliation), in the da'as that Hashem will bring him low, because KOL HABASAR KHATZIR (“All flesh is grass,” YESHAYAH 40:6,7) and so he likewise will vanish. [IYOV 14:2; TEHILLIM 103:15,16]

[6] After her conception Ta'avah gives birth to Averah (Transgression) and Averah, once she has fully developed, gives birth to Mavet. [BERESHIS 3:6; IYOV 15:35; TEHILLIM 7:14; YESHAYAH 59:4]

[7] Do not fall under a delusion, my beloved Achim. [MISHLE 19:3]

[8] For he observed himself and has gone away and immediately forgot what he looked like.

[9] But the one having peered into the Torah HaShleimah (the Perfect Torah), the Torah HaCherut (the Torah of Freedom), and there remaining, not as a forgetful listener but one who is shomer mitzvot and goes into action, this one will have a brucha on his head in all his acts. [TEHILLIM 19:7]

[10] If anyone considers himself to be one of the Charedim (Orthodox, G-d-fearing Jewish religious ones), yet has lashon hora and does not bridle his tongue but instead causes his lev to fall under remiyah (deceit), this one's chasidus (piety) is worthless. [TEHILLIM 34:13; 39:1; 141:3]

[11] Avodas Kodesh that is tehorah (pure) and tamimah (unblemished) before Elohim HaAv is this: to visit yetomim (orphans) and almanot (widows) in their tzoros and to be shomer against the defilement of the Olam Hazeh. [DEVARIM 14:29; IYOV 31:16,17,21; TEHILLIM 146:9; YESHAYAH 1:17,23]
underprivileged nebach, a kabtzen (poor person) in shmattes (rags),
|3| and you pay special attention to the takif [influential man] wearing the bekeshe and shrtzeim and say, ‘You sit here in the seat of kibbud (respect, honor),’ and to the kabtzen (pauper) you say, ‘You stand there.’ Or ‘You sit at my feet,’
|4| did you not among yourselves differentiate with prejudice and became shofetim (judges) with machshavot re'sha (evil thoughts)?
|5| Hinei! My beloved Achim b'Moshiach, did not Der Oybstershter make the Aniyim of the Olam Hazeh in fact Bechirim of Hashem to be rich in emunah and also yoreshim of the Malchut Hashem, which Adoshem gave as a havtachah (promise) to those with Ahavas Hashem?
|6| But you dishonored the ish eyvon (poor man, pauper), Do not the oishirim (rich ones) oppress you and they drag you into the Batei Din (Bet Din courts)?
|7| Do they not commit shoreshim (feud) against the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach's Shem Tov that has been named upon you?
|8| If indeed you are shomer against the Dat HaMalkhut (Royal Decree), as it is written in the Kitvei Hakodesh, 'V'AHAVTAH L'REIACH KAMOCHA' (‘And thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.’ [YAYIKRA 19:18]) you do well.
|9| But if you show maso panim (favoritism), you are chote'im (sinners) committing averos (transgressions) against the Torah. [DEVARIM 1:17]
|10| For whoever is shomer over kol haTorah but stumbles in one mitzvah, such is condemned as ashem (guilty) of averoh (transgression) of kol mitzvot.
|11| For the One having said, LO TINAF (‘You shall not commit adultery’) said also LO TIRTZACH (‘You shall not murder’). Now if you do not commit adultery but you do murder, you have become a Poshei'a al mitzvot HaTorah (Transgressor of the Torah).
|12| So let your dvarim (words) be and so let your ma'asim (deeds) be as those who are about to come under the judgment of the Torah HaCherut [1:25].
|13| For the Din (Judgment) will be without rachamim (mercy) to the one not having shown rachamim. Rachamim wins the nitzachon (victory) over HaDin.
|14| What is the revach (gain, profit), my Achim b'Moshiach, if anyone claims to have emunah but does not have ma'asim (deeds)? Surely not such 'emunah' is able to bring him to Yeshu'at Eloheinu?
|15| If an Ach b'Moshiach or an Achot b'Moshiach is dressed in shmattes (tatters) and lacking 'lechem chukeinu' (‘our daily bread,’ Mt.6:11) and anyone of you says to them, ‘Go in shalom! Be warmed and fed!’ but you do not give to them the physical necessities, what is the revach (profit)?
|16| and anyone of you says to them, 'Go in shalom! Be warmed and fed!' but you do not
give to them the physical necessities, what is the revach (profit)?
|17| So also Emunah, if alongside it there is not in its company Ma'asim, is by itself niftar (deceased, dead).
|18| But someone will say, 'You have emunah and I have ma'asim.' You make known to me the Hisgalus haSod (the revelation of the mystery) of your emunah without your ma'asim, and I'll show you, Chaver, from my ma'asim, the Emunah.
|19| So you're impressed with yourselves that with your emunah you can recite the kriat Shema, nu? O you do so well...why, even the shedim have your da'as and emunah! But they shudder! [DEVARIM 6:4]
|20| Are you willing to have da'as, O hollow man, that 'Emunah' [of dead orthodoxy] unharnessed to Ma'asim, stands idle?
|21| Avraham Avinu, was he not YITZDAK IM HASHEM (justified with G-d) by his ma'asim when he performed the akedah (binding) and offered up Yitzchak Rno (Isaac his son) upon the mihsa'ech? [BERESHIS 22:9,12]
|22| Hinei! While Avraham Avinu's Emunah was working, working right alongside was Avraham Avinu's Ma'asim, and by Ma'asim the emunah was made shleimah!
|23| And the Kitvei Hakodesh were fulfilled, Avraham Avinu V'HE'EMIN BAHASHEM VAYACHSHEVE'HA LO TZEDAKAH (‘believed Hashem and it was accounted to him for righteousness,’ BERESHIS 15:6). He was even called 'Ohev Hashem' ('Friend of G-d'); [BERESHIS 15:6; YESHAYAH 41:8; DIVREY HAYOMIM BAIS 20:7]
|24| You see that from Ma'asim [of Emunah] a man is YITZDAK IM HASHEM and not from [sterilely unpartnered] “Emunah” alone. [i.e., mere intellectual assent]
|25| And likewise also Rachav the Zonah--was she not made YITZDAK IM HASHEM from Ma'asim, having received the messengers and having sent them out a different way?
|26| For just as the guf (body) without the neshamah is niftar (deceased, dead), so also is Emunah without Ma'asim.
Not many of you, Achim b'Moshiach, should be Morim for Moshiach, although as far as concerns Mishpat Hashem, you have da'as that we Messianic morim will have the chomer haDin (rigor of the Law) fall on us more severely.

For all of us stumble variously. If anyone as far as lashon hora is concerned, does not stumble, this one is an ish tamim able to bridle also the entire guf (body).

And if we put bits into the mouths of susim (horses) to bring them into mishma'at (obedience), in just this way we direct their whole gufot (bodies).

Hinei, also the oniyot (ships), even though gedolot and driven by gales, are guided by a very small rudder wherever the impulse of the one steering directs.

So also the lashon (tongue), an evar katon (small member) speaks of RAVREVAN (boastful things) DANIEL 7:8-20. Hinei, an eish ketanah (small fire) and yet how great a forest it can set ablaze! [Ps 12:3,4; 73:8,9]

And the lashon is an Eish, the lashon is made an Olam HaAvel (World of Iniquity) among our evarim (members), defiling with a stain kol haGuf (whole body), and setting ablaze the course of life, and is itself set by eish in Gehinnom. [MISHLE 16:27]

For every species both of wild animals and birds, reptiles and marine creatures is tamed and has been tamed by humankind.

But the Lashon no one of Bnei Adam is able to tame, an uncontrollable ra'ah (evil), full of deadly zuhamah (contamination).

With this we say a bracha to Hashem, Adoneinu and Avoteynu, and with this we put a kelalah (curse) on Bnei Adam, who have been created according to the demut Elohim [Gn 1:26,27f].

[2] Out of the same PEH comes forth bracha and also kelalah. My Achim b'Moshiach, these things ought not to be.

Surely not out of the same makor (fountain) pours forth mayim both sweet and bitter?

Surely an etz te'enah (fig tree) cannot yield olives, my Achim b'Moshiach, or a grape vine figs? Neither can salt water yield sweet water.

Who has chochmah and binah among you? Let him show by his hitnahagut hatovah (good conduct) that the ma'asim of him are of the shiflut (lowliness) of chochmah.

But if bitter kina (jealousy) you have and anochiyut (selfishness) in your levavot, do not boast and speak sheker against HaEmes. [TEHILLIM 18:41; 66:18]

No'efot (adulterers)! Do you not have da'as that to have shaichus (closeness, friendship, intimacy) with the Olam Hazeh is eyvah im Hashem (enmity with G-d)? Therefore, whoever chooses to make the Olam Hazeh his Ohev is made an Oyev (Enemy) of Hashem. [YESHAYAH 54:4; YIRMEYAH 3:20; HOSHEA 2:2-5; 3:1; 9:1]

Or do you think that in vain the Kitvei Hakodesh attests that Hashem yearns jealously over the Ruach Hakodesh He causes to dwell in us?

But He gives all the more Chen v'Chesed! Therefore it says, 'Hashem LALETZIM HU YALITZ V’LA’ANAYIM YITEN CHEN ('Hashem opposes the proud mocker but gives grace to the humble' [MISHLE 3:34]).

Submit yourselves in mishma’at (obedience) to Hashem. Resist Hasatan, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to Hashem and Hashem will draw near to you. Cleanse your yadayim (hands), you chote'im (sinners)!

From where do milchamot (wars) come? What is their goirem (driving force)? And from where come fights among you? Is it not from here, from the ta'avot (lusts) of you warring in your evarim (members)?

You lust for something and you do not have it; you kill and you envy and you are not able to obtain. You get involved in machalokot (divisions of dissensions) and fights. You do not have because you fail to daven with your request.

Or you make techinot (petitions) and you do not receive, because you ask wrongly, that on your ta'avot (lusts) you may spend what you receive. [TEHILLIM 18:41; 66:18]
And purify your levavot, you anashim of double mind!

[TEHILLIM 73:28; ZECHARyah 1:3; MALACHI 3:7; YESHAYAH 1:16; TEHILLIM 24:4; 119:113; YIRMEYAH 4:14]

[9] Lament and mourn and weep. Let the tzchok (laughter) of you be changed to avelut (mourning), and the simcha of you be turned to tugah (sadness).

[10] Be humbled before Hashem and He will exalt you. [YOV 5:11]

[11] Do not speak lashon hora against an Ach b'Moshiach. The one speaking against an Ach b'Moshiach or setting himself up as a shofet (judge) of his Ach b'Moshiach speaks against the Torah and sets himself up as shofet of the Torah. Now if the Torah you judge, you are not Shomrei HaTorah but a shofet.

[12] One is the Mekhokek (Law-Giver) and HaShofet (The Judge), the One who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you, the one who has set yourself up as the shofet of your re'a (neighbor)?

[13] Come now, you who say, 'Hayom (today) or makhar (tomorrow) we will go into this or that city and we will do business there a year and will sell and make a revach (profit).'

[14] Yet you do not even have da'as of what tomorrow's 'yom' may bring. Look at your life! Are you not an ed (mist), appearing a short time, then indeed disappearing? [YOV 7:7; TEHILLIM 39:5; 102:3; 144:4; YESHAYAH 2:22]

[15] Instead of this, you ought to say 'Im yrirtzeh Hashem' (if the L-rd wills) 'we will live, also we will do this or that.'

[16] But now you boast in your pretensions. All such ravrevanut (boastfulness) is ra'ah (evil, wickedness).

[17] To the one having da'as, therefore, knowing to do tov and not doing it, to him it is chet.

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Come now, you who have osher (riches), weep, howling over your miseries coming upon you.

[YESHAYAH 13:6; YECHEZKEL 30:2]

[2] The osher of you has rotted and your malbush has become moth-eaten. [YESHAYAH 50:9]

[3] The gold of you and the silver has been corroded and the corrosion of them will be for a solemn eidus against you, and will eat the basar of you as Eish. You stored up otzar (treasure) in the Acharit Hayamim!

[4] Henei, the wages of the po'alim (workers) who cut your fields, the wages you fraudulently withheld, those wages cry out, and the cries of the harvesting po'alim have reached the ears of Adonoi Tzvaot. [YAVIKRA 19:13; YIRMEYAH 22:13; MALACHI 3:5; DEVARIM 24:15]


[6] You condemned, you killed the tzaddik, who does not resist you.

[7] Have zitzfleisch (patience), therefore, Achim b'Moshiach, until the Bias HaMoshiach, the Coming of Moshiacli Adoneinu, has drawn near.

[8] You must also have zitzfleisch. Strengthen your levavot, because the Bias HaMoshiach, the Coming of Moshiacli Adoneinu, has drawn near.

[9] Do not murmur, Achim b'Moshiach, against one another, lest you be judged. Henei, haShofet is standing before the delet! [SHEMOT 15:24; 16:2; 17:3; BAMIYDVAR 14:2; 16:41; TEHILLIM 94:2]

[10] Achim b'Moshiach, take as an example, of yissurim (suffering) and of zitzfleisch (patience) the Nevim who spoke b'Shem Adonoi.

[11] Henei, we call me'ashirim the ones having endured: the enduring orech ru'ach (patience) of Iyov you heard of, and the toitzaa (outcome) from Hashem you saw, that Eloheinu is full of rachamim and channun Hashem. [Job 1:21; 22:2; 2:10; 42:10,12-17; Ex 34:6; Num 14:18; Ps 103:8]

[12] But, above all, my Achim b'Moshiach, do not swear shevuot (oaths) neither by Shomayim nor by ha'aretz nor any other shevuah, but let your 'ken' be 'ken,' and your 'lo' be 'lo,' for fear that you fall under HaDin (the Judgment).

[13] If anyone is suffering among you, let him daven. If anyone has simcha, let him sing niggunim. [Ps 50:15]

[14] Are there any cholim (sick ones) among you? Let the choloh (sick person) summon [for Bikkur Cholim (Visiting the Sick)] the Ziknei HaKehillah (Elders of the Congregation) and let them daven tefillos over him, having applied the shemen mishchah (anointing oil), b'Shem Adoneinu. [Ps 23:5; Isa 1:6]

[15] And the tefillos of emunah will deliver the choloh (sick person), and Hashem will raise
MOSHIACH’S LETTER THROUGH THE SHLIACH SHIMON KEFA TO THE BRIT CHADASHA KEHILLAH (I)

1 Shimon Kefa a Shliach of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua to HaBechirim (the Chosen ones [2:4-6 9]), to the Exiled ones of the Golus, Sojourners living as aliens in the Diaspora, scattered in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

[2] To HaBechirim (the Chosen ones) according to the yed’ah mukdenet (foreknowledge [1:20]) of Elohim Avenu, the ones set apart as Kesodoshim by the Ruach Hakodesh, resulting in mishma’at (obedience [1:14-22; 3:6; 4:17]) to the Moshich and resulting in hazzayat HaDam.

HaMoshiach (sprinkling of the Blood of Moshiai Isa 52:15, Ex 24:7), of Moshiai Yehoshua. May Chen v’Chesed Hashem and Shalom Hashem abound to all of you!

[3] Baruch Hashem, HaElom Avi avi of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua! By his great rachamim (mercy) we have been born anew to a tikvah chayyah (living hope) through the Chevlei Moshiach and resulting in kavod (glory) and the tiferet (splendor) at the Hisgalus.

[4] We have also been born anew to a nachalah (inheritance [3:9]) that is without shachat (corruption, decay Ps 16:10), undefiled and unfading, having been preserved in Shomayim for you.

[5] The ones by the koach of Hashem being guarded through Emunah (Faith) for Yeshu’at Eloheinu (the Salvation of our G-d), which is ready to be revealed at the Ketz Hayamim (End of Days).

[6] In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer in various masot (trials, temptations [4:12]), though perishable is tested by your Emunah, much more valuable than gold which though perishable is tested by Eish (Fire), may be found to the tehillah (praise) and the kavod (glory) and the tiferet (splendor) at the Hisgalus (Revelation, Apocalypse) of Moshiach Yehoshua.

[7] That the genuineness of your Emunah, much more valuable than gold which though perishable is tested by Eish (Fire), may be found to the tehillah (praise) and the kavod (glory) and the tiferet (splendor) at the Hisgalus (Revelation, Apocalypse) of Moshiach Yehoshua.

[8] He is the one for whom you have ahavah, even though you have not seen him. Though you do not now see him, you have emunah in him as Moshiach and rejoice with simcha inexpressible and full of kavod,

[9] Obtaining the maskana (outcome) of your Emunah, the Yeshu’at Eloheynu of your nefeshot (souls).

[10] The Neviiim, who prophesied of the Chen v’Chesed Hashem that was to come to you, searched and inquired about this Yeshu’at Eloheynu.

[11] The Neviiim were searching for what zman (time) or what context of occasion the Ruach of Moshiach in them was pointing to, when predicting the Chevlei Moshiach and HaKavod to follow.

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[13] Therefore, tighten the ‘readiness’ gartel of your mind, a mind that is one of kibush hayetzer (self-control).

Set your tikvah completely on the Chen v’Chesed Hashem that is being brought to you.

him up. And if he may have been committing peysha’im, he will be given selicha (forgiveness).

[16] Therefore, make vidduy (confession of sin) to one another, and daven tefillos on behalf of one another, so that you may have refuah sheleimah (complete healing). The tefillah of a tzaddik is powerful and effective.

[17] Eliyahu [HaNavi] was a man of like nature to us, and with tefillah he davened for it not to rain, and it did not rain upon ha’aretz for shlosh shanim and shishah chodashim (three years and six months). [MELACHIM ALEF 17:1]

[18] And again Eliyahu [HaNavi] davened, and Shomayim gave GESHEM (rain) and ha’aretz caused its pri to sprout. [MELACHIM ALEF 18:45]

[19] My Achim b’Moshiach, if anyone among you wanders vait (astray) from Ha’Emes and vait (astray) from HaDerech Hashem, the very things themselves, but to you, when they were rendering was not to search for what zman (time) or what context of occasion the Ruach of Moshiach in them was pointing to, when predicting the Chevlei Moshiach and HaKavod to follow.

[20] You should have da’as [4:12]), of Moshiach Yehoshua. May Chen v’Chesed Hashem and Shalom Hashem abound to all of you!

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T.N. This may be the earliest writing in the Brit Chadasha. Of royal blood, Ya’akov Bar Yosef Ben Davidi, like Rav Sha’ul, was an unbeliever until he came to faith by the appearance of the Risen Moshiach (see I Cor 15:7). He died al kiddush ha-Shem 62 C.E. according to Josephus. His brother Yehuda wrote the letter on p.1118. See p848.

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at the Hisgalus (Revelation, Apocalypse) of Moshiach Yehoshua.

[14] As Bnei Mishma’at (Children of Obedience 1:2), not conforming yourselves to your former ta’avot (lusts), when you lacked da’as (personal, saving knowledge),

[15] But, als (since) the One who bestows on you the kri’ah (calling) is KADOSH HU (TEHILLIM 99:5), so also yourselves become Kedoshim in hitnahagut (conduct),

[16] Because it says in the Torah, KEDOSHIM TIH’YU (SHEMOT 12:5; VAYIKRA 22:20; YESHAYAH 53:7,9),

[17] And if you call upon as ‘Avinu’ [Mt.6:9] the One who is the impartial Shofet (Shofet kol ha’aretz) of each man LISH KMAASEIHU (‘To each according to his deeds’ TEHILLIM 62:13), then conduct yourself with yirat Hazeh, in the Golus of the Olam Shomayim during your time like the flower: the grass withers, the flower falls, for one another, from a lev tahor.

[18] Having da’as that the padut nafsheynu (redemption ransom of our souls) was not with perishable things such as silver or gold when your Geulah (Redemption) was purchased from the Derech HaHevel (empty way of life) handed down to you from your Avot.

[19] No, it was the precious DAHM (VAYIKRA 17:11) as of a SEH TAMIM U’MUM (“lamb unblemished and unspotted” SHEMOT 12:5; VAYIKRA 22:20; YESHAYAH 53:7,9), the DAHM of Moshiach (Mt.26:28)

[20] Who, on the one hand, having been foreknown lifnei hvivased tevel (before the foundation of the world), but, on the other hand, having been manifested [5:4] at the Ketz Hayamim (End of Days) because of you.

[21] Through him [Moshiach] you have emunah in Hashem, the One who brought forth the Techiyas HaMoshiach from HaMesim (the dead ones) and gave him Kavod. And so your emunah and your tikvah [1:13] are in Hashem.

[22] Having purified your nefashot (souls) by mishma’at (obedience 1:2) to HaEmes, resulting in ahavah shel achvah (brotherly love) without tzevi’ut (hypocrisy), have fervent ahavah (agape) for one another, from a lev tahor.

[23] You have been given a new birth [Yn 3:3], not from perishable zerah (seed), but zerah that is without shachat (corruption) TEHILLIM 16:10), through the Dvar Hashem who is Chai v’Nitzav 10Am (living and remaining firm forever).

[24] For, ‘All flesh is grass and all of [mankind’s] glory is like the flower: the grass withers, the flower falls,’ BUT the Word of our G-d stands forever’ YESHAYAH 40:6-8). And this is the Dvar proclaimed to you as the Besuras HaGeulah (in Moshiach).


[26] Therefore, to you who are the ma’aminim [in Moshiach] this EVEN (‘Stone’) is YIKRAT HAMMA’AMIN LO YACHISH (‘rejected by men’ YESHAYAH 53:3; TEHILLIM 118:22; YESHAYAH 28:16) but BECHIR (‘chosen’ YESHAYAH 42:1 [L-f]), and precious in the sight of Hashem.

[27] Therefore, to you who are the ma’aminim [in Moshiach] this EVEN (‘Stone’) is YIKRAT (‘precious’ YESHAYAH 28:16), but to the Apikorosim (Unbelievers): EVEN MAASU HABONIM HAYTAH LEROSH PINAH (‘The Stone which the ones building rejected became the head of the corner’ TEHILLIM 118:22 [YESHAYAH 53:3]).

[28] And EVEN NEGEF UL’TZUR MICHSHOL (‘a stone for stumbling over and a rock for falling over’ YESHAYAH 8:14). They stumble because they have no mishma’at (obedience 1:2,14,22; 4:17) to the Dvar Hashem which is also what they were appointed for [2K 2:9,12,17; Yd 1:4; Ro 9:14-24].

[29] But you are an AM NIVCHAR (‘a chosen people” YESHAYAH 43:20; SHEMOT 6:7), a MAMLECHET
KOHANIM (‘a kingdom of priests, royal priests’ Ex 19:6), a GOY KADOSH (‘a holy nation’ Ex 19:6); an AM SEGULLAH (‘a people of treasured possession’ Ex 19:5; Mal 3:17), for this purpose: that you may declare the wondrous deeds of the One who gave you the kri’ah (calling) and summoned you out of choshech into his marvelous ohr [Isa 43:21; 42:12].

[10] You, who once were LO AMI (‘not My people’ Hos 1:9) but now AMI ATAH (‘My people you are’ Hos 2:25), the AM Hashem (‘the people of G-d’), the ones having not received rachamim, but now having received rachamim (Hos 2:25).

[11] Chaverim, I say “Chazak (Be Strong)!” to you as aliens among the Goyim (peoples), having received rachamim, but now AMI (“not My people” Hos 1:9) AMI (“the people of G-d”), the ones having not received rachamim, but now having received rachamim (Hos 2:25).

[12] Let your hitnahagut (conduct) among the Goyim show feste (excellent) midas chasidus (trait of piety) that, wherein they speak against you as anshei resha (men of wickedness), by observing your ma’asim tovim they may glorify Hashem in the YOM SEGULLAH (“Day of Visitation, Reckoning” [Isa 10:3]).

[13] Submit [2:18; 3:1] to every created human memshalah (governing authority) because of Hashem, whether to a Melech (King) as being HaRosh,

[14] Or to moshelim (governors) as being sent by Hashem for the purpose of nakam (vengeance) on anshei resha (men of wickedness) but for the purpose of shevach (praise, commendation) on anshei tzedek.

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[17] Have kavod (respect, honor) toward kol Bnei Adam; have ahavah (agape) toward Haachim (The Brotherhood of the Messianic Chavurah); have yirat Shomayim toward Hashem [1:17; 2:17; 3:2,6,14, 16], have kavod to HaMelech.

[18] Avadim, be submitting in kol yir’ah (all fear) to your adonim (masters), not only to the good and eidele (gentle) adonim, but also to the hard serei misim (task-masters, Shemot 1:11).

[19] For this is worthy of shevach (praise, commendation) if, because of a consciousness of Hashem, anyone bears up under tzoros (troubles) while suffering unjustly.

[20] For what shevach (praise) is it if, after committing chatta’im (sins) and being beaten, you endure? But if being osei tzedek (doers of what is right) and suffering, then you endure, this is worthy of shevach before Hashem.

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3 Nashim (wives), submit similarly to your own ba’alim (husbands), that even if any anashim lack mishma’at (obedience) to the Dvar Hashem, they may be won without the Dvar through the hitnahagut (conduct) of their nashim,

[21] When they see your yirat Shomayim toward Hashem (the will of G-d) that you, by acting as anshei tzedek, may silence the lack of da’as (knowledge) of the kesilim (the foolish people).

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For so formerly also the nashim hakedoshot (holy women) whose tikvah was in Hashem were adorning themselves, submitting themselves to their own ba'alim.

Just so, Sarah submitted in mishma'at (obedience) to Avraham Avinu, calling him ADONI [BERESHIS 18:12]. You nashim became Sarah's banot (daughters), if you act as nashei tzedek [2:15] and you fear no intimidation [MISHLE 3:25].

Likewise, Ba'alim (Husbands), dwell with them according to the da'as of the isha as a k'li rach (weaker vessel), showing them kavod as also being yoreshim together [3:9] of the mattanah (gift) of the Chen v'Chesed HaChayyim, so that your tefillos will not be hindered [3:12; 4:7].

Now, to say over, all of you be an agudah (bound together union) in your thinking, have achdus, be sympathetic, having ahavah (agape) for the Achim b'Moshiach [Tehillim 133:1], being tender-hearted men of mercy v'shiflei ruach (and lowly of spirit), not rendering ra'ah for ra'ah or lashon hora for lashon hora, but, fahkert (on the contrary), rendering a bracha (blessing), because to this tachlis (purpose) you were given your kri'ah (calling), that you may inherit a bracha (blessing).

For if the L-rd wills, it is better to suffer tzoros for doing mitzvot than for doing ra'ah. Because, indeed, Moshiach suffered once on behalf of chatta'im (sins), a Tzaddik (righteous one) on behalf of the chote'im (unrighteous ones, sinners), that he might bring you to Hashem he, having been in the basar [TEHILLIM 16:9-10] put to death, yet, in the Ruach Hakodesh, having been made alive [4:6]; [see Isa 53:8]

In which also to the ruchot (spirits) in mishmar (prison), having gone, Moshiach made the hachrazah (proclamation, kerygma)

To ones without mishma'at (obedience) back then when the zitzfleisch (patience) of Hashem was waiting, in the days of Noach, while the Teva (Ark) was being prepared, in which a few, that is shemoneh nefashot (eight souls), were delivered through that mabbul's mikveh mayim;

And Moshiach's tevilah in the mikveh mayim, which this mabbul prefigures, now delivers you, not by means of the removal of filth from the basar, but through the hitchaiyvut (pledge) of a clean matzpun toward Hashem, through the Techiyas HaMoshiach Yehoshua,

Who is at the right hand of Hashem, having gone into Shomayim, with malachim and rashuyot (authorities) and gevurot under his feet.

Therefore, als (since) Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach underwent bodily yissurim (sufferings [4:13]), also you arm yourselves with the same way of thinking as Moshiach, because the one having suffered in the basar (flesh) has finished with chet (sin) so as no longer to live the remaining time of the Olam Hazeh in the basar, in the ta'avot Bnei Adam (lusts of men), but in the ratzon Hashem (will of G-d).

For you have already spent sufficient time speaking remiyah (guile, fraud, deceit);
(time already gone by) in the Olam Hazei participating in the ta’avor (lusts) of the Goiyim, walking in darchei zimah (the ways of licentiousness), ta’avot (lusts), shichrut (drunkenness), orgiastic drinking mesibot (parties), and unlawful avodas elilim (idolatry).

[4] The Goiyim think it strange [4:12] that you are not running with them into the same masbul (flood) of dissipation, and so they blaspheme and commit Chillul Hashem.

But they will give an account to the One being ready to take his moshav (seat) as the Shofet of HaChayyim v’HaMesim (the Living and the Dead).

[5] For, indeed, this is the reason that the Besuras HaGeulah was preached to reason that the Besuras HaGeulah of HaMesim (dead ones, i.e., those who have died in the L-rd), that, though judged in the basar according to men [MJ 12:23; Yn 5:25; 1Th 4:13-18], they might live according to Hashem.

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[7] The Ketz (End) of all things now has drawn near. Let your thinking be one of zililut da’as (sober-mindedness), therefore, and exercise kibush hayetzer (self-control), for the sake of your tefillos.

[8] Above all else, have fervent ahavah among yourselves, for AHAVAH KOL PEYSHA’IM T’CHASSEH (‘love covers all wrongs’ MISHLE 10:12).

[9] Practice hachnosas orchim (hospitality) with one another without kevetching.

[10] Each one according as he received a mattanah (gift), as klei kodesh ministering to one another, mefakkeichim tovim (good stewards, supervisors) of the varied Chen v’Chesed Hashem.

[11] If anyone speaks, let it be as though it were the oracles of Hashem; if anyone ministers, let it be as by the chozeek (strength) which Hashem supplies, that in all things Hashem may be glorified through Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua. Lo HaKavod V’HaOz L’Olemei Olamim. Omein (To whom be the glory of Hashem).

[12] Chaverim, do not be surprised at the masah (trial) of eish (fire) among you coming for you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you.

[13] But in so far as you share in the yissurim (sufferings) of Moshiach, in the Chevlei HaMoshiach, be glad that also in the Hisgalus (Revelation, Apocalypse) of his Kavod, you may have simcha and sason.

[14] If you are reproached for a rotzeach (thief) or an oseh ra’ah (an evil doer) or as one who is ganav (thief) or an oshe r’aah (an evil doer) or as one who is mitarev (meddlesome).

[15] But if any one of you suffers as a ma’amin b’Moshiach (believer in Moshiach), let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify Hashem by this Name.

[16] Because the time has come to begin the Mishpat (flock). and if indeed the Tzaddik is saved with difficulty, where will appear the man without chasidus [in Moshiach], the choteh and the rashah [see quoted MISHLE 11:31].

Therefore, the ones undergoing sevalot (sufferings, yissurim) according to the ratzon Hashem, let them commit their nefashot to a trustworthy Yotzer (Creator) while they continue to do ma’asim tovim.

[17] Because the time has come to begin the Mishpat from the Beis Hashem; and if the Mishpat begins with us, what will be the toitzaa (outcome) of the ones without mishma’at (obedience) to the Besuras HaGeulah of Hashem?

[18] And if indeed the Tzaddik is saved with difficulty, where will appear the man without chasidus [in Moshiach], the choteh and the rashah [see quoted MISHLE 11:31]?
Therefore, be humbled under the mighty hand of Hashem, that you may be exalted in due time.

Therefore, be shomer in zililut da’as (sober-mindedness). Your adversary Hasatan [Samma’el], prowls around like a roaring arye (lion), seeking whom to swallow.

Oppose him, firm in emunah, knowing that in the Olam Hazeh, the same Chevlei [Moshiach] are to be laid upon HaAchim b’Moshiach.

Now the Elohei Kol Chen v’Chesed (the G-d of all Grace), the one having bestowed upon you the kri’ah (calling) into His eternal kavod in Moshiach Yehoshua, after you have suffered tzoros for a little while, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Lo HaKavod V’HaOz L’Olemei Olamim. Omein.

To you, through Sila HaAch HaNe’eman (the Faithful Brother in Moshiach), as such I regard him, I have written you briefly, a dvar chizzuk, encouraging you and giving edut (testimony) that this is the true Chen v’Chesed Hashem in which you stand.

Drishat Shalom to you from your coequal Nivcharah (Chosen One), she in Babel. Drishat Shalom also from Markos, beni.

Greet one another with a neshikat ahavah (kiss of agape). Drishat Shalom to all of you, the ones in Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

Shimon Kefa, an eved and Shliach of Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua: to the ones having obtained, with us [Shlichim of Moshiach], equally precious [orthodox Jewish] emunah (faith) [the Emanah of the true Dat HaYehudim] in the Tzedek Hashem [Dan 9:24] of Elohei-nu and Mosheinu Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

Chesed Hashem and Shalom to you abundantly in the da’as (personal, saving knowledge) of Hashem and Adoneinu Yehoshua.

As the gevurat Hashem (the power of G-d) has given us everything for Chayyim (life) and chasidus through the da’as (personal, saving knowledge) of the One Who bestows on us the kri’ah (calling) to His own Kavod (Glory) and Tzidkanut (Righteousness see 1:5-7; 2:5,21; 3:13).

So Hashem has given us precious havtachot gedolot (great promises 3:4,9,13 cf.2:19) that through these promises you might become [regenerate] deveyku participants with the life of the teva haelohi (divine nature, cf Yn 1:13), having escaped the [degenerate] Olam Hazeh’s lust engendered corruption.

For this very reason, you must apply all zerizut (diligence) to supply emunah with midah hatov (the attribute of virtue), and midah hatov with da’as (knowledge),

And da’as with shlitah atzmit (self-control), and shlitah atzmit with chozek (fortitude) and chozek with chassidus (piety),

And chassidus with ahavah shel achvah (brotherly love), and ahavah shel achvah with ahavah (agape).

For if these midos are in you increasingly, they will forestall you from being batlanim (idlers) and lo porah (unfruitful) in the da’as (personal saving knowledge) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua.

For the one with whom these middos chasidus (qualities of piety) are not present is an ivver (blind man), being shortsighted, having forgotten the tohorah (cleansing) of his past averos.

Therefore, Achim b’Moshiach, be eagerly diligent to make your kri’ah (summons) and bechirah (election) sure, for, if you do these things, you will never fall over a michshol (stumbling block).

For thus will be richly provided for you the entrance into the Malchut Olam of Adoneinu and Mosheinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

Therefore, it is my tachlis (purpose, final end) always to remind you concerning these things, even though you have da’as of them and have been stabilized in HaEmes that you have.

But I consider it befitting, as long as I am in this ohel, to arouse you with a tizkoret (reminder),

Als (since) I know that the putting off of my mishkan is imminent, as indeed Adoneinu Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua made clear to me.

And also I am eager to cause you to always possess the zichron (memory) of these things after my exodus.

T.N. Written shortly before his death al kiddush ha-Shem for his Moshiach. See Bodmer papyrus p72 showing early attestation of this authentic last will and testament of Kefa whom Nero caused to be killed.
For we had not followed cleverly crafted aggadot or doichek (farfetched) babbenemies or reid (hearsay) when we made known to you the gevurah (miraculous power) of Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua and the Bi’as HaMoshiach of him; no, we had been edei re’iyah (eyewitnesses) of Moshiach’s majestic gedulah (greatness).

For having received from Elohim HaAv kavod va’oz, the bat kol was conveyed to Moshiach by the Majestic Glory, “ZEH BENI AHUVI ASHER BO CHAFATSTI” (“This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased” TEHILLIM 2:7; BERESHIS 22:2; YESHAYAH 42:1).

And this bat kol we heard out of Shomayim, having been brought with Moshiach upon the Har HaKodesh.

And we have the Dvar HaNevu’ah (Word of Prophecy) made more sure, to which you do well in giving heed as to a menorah shining in a place of choshech until HaYom [of Olam Habah 3:18] dawns and the Kochav (Star) haNogah (of Brightness, Venus) rises in your levavot (hearts).

Knowing this first: that every nevu’ah (prophecy) of the Kitvei Hakodesh is not of one’s own interpretation.

For no nevu’ah was at any time brought by the ratzon HaBnei Adam (will of Man), but men being carried along by the Ruach Hakodesh spoke from Hashem.

But there were also nevi’ei sheker (false prophets) among Am Yisroel just as also there will be morei sheker among you. These false teachers will secretly bring in heretical doctrines of koferim ba-ikkarim (deniers of fundamentals), producing machshelah (ruin), as these heretics even become meshummad, denying the Ribono Shel Olam who redeemed them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

And many will follow them in walking in darchei zimah (the ways of licentiousness), and because of them the Derech HaEmes will be libeled with lashon hora.

And in their chomed (covetous) greed, they will exploit you with deceptive words. For them the Mishpat (Judgment) of old is not dumi (idle) and their churban (ruin) does not slumber.

For if Hashem did not spare malachim that sinned, but cast them into Gehinnom, consigning them to the sharsherot (chains) of choshech to be kept for Mishpat;

And if Hashem, when he brought a mabbul (flood) upon the world of resha’im (evildoers), did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noach, the eighth of the nefashot [in the Teva (Ark)] and a maggid of Tzidkanut (Righteousness);

And if Hashem judged the cities of S’dom and Amora, reducing them to ashes by a churban catastrophe, making them a mofet (an example) for the ones intending to be resha’im;

And if Hashem delivered Lot, a tzaddik distressed by the hitnahagut (conduct) of the mufkarim (lawless 2:8;10; 3:17) walking in darchei zimah (the ways of licentiousness)

–For that tzaddik, living among them day after day, was tortured in his nefesh hayesharah (honest soul) by the darchei mufkarim (the ways of lawless ones) that he saw and heard

–Then Hashem knows how to rescue the chasidim from trial and how to preserve the anshi resha (men of wickedness) for punishment for the Yom HaDin,

Especially the ones going after the basar (flesh) in ta’avah (lust) producing tum’a (defilement) and the ones despising kol samchet (Mt 28:18). Bold and self-willed, these have no yirat Shomayim and therefore commit Chilul Hashem as they slander the glorious ones,

Whereas malachim, being greater b’oz and koach (in strength and power), al kol panim (nevertheless) do not bring against them a slanderous judgment before Hashem.

But these men, like irrational beasts born[biderch hatevah (naturally) to be caught and killed, commit Chilul Hashem in matters where they lack da’as. In the destruction of [the beasts], they also will be destroyed,

Suffering harm as onesh (penalty) for harm done. They actually think there is ta’anug (pleasure) in reveling in broad daylight. They are mumim (defects) and spots reveling in their ta’nugot (evil pleasures) even while they sit at seudot (banquet dinners) with you.

Having eyes full of ni’uf (adultery), ceaselessly committing averos (sins), enticing unstable nefashot (souls), having levavot trained in chomed (covetous) greed–banim mekulalim (accursed children)!

Forsaking the Derech HaYashar (Straight Way), they went astray, having followed the Derech HaBil’am Ben B’or,
who loved the sachar haresha (reward of unrighteousness).

[16] But he had tochachah (reproof) for his own peysha (transgression): a dumb chamor (donkey), having spoken in a man's voice, hindered the madness of the meshuga navi.

[17] These men are mikva'ot without mayim and mists being driven by storms, for whom has been reserved the gloom of choshech (darkness).

[18] Using high sounding words of hevel, they entice, with licentious ta'avot of the basar, the ones barely escaped from those living in toyus (error) and delusion.

[19] They offer them the havtachah (promise) of cherut (freedom), but they themselves are avadim (slaves) of shachat (corruption), for whatever defeats a man also enslaves him.

[20] For if, having escaped the tumot (defilements) of Olam Hazeh by da'as of Adoneinu and Moshieinu Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, they are again entangled in these, then their last state is worse for them than their first.

[21] For better it was for them not to have da'as of the Derech HaTzidkanut (the Way of Righteousness) than, having known it, to turn away from the mitzvah hakedoша handed down to them.

[22] The word of the true mashal (proverb) has overtaken them: KECELEV SHAV AL KEO ('As a dog having returned to its own vomit'), and a 'chazir (swine) is washed only to wallow in the mud' (MISHLE 26:11).

3 Chaverim, this now is the second iggeret I am writing to you; in these iggrot my tachlis is to arouse your sincere levavot by way of tizkoret (reminder):

[2] Remember the divrei torah having been previously spoken by the Nevim HaKedoshim and the mitzvot of [Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach] Adoneinu and Moshieinu spoken by your Shluchim.

[3] Knowing this first, that during the acharit hayamim there will come letzim (mockers, scorners) mocking, going after their own ta'avot (lusts).

[4] And saying, 'Where is the havtachah (promise) of the Bias HaMoshiach? From the time Avoteinu fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of HaBri'ah (Creation).

[5] For this is hidden from them (but they want it that way): that the Shomayim existed from long ago and ha'Aretz out of mayim and through mayim BIDVAR Hashem NA'ASU (‘By the word of the L-rd were made’ TEHILLIM 33:6).

[6] Through this very mayim, the tevel (world) of that time perished in the mabbul (flood).

[7] But the present Shomayim v'ha'Aretz are being reserved by the same Dvar Hashem, being kept for Eish (Fire) and destroyed, and the elements set ablaze and melted.

[8] Chaverim, als you await these things, be eager to be found in shalom by him TAMIM U'MUM ('unblemished and unsotted' SHEMOT 12:5; VAYIKRA 22:20; YESHAYAH 53:7,9).

[9] But Hashem is not slow concerning his havtachah (promise), as some consider slowness, but is demonstrating zitzfleisch (patience 3:15) toward you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to teshuva (repentance).

[10] But the Yom Hashem will come as a ganav (thief), in which the Shomayim with great suddenness will pass away and the elements, burning up, will be destroyed, and the Olam Hazeh and its ma'asim will be found out [BAMIDBAR 32:23].

[11] Als (Since) all these things will thus be destroyed, what kinds of persons ought you to be in hitnahagut (conduct) that is characterized by kedushah and chasidus.

[12] Awaiting and hastening the Bias HaMoshiach of the Yom Hashem, because of which the Shomayim will be turned into Eish (Fire) and destroyed, and the elements set ablaze and melted.

[13] But SHOMAYIM CHADASHIM VA'ARETZ [YESHAYAH 65:17 cf. 66:22] according to the havtachah (promise) of Hashem we await, in which Tzidkanut (Righteousness) dwells.

[14] Chaverim, als you await these things, be eager to be found in shalom by him TAMIM UMUM ('unblemished and unsotted' SHEMOT 12:5; VAYIKRA 22:20; YESHAYAH 53:7,9).

[15] And regard the zitzfleisch (patience) of Adoneinu as Yeshu'at Eloheynu. So also our Chaver and Ach b'Moshiach Sha'ul, according to the chochmah (wisdom) having been given to him, wrote to you.

[16] As also in all his iggrot speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things lomdish (intricate and complicated to understand), which those
unstable and without da'as, twist, as also the other Kitvei Hakodesh, to their own churban (destruction).

[17] Chaverim, you therefore, knowing beforehand, be shomer over yourselves lest with the toyus (error) of the mufkarim (lawless ones) having been led away, you fall from your own stability.

[18] But grow in the Chen v'Chesed and Da'as of Adoneinu and Moshieinu, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua. Lo HaKavod Gam HaYom V'Gam L'Yom HaOlam. Omein. (To him be glory both now and to the day of eternity. Omein.)

What was Bereshis (in the Beginning) which we have examined with our ears, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and the hands of us Shlichim, Ac 1:21-25 touched: the Dvar HaChayyim (Word of Life)!

[2] Indeed the Chayyei Olam was manifested, and we have seen it and we give solemn eidus (witness of testimony) and we proclaim to you the Chayyei Olam which was alongside with HaAv [Yochanan 1:1-4,14] and made hisgalus (appearance of, exposure of in revelation) to us Shlichim.

[3] What we have seen and what we have heard, we proclaim also to you, that you also may have deveykus (attachment to G-d) with us Shlichim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and our deveykus (attachment to G-d) is with HaAv and with the Zun foon Der Oybershter, Moshiach Yehoshua/Yeshua.

[4] And these things we Shlichim write, that the simcha of us may be made shleimah.

[5] And this is the Besuras HaGeulah which we have heard from Him and which we proclaim to you, that Hashem is Ohr (Light), and in Him choshech there is not any at all.

[6] If we make the claim that we have deveykus with Him and in the choshech walk, we speak shoker and have no halakhah in the Derech Emes.

[7] But if our halakhah is in the Ohr as He is in the Ohr, we have hitkhabrut (joining, adhesion, fellowship) with one another and the dahm of Yehoshua, HaBen of Hashem, [T.N. See Isaiah 4:2] gives us tohorah (cleansing) from kol chet. [YESHAYAH 2:5]

[8] If we make the claim that we do not have avon (sin), we cause ourselves to fall under mirmah (deceit, fraud, YESHAYAH 53:9) and HaEmes is not in us. [MISHLE 20:9; YIRMEYAH 2:35]

[9] If we make vidduy (confession of sin) of chattoteinu (our sins), he is ne'eman [faithful] and tzaddik to grant selicha (forgiveness) of chattoteinu (our sins) and give us tohorah (purification, cleansing) from kol avon. [DEVARIM 32:4; TEHILLIM 32:5; 51:2; MISHLE 28:13; MICHOH 7:18-20]

[10] If we make the claim that we have not committed averos, a shakran (liar) we make Him, and the dvar of Him is not in us. [DEVARIM 32:4; TEHILLIM 1:6]

[11] But whoever over the dvar of Him is shomer, beemess in this one the ahavas Hashem has been made shleimah. By this we have da'as that in Him we are.

[12] The one claiming to make his maon in Him ought with the halakhah of that One so he should have his derech. [Yn 14:1,23; TEHILLIM 1:6]

[13] Chaverim, I do not write you a mitzvah chadasha, but a mitzvah yashanah, which you were having from the beginning: the mitzvah yashanah is the dvar which you heard.

[14] Again a mitzvah chadasha I write to you, which is HaEmes in Him, and in you, because the choshech is making its histalkus (passing away) and the Ohr HaAmitti (the True Light) already is shining.

[15] The one claiming in the Ohr (Light) to be and the Ach b'Moshiach of him hating, is in the choshech still.

[16] The one with ahavah for the Ach b'Moshiach of him makes his maon (dwelling, permanent residence, Yn 14:2, 23) in the Ohr (Light) and a cause for michshol (stumbling, falling) is not in him. [YESHAYAH 19:17]

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[18] But the one hating the Ach b'Moshiach of him is in the choshech and walks his derech in

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the choshech and does not have da'as where he goes, because the choshech blinded his eyes.

[12] I write to you, yeladim, because your averos have been granted selicha (forgiveness) because of SHMO (His Name).

[TEHILLIM 25:11]

[13] I write to you, avot, because you have had da'as of the One Who is Bereshis; I write to you, yunge Leit (young people), because you have conquered the evil one.

[14] I write to you, yeladim, because you have had da'as of HaAv; I wrote to you, avot, because you have had da'as of the One Bereshis. I wrote to you, yunge Leit (young people), because you are charzakim (strong ones) and the Dvar Hashem makes His maon in you and you have conquered the evil one.

[15] Do not have ahavah for the Olam Hazeh, neither the things in the Olam Hazeh. If anyone has ahavah for the Olam Hazeh, the Ahavas [Elohim] HaAv is not in him.

[16] For all that is in the Olam Hazeh, the ta'avah (lust) of the basar and the ta'avah of the eyes and the gaavah (pride) in the chashuve (prominence) of what one has in this life, one's vital possessions, all this is not of HaAv but is of the Olam Hazeh; [BERESHIS 3:6; MISHELE 27:20]

[17] And the Olam Hazeh is making his histalkus (passing away) and the ta'avah (lust) of it, but the one doing the rutzon Hashem has his maon lanetzakh (permanent dwelling place to remain for ever).

[18] Yeladim, it is the sha'ah ha'achronah (the last hour, time), and as you heard that Anti-Moshiach is coming, even now many Anti-Moshiachs [nevi'ei sheker, 4:1] have come, from which we have da'as that it is the sha'ah ha'achronah.

[19] They went out and departed from us, but they were not of us; for if they were of us, they would have abided with us; but they went out that it may be neglah (be revealed) that none of them belongs to us. [Yu 6:70; 13:30]

[20] And you have a [Ruach Hakodesh] mishcha (anointing) from HaKadosh and you have da'as of all.

[YIRMEEYAH 31:34]

[21] I did not write an iggeret kodesh to you because you do not have da'as of HaEmes, but because you do have da'as of HaEmes and that kol shoker (every falsehood) is not of HaEmes.

[22] Who is the shakran (liar)? Who but the one making hakhchashah (denial) and claiming that Yehoshua is not the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach? This one is the Anti-Moshiach, the one making hakhchashah (denial) of HaAv and HaBen.

[23] No one making hakhchashah of HaBen has HaAv; the one making hoda'ah (confession) of HaBen has HaAv also.

[24] What you heard from the beginning, in you let it make its maon. If in you makes maon what from the beginning you heard, also you will make maon in HaBen and in HaAv.

[25] And this is the havtachah (promise) which He promised us, Chayyei Olam.

[26] These things I wrote to you concerning the [nevi'ei sheker] deceiving you.

[27] And the [Ruach Hakodesh] mishcha (anointing) which you received from Him makes its maon in you, and you are not nitzrach (needy) that anyone should be your 'moreh,' but as the same [Ruach Hakodesh] mishcha (anointing) teaches you concerning everything and is Emes and is not kazav (lie, falsehood), and as He taught you, keep your maon in Him.

[YIRMEEYAH 31:34]

[28] And now, yeladim, remain in Him, that when He makes His hisgalus (revelation, unveiling appearance) we may have bitachon and not have hushah (shame) before Him at the Bi'as HaMoshiach.

[29] If you have da'as that He is tzaddik, you have da'as that also everyone who is a poel tzedek (worker of righteousness) has been born of Him.

3 See what kind of ahavah HaAv has given to us, that yeladim of Elohim we should be called. And so we are. Therefore, the Olam Hazeh does not have da'as of us, because it did not have da'as of Him.

[2] Chaverim, now yeladim of Elohim we are, and not yet it is neglah (is revealed) what we will be. We have da'as that when He is neglah, like Him we will be, because we will see Him as He is, [TEHILLIM 17:15]

[3] And everyone having this tikvah (hope) in Him keeps himself in tohorah (purification, keeps himself pure), even as that One is tahor. [TEHILLIM 18:26]

[4] Everyone practicing chet also does averah, and chet is averah al HaTorah.

[5] And you have da'as that that One neglah (is revealed) that chata'einu (our sins) He might take away [YESHAYAH 53:4,12], and chet in Him is not. [YESHAYAH 53:9]

[6] Everyone making his maon in Him does not go on sinning; everyone sinning has not seen Him nor has had da'as of Him.
[7] Yeladim, let no navi sheker, 1Y 4:1 deceive you; the one practicing tzedek is tzaddik, even as that One is Tzaddik.

[8] The one practicing averos is of Hasatan, because from the beginning Hasatan sins. For this tachlis was made hisgalus of the Ben HaElohim, that he might destroy the pe'ulot Hasatan.

[9] Everyone having been born of Hashem is not practicing chet, because His Zera makes maon in him, and he cannot abide sinning, because he is born of Hashem. [TEHILLIM 119:3]

[10] By this is made hisgalus of the yeladim of Hashem and the yeladim of Hasatan: everyone not practicing tzedek is not of Hashem; also the one not having ahavah for his Ach b'Moshiach.

[11] Because this is the divrei Torah which we heard from the beginning, that we have ahavah one for another, [TEHILLIM 119:3]

[12] Not as Kayin, who was of the evil one, and slaughtered the ach of him; and for what cause did he slaughter him? Because the ma'asim of him were raim and the ma'asim of the ach of him were ma'asei tzedek. [BERESHIS 4:8; TEHILLIM 38:20; MISHLE 29:10]

[13] And, Achim b'Moshiach, do not marvel if the Olam Hazeh hates you.

[14] We have da'as that we have made our histalkus (passing) out of Mavet into Chayyim, because we have ahavah for the Ach b'Moshiach; the one not having ahavah makes his ma'on in death.

[15] Everyone hating his Ach b'Moshiach is a rotzeach (murderer). And you have da'as that every rotzeach does not have Chayyei Olam making a ma'on in him.

[16] By this we have had da'as of ahavah, because that One on behalf of us laid down his nefesh [YESHAYAH 53:10]; and we ought, on behalf of the Achim b'Moshiach, to lay down our nefashot.

[17] Now whoever has vital possessions of the Olam Hazeh and sees the Ach b'Moshiach making hisgalus, (needy) and has no rachamim (mercy) on him, refuses gemilut Chesed, how does the ahavas Hashem make ma'on in him? [YEchezkel 33:31]

[18] Yeladim, let us not have ahavah in dvar or in lashon but in ma'aseh and in Emes. [YEchezkel 33:31]

[19] And by this we will have da'as that we are of HaEmes, and before Him we will persuade our levavot, [20] That if our levavot condemn us, Hashem is greater than our levavot, and He has da'as of all things. [1Ch 29:20]

[20] Chaverim, if our levavot do not bring us under the gezar din (verdict) of ashem (guilty), we have bitachon before Hashem.

[21] And whatever we request, we receive from Him, because we are shomer of His mitzvot and the things pleasing before Him we practice. [2Ch 6:23]

[22] And this is the mitzvah of Him, that we have emunah b'Shem of the Ben HaElohim, Yehoshua, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, and that we have ahavah one for another, as He gave mitzvah to us. [2Ch 6:23-24]

[23] And the one being shomer of His mitzvot makes his ma'on in Him and He makes His ma'on in him; and by this we have da'as that He abides in us, by the Ruach Hakodesh whom He gave to us. [Yn 14:23,21; Ro 8:9,14,16]

[24] This is the rubach which we heard from the beginning, that we have ahavah one for another, therefore the Olam Hazeh hates us, because Hashem is ahavah.

[4] Chaverim, do not believe every ruach. [YIRMEYAH 29:8] But test the ruchoth (spirits), if they be of Hashem, because many neviev sheker have gone out into the Olam Hazeh.

[2] By this we have da'as of the Ruach Hakodesh of Hashem: every ruach which makes hoda'ah (confession) of Yehoshua, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach as having come in the basar is of Hashem.

[3] And every ruach which does not make hoda'ah of Yehoshua is not of Hashem. And this is the ruach of the Anti-Moshiach, which you have heard that it is coming; and now it already is in the Olam Hazeh.

[4] Yeladim, you are of Hashem, and you have overcome them, because greater is the One in you than the one in the Olam Hazeh. [MELACHIM BAIS 6:16]

[5] They are of the Olam Hazeh; therefore, of the Olam Hazeh they speak, and the Olam Hazeh pays heed to them. [MELACHIM BAIS 6:16]

[6] We are of Hashem; the one having da'as of Hashem pays heed to us; he who is not of Hashem does not pay heed to us. From this we have da'as of the Ruach [Hakodesh] of Emes and the ruach tatu'im (spirit of delusion, error).

[7] Chaverim, let us have ahavah one for another, because ahavah is of Hashem, and everyone having ahavah has been born of Hashem and has da'as of Hashem.

[8] The one not having ahavah did not have da'as of Hashem, because Hashem is ahavah.

[9] By this was made hisgalus of the ahavah of Hashem among us, because Hashem has sent His Ben Yechid into the Olam Hazeh that we may live through Him. [Yn 3:16]
If anyone says I have ahavah for Hashem, and the Ach b'Moshiach, he hates, he is a shakran (liar). For the one not having ahavah for the Ach b'Moshiach of him whom he has seen, how can he have ahavah for the Elohim whom he has not seen? [21] And this mitzvah we have from Him that the one having ahavah for Hashem should have ahavah also for the Ach b'Moshiach of him.

Everyone with emunah that Yehoshua (Yeshua) is the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach has been born of Hashem, and everyone having ahavah for the One having begotten has also ahavah for the one begotten by Him. [2] By this we have da'as that we have ahavah for the yeladim of Hashem, when we have ahavas Hashem and we are shomer over His mitzvot. [3] For this is the ahavas Hashem, that we are shomer over His mitzvot, and His mitzvot are not burdensome. [DEVARIM 30:11]

Because whatever [T.N. refers to every believer] that has been born of Hashem obtains nitzachon (victory) over the Olam Hazeh. And this is the nitzachon (victory), the nitzachon that overcomes the Olam Hazeh, even what makes us a believer, our emunah (faith).

And who is the one overcoming the Olam Hazeh except the one with emunah that Yehoshua is the Zun fun der Oybershter? [6] This One is the One having come by mayim and dahn, Yehoshua, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach; not by the mayim only, but by the mayim and by the dahn; and the Ruach Hakodesh is the one giving solemn eidus, because the Ruach Hakodesh is HaEmes.

Because there are shloshah giving solemn eidus:

[8] the Ruach Hakodesh and the mayim and the dahn, and the shloshah are for solemn eidus.

[9] If the solemn eidus of Bnei Adam we receive, the solemn eidus of Hashem is greater, because this is the eidus of Hashem that He has testified concerning the Son of the Oybershter.

The one with emunah in the Zun fun der Oybershter has the eidus, even the eidus (witness), in himself; the one without emunah in Hashem has made Hashem a shakran (liar), because he has not had emunah in the eidus which Hashem has testified concerning His Zun fun der Oybershter. [11] And this is the eidus, that Hashem gave Chayyei Olam to us, and this Chayyim is in His Zun fun der Oybershter. [12] The one having HaBen has HaChayyim; the one not having the Zun fun der Oybershter does not have Chayyim. [13] These things I wrote to you who have emunah b'Shem the Zun fun der Oybershter, that you vada (with certainty) may have da'as that you have Chayyei Olam. [Yn 20:31]

And this is the bitachon which we have with Him, that if we daven and request anything according to His ratzon (will), He hears us. [15] And if we have da'as that He hears us, whatever we ask, we have da'as that we have the requests which we asked from Him. [MELACHIM ALEF 3:12]

If anyone sees his Ach b'Moshiach sinning an averah not leading to mavet, he will ask and Hashem will give to him Chayyim, to the ones who have emunah in the Zun fun der Oybershter. [16] If anyone sees his Ach b'Moshiach of him whom he has not seen, how can he have ahavah for the Elohim whom he has not seen? [21] And this mitzvah we have from Him that the one having ahavah for Hashem should have ahavah also for the Ach b'Moshiach of him.

And the one begotten by Him. [2] By this we have da'as that we have ahavah for the yeladim of Hashem, when we have ahavas Hashem and we are shomer over His mitzvot. [3] For this is the ahavas Hashem, that we are shomer over His mitzvot, and His mitzvot are not burdensome. [DEVARIM 30:11]
[17] Kol avon is chet, and there is chet not leading to mavet.

[18] We have da’as that everyone having been born of Hashem does not continually sin, but the One having been born of G-d (Zun fun der Oyber-shter Moshiach) is shomer over him and Hasatan does not touch him.

[19] We have da’as that we are of Hashem and the whole Olam Hazeh lies under Hasatan.

[20] And we have da’as that the Zun fun der Oybershter has come and has given us binah that we may have da’as of the One who is the True One, The Omein, and we are in the One who is The Omein, even in HaBen of Him, Moshiach Yehoshua. This one is the El HaAmitti and Chayyei Olam [YIRMEYAH 24:7].

[21] Yeladim, keep yourselves from elilim [YIRMEYAH 5:18].

From the Zaken (Elder, SHEMOT 3:16). To the Gevirah HaBechirah (the Chosen Lady) and her Banim (Sons, Children), for whom I have ahavah (agape) b’Emes, and not only I but also all those who have Da’as HaEmes (Knowledge of the Truth),

[2] Because of HaEmes that dwells inside us, and will be immannu (with us) for Yamim HaOlam.

[3] Chen v’Chesed Hashem (unmerited Favor and Kindness), Rachamim Hashem (Mercy), and Shalom Hashem (Peace) will be immannu (with us) from Elohim HaAv and from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua, HaBen of HaAv, in Emes and Ahavah (agape).

[4] I had simcha gedola (much joy) that I have found some of your Banim with a walk which is Halakhah b’Derech Emes (Conduct in the Way of Truth), just as we received a mitzvah (commandment) to do so from HaAv [1:3].

[5] And now I beseech you, Gevirah [1:1], not as a mitzvah chadasha (new commandment) I am writing you, but that which we had meyReshit (from the Beginning): that we should have ahavah (agape) one for the other [Yochanan 13:34].

[6] And this is ahavah, that we should walk with a halichah according to the Mitzvot of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach; this is the mitzvah just as you have heard it meyReshit. You must walk in it [1:5].

[7] Because mat’im rabbim (many misleaders, deceivers) have gone out into the world, the ones not making the Ani Ma’amin moyde (confession) that Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach

[8] Watch out for yourselves, lest you lose what we worked for, but may receive a sachar maleh (full reward).

[9] Everyone who runs ahead and does not remain in the torah of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach does not have Hashem; the one remaining in the torah [of Moshiach], this one has both HaAv and HaBen.

[10] If anyone comes to you and does not bring this torah, do not receive him into your house [kehilla, shtiebel], and do not give him Drishat Shalom.

[11] For the one giving Drishat Shalom to him has shutatuf (partnership) with his masim haramim (evil deeds).

[12] I have many things to write to you; I wanted not to do so with parchment and ink, but I have the tikvah (hope) to be with you and to speak panim el panim (directly, in person—DEVARIM 34:10), that our simcha (joy) may be shleimah (complete).

From the Zaken [Elder, SHEMOT 3:16]. To Gaius HaAhuv (Gaius the beloved), for whom I have ahavah (agape) b’Emes.

2 Chaver, it is my tefillah that all may be hatzlocha (successful) with you, and that you may be shalem b’guf (healthy), just as your nefesh (soul) is matsli’ach (successful).

3 For I had simcha gedola (much joy) when the Achim b’Moshiach arrived [here] and gave eidus (testimony) of you being in HaEmes (the Truth), just as your walk is halakhah b’Derech Emes (conduct in the Way of Truth).

4 I have no greater simcha (joy) than this, to hear of your bnei Moshiach (followers) that their walk is halakhah b’Derech Emes (conduct in the Way of Truth).

5 Chaver, you do a thing of emunah (faith) when it is done for the Achim b’Moshiach [engaged in the Shlichus (Divine Mission) of Messianic Kiruv Rechokim itineration in the kehillot], especially when they are people you don’t know.

6 They gave eidusha (witness of testimony, commendation) has been given by all and, personally, by no less than HaEmes (the Truth); we also give eidus, and you have da’as that our eidus is emes.

7 I had many things to write to you, but I do not want to write to you with pen and ink.

8 But I have the tikvah (hope) to see you imminently, and we will speak panim el panim (directly, in person).

9 Drishat Shalom to you. Drishat Shalom from the Chaverim [here]; Drishat Shalom by name to each of the Chaverim [here].

T.N. It is possible that the first book of the Brit Chadasha was written by Ya’akov [see p.48], possibly around 45 C.E. However, the iggeret hakodesh on this page is written by Moshiach’s Shliach Yochanan to Gaius with the prayer that as Gaius prospers spiritually, he will succeed in every aspect of his life. It appears that the Shliach Yochanan had led Gaius to faith in the Moshiach (verse 5) and Gaius in turn had shown kindness and hachnosas orchim (hospitality) to certain of Moshiach’s traveling emissaries, who had reported Gaius’ generosity (verse 6) before the Kehillah where the Shliach Yochanan is now, probably the same kehillah in Asia Minor where Yochanan did much of his other writing: his Besurah Gedolah, his other iggrot kodesh, and his Hisgalus. The purpose of the letter is to commend an itinerant emissary of Moshiach named Demetrius (verse 12). When planting a new Messianic Shul, the non-believers are not to be asked for financial support (verse 7). Therefore, the Messianic kehillot and their Zekenim are to offer hachnosas orchim and material help to travelling emissaries of Moshiach such as Demetrius. Also this epistle teaches that when one knows G-d, the Truth gives an inner eidus or testimony (verse 12). Other Scripture on this matter of assurance are found in Ro 8:15-17, 38f; Ga 4:6; Pp 1:6; 2Ti 1:12; Yn 5:24; 1Yn 5:13; 1Yn 4:13; 5:10; 3:18-19; MJ 6:11; 10:22. As we study the Holy Bible we find that we can discover there (not in emotional experience or in our circumstances) that we are heirs of salvation and children with a heavenly calling, citizenship, and destiny. See also 2Ti 3:14; Col 2:2; 1Th 1:3; Ro 14:5; 4:21; 1Th 2:13; Ac 2:38; 5:32; Ga 3:2; Ac 15:8; 1Yn 3:24; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30. There are other Scriptures that warn against self-deception in these matters, and give moral and spiritual tests so that anyone can see if he or she is walking in the light—see 1Yn 2:3-5; 3:9f; 14, 18f; 4:7; 5:1, 4, 18; 1Yn 3:19; 1Yn 16; 24, 9, 11, 23; 3:6-10, 4:8,20; 2Yn 9; 3Yn 11.

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MOSHIACH’S LETTER THROUGH YEHUDA, THE BROTHER OF THE SHLIACH YA’AKOV, TO THE BRIT CHADASHA KEHILLAH

From Yehuda, eved (servant) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua/Yeshua and brother of Ya’akov [see p.848]; To HaKeru’im (the Called Ones), beloved in Elokim HaAv and HaShemurim (the Guarded ones) for Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

[2] Rachanim Hashem and Shalom Hashem and Ahavas Hashem to you abundantly!

[3] Chaverim, although I was very eager to write to you an iggeret hakodesh concerning the Geulah (Redemption) we share, it suddenly became necessary to write you an urgent appeal to fight for the correct Orthodox Jewish Emunah (Faith, the Emunah of the true Dat HaYehudit), which was once for all time handed over and transmitted to the Kedoshim.

[4] For certain men, anshei resha (men of wickedness), written down long ago [in the sfarim of Hashem] for this harsha’ah (condemnation) [DANIEL 7:10; Rv 20:10], have infiltrated our ranks, men twisting the Chen v’Chesed HaElokeinu into a license for sensual self-indulgence and denying our only Ribboneinu and Adoneinu Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

[5] Now I wish to remind you, though you are fully informed, that Hashem, Who once saved you without yires-hakoved, shepherding themselves, waterless clouds being carried away by winds, autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, torn up from their shorashim (roots),

[6] And you have da’as about every Apikoros not having Emunah (Faith), afterwards destroyed every Apikoros not having Emunah (Faith).

[7] As Sdom and Amora and the cities around them, in a doime (similar) manner to these, indulging in gilui arayot (sexual immorality) against the course of nature and turning aside and going after alien flesh, are set forth to lie in public view as a mofet (example), undergoing the onesh of Eish Olam (Eternal Fire, YESHAYAH 66:24; Mt 25:46; Rv 20:10).

[8] Likewise, indeed, these [certain men,” 1:4], these dreamers, on the one hand, pollute the basar (flesh); on the other hand, they do not recognize HaMemshalah (rule) of glorious heavenly beings; instead, they speak lashon hora with Chilul Hashem railing against them.

[9] By contrast, Michael the Sar HaMalachim (DANIEL 10:13), when he took issue against Hasatan and disputed about the geviyyat Moshe [Rabbeinu] (body of Moses), did not presume to pronounce a slanderous judgment [against Hasatan], but said, ‘Hashem rebuke you!’

[10] But, on the one hand, these [men] slander whatever they do not understand; on the other hand, what they do have binah of instinctively, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

[11] Oy to them! Because they walked in the Derech Kayin (BERESHIS 4:3-8) and to the Toyus Balaam [Error of Balaam, Bamidbar 31:16] they surrendered for revach (gain), and in the mered (rebellion) of Korach against HaMemshalah (Bamidbar 16:1-35) they were destroyed!

[12] These [men] are hidden reefs [moored at] your seudas (agape-feasts), feasting with you without yires-hakoved, shepherding themselves, waterless clouds being carried away by winds, autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, torn up from their shorashim (roots).
of yours, your [correct, Orthodox Jewish] Emunah (Faith, v.3, the Emunah of the true Dat HaYehudut), davening in the Ruach Hakodesh.

[21] Keep yourselves in the Ahavas Hashem, awaiting the rachamim of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua unto Chayyei Olam.

[22] To those who are waverning, show rachamim; others, deliver, snatching them out of the Eish [Olam, YESHAYAH 66:24].

[23] On others, have rachamim mixed with yires-hakoved, hating even the undergarment defiled by corrupt human nature.

[24] Now to the One who is able to stand shomer over you, to make you mosneia (prevented) from falling, and to set you unblemished in the presence of his Shechinah, with sasso rav (much rejoicing),

[25] To HaElohim HaYachid Shliach to the Nations, Rav Shaul.

1 The Hisgalus [Revelation, Appearance, Exposure of what is Nistar (Hidden), Sod (Secret), Raz (Mystery)] of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua which Hashem gave to him to show to his mشرفim (servants, keli kodesh, ministers) MAH DI LEHEVE (“what will happen,” Dan 2:28f), the things which are destined to take place, and speedily; Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach made it known by sending his malach (angel) to his mشرف (servant, keli kodesh, minister), Yochanan.

[AMOS 3:7] 2 Yochanan gave solemn eidus (testimony) to the Dvar Hashem and to the eidus of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, even to all that Yochanan saw.

[3] Ashrey (Blessed, Happy) is the one reading and the ones hearing the divrei hanevu'ah (words of [this] prophecy) and remaining shomer regarding what is written in it, for karow (near) is HaYom [the time of crisis and the events related to the Bia' HaMoshiach].

[4] Yochanan to the sheva (seven) hakehillot (congregations) in Asia: Chen v'Chesed Hashem to you and Shalom from the One who is [SHEMOT 3:14], who was, and who is to come [YESHAYAH 41:4], and from the shevet haruchot [see Rv 5:6 possibly the Ruach Hakodesh; see YESHAYAH 11:2 ZECHARYAH 3:9; 4:10, the Seven-Fold Spirit of G-d] which are before Hashem's Kes (Throne) [merkavah chariot throne in Shomayim, YECHEZKEL 1:4-28].

[5] And from Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, the ed han'e'man (faithful witness), the BECHOR (Firstborn, TEHILLIM 89:28 [27]) of the Mesim and the Nagid, ELYON L'MALKHEI ARETZ ("Leader, Most exalted of Kings of the earth, TEHILLIM 89:27).

To the One who has ahahavah for us and has freed us [from the Golus of, YESHAYAH 59:2; 53:3] peyshaeinu [our rebellions, YESHAYAH 53:5] by [Geulah redemption through the kofer pedut ransom korban kroporah of his neshesh (YESHAYAH 53:10) in the kroporah atonement of] the dahtm of him, [TEHILLIM 130:8; YESHAYAH 40:2; TEHILLIM 89:38; YIRMEYAH 42:5; YESHAYAH 55:4; BERESHIT 22:8; SHEMOT 12:13; YESHAYAH 53:7; VAYIKRA 17:11] And made us a Malchut (Kingdom), a Mamleket kohanim (a Kingdom of priests, SHEMOT 19:6), kohanim doing avodas kodesh sherut to his Elohim HaAv, lo hakavod v'gevurah l'olmey olamim. Omein (to him be glory and powerful dominion forever and ever. Omein). [SHEMOT 19:6; 23:22; YESHAYAH 61:6] [7] Hinei, Hu habah (He comes) with HA'ANANIM (glory clouds) and kol ayin (every eye) will see him, even the ones who PEIRCED HIM, and all the mishpachot (families) of ha'aretz who will MOURN for Him. Ken, even so. Omein. [DANIEL 7:13; ZECHARYAH 12:10f; BERESHIS 12:3; 28:14] [8] Ani Hu the Aleph and the Tav, says Hashem Adonei, the One who is and the One who was and the One coming, Adonei Tzivos (L-rd of armies).


[SHEMOT 3:14; YESHAYAH 41:4; AMOS 3:13; 4:13] [TARGUM HA-SHIVIM] [9] I, Yochanan, your Ach b'Moshiach and your fellow partaker taking the chelek (inheritance) in the tzarah (trouble, Mt 24:15f), the Chevlei Moshiach (birthpangs of Moshiach), and the Malchut (Kingdom) and the savlanut (patient endurance) in Moshiach-- I was on the island called
To the malach (angel) of the Kehillah (Congregation) in Ephesus, write: These things says the One holding shivat hakokhavim (seven stars) to the yamin (right hand) of him, the One walking in the midst of the sheva menorat hazahav (seven golden menorahs):

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[2] I have da’as of your ma’amim (deeds) and your amal (toil) and the savlanut (patient endurance) of you [pl.] and that you cannot bear anshei resha (evil men), and have tested the ones making the claim that they are ‘Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach’s shlichim’ and are not, and found them kozvim (liars).

[3] And you have savlanut (patient endurance), and you have persevered because of ha-Shem of me and have not become weary.

[4] But I have this against you, that you abandoned your Ahuvah HaRishonah.

[5] Therefore, let there be zikaron (remembrance) of from where you have fallen and make teshuva (repentance, turning from sin to G-d) and do the Ma’asim HaRishonim; but, if not, I am coming to you [pl.] and I will remove your menorah from its place, unless you make teshuva.

[6] But this you have, that you loathe the ma’asim ra’im (evil deeds) of the Nicolaitans, which also I loathe.

[7] The one having an ear let him hear what the Ruach Hakodesh says to the Kehillot; and the sheva golden menorot are the sheva Kehillot.

There are seven Kehillot (Congregations) and the sheva menorot are the sheva Kehillot.

And the feet of him were like a flame of eish (fire), and the rosh of him and the yamin (right hand) of him as though dead, and he placed the yamin (right hand) of him upon me saying, Do not fear; I am HaRishon (The First) and HaAcharon (The Last) [YESHAYAH 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; YEHEZKEL 1:28; DANIEL 8:17,18;]

And when I saw him [Moshiach], I fell at the feet of him as though dead, and he placed the yamin (right hand) of him upon me saying, Do not fear; I am HaRishon (The First) and HaAcharon (The Last) [YESHAYAH 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; YEHEZKEL 1:28; DANIEL 8:17,18;]

And HaChai (The Living One), and I became Niftar, I had my histalkus (passing), and, hinei, Chai Ani l’Olam va’ed (I am alive forevermore) and I have the maftekhot haShe’ol (keys of Death) and the maftekhot haShe’ol (keys of the abode of the Dead). [YESHAYAH 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; YEHEZKEL 1:28; DANIEL 8:17,18;]

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Therefore, write down (The last): and, What you see (The first) and HaAcharon (The Last) [YESHAYAH 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; YEHEZKEL 1:28; DANIEL 8:17,18;]

And HaChai (The Living One), and I became Niftar, I had my histalkus (passing), and, hinei, Chai Ani l’Olam va’ed (I am alive forevermore) and I have the maftekhot haShe’ol (keys of Death) and the maftekhot haShe’ol (keys of the abode of the Dead). [YESHAYAH 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; YEHEZKEL 1:28; DANIEL 8:17,18;]
28:1; 31:8,9
TARGUM HA-SHIVIM]
[8] And to the malach (angel) of the Kehillah in Smyrna, write: These things says HaRishon and HaAcharon, who became niftar (deceased) and had his histalkus (passing), and came back to Chayyim (Life); [YESHAYAH 44:6; 48:12]
[9] I have da’as of your tzarah (Mt 24:15f) and oni poverty) –but you are oisher (rich)–and the loshon hora of the ones making the claim and declaring themselves to be Bnei Brit, and are not [of the Brit Chadasha], but are a Shul (deluded by) Hasatan.
[10] Have no pachad (terror) at all of the things you are about to suffer. Hinei, Hasatan is about to cast some of you into beit hasohar that you may be tested and you will have tzarah aseret yamim (ten days). Be ne’eman ad haMavet (faith), even in the days of your (faith), even in the days of
[11] The one having [spiritual] ears, let him hear what the Ruach Hakodesh says to the Kehillot. The one who wins the nitzachon (victory) never will be hurt by the Mavet HaSheyni (the Second Death).
[12] And to the malach (angel) of the Kehillah at Pergamum, write: These things says the one having the sharp two-edged cherev: [YESHAYAH 49:2]
[13] I have da’as of where you make your ma’on (residence), where the kes (throne) of Hasatan is, and you hold fast to ha-Shem of me and did not make hakchashah (denial) of my (Moshiach’s) emunah (faith), even in the days of Antipas my ed hane’eman (my faithful witness) who died al-kiddush ha-Shem, killed among you as a martyr where Hasatan makes his ma’on (residence).
[14] But I have a few things against you, because you have there ones holding to ‘the torah of Bil’am,’ who was teaching Balak to put a michshol (stumbling block) before Bnei Yisroel.
[15] So also you have ones eating okhel (food) sacrificed to ellim (idols) and who commit zenun (fornication). You also have ones holding the ‘torah of the Nicolaitans.’
[16] Likewise, therefore, make teshuva (repentance, turning from sin to G-d)! But if not, I am coming to you quickly and will war against them by the cherev of my mouth. [YESHAYAH 49:2]
[17] The one having an ear let him hear what the Ruach Hakodesh says to the Kehillot. To the one who wins the nitzachon (victory), I will give him some of the Manna having been nistar (hidden), and I will give him an even levanah (a white stone) and upon it a Shem Chadash (New Name), of which no one has da’as, except the one receiving it. [TEHILLIM 78:24; YESHAYAH 62:2; 65:15; 56:5]
[18] And to the malach of the Kehillah in Thyatira, write: These things says the Zen fun der Oybershter, the One having his eyanayim (eyes) like a flame of eish (fire), [DANIEL 7:9] and the feet of him like burnished bronze: [DANIEL 10:6]
[19] I have da’as of your ma’asim (deeds) and the ahavah and the emunah and the tzadek [DANIEL 9:25] and the savlanut (patient endurance) of you, and that your ma’asim ha’acharonim are more than harishonim of you.
[20] But I have this against you, that you are being permissive toward that isha Izevel (Jezebel), the one calling herself a nevi’ah (prophetess) who teaches and deceives my avadim to commit zenut and to eat okhel (food) sacrificed to ellim (idols). [MELACHIM ALEF 16:31; 21:25; MELACHIM BAIS 9:7-22; BAMIYDOM 25:1-2]
[21] And I gave her time that she might make teshuva and she does not wish to make teshuva of her zenut. [MELACHIM ALEF 16:31; MELACHIM BAIS 9:22, BAMIYDOM 25:1-2]
[22] Hinei, I am throwing her into a bed of suffering, and the ones committing mu’af (adultery) with her into Tzarah Gedolah (Great Tribulation, Mt. 24:21), unless they make teshuva of her ma’asim (deeds).
[23] And her yeladim (children, those who become like her in her doctrine) I will kill with Mavet, and all the kehillot will have da’as that I am the One searching their conscience and heart, and I will give to you, each one, according to what you have done. [TEHILLIM 7:9; 62:12; 139:1; 2:23; MISHLE 21:2; 24:12; YIRMEYAH 11:20; 17:10; SHMUUEL ALEF 16:7; MELACHIM ALEF 8:39]
[24] But I say to you, the rest, to the ones in Thyatira, as many as have not this ‘torah’ (teaching), who did not have da’as of, as they say, ‘the tiefe (deep, profound) things of Hasatan.’ I am putting on you no other burden.
[25] Al kol panim (nevertheless), what you have, hold fast until I come.
[26] And the one who wins the nitzachon and the one until HaKets keeping shomer over ma’asei mitzvot of Me, him will I give samchut (authority) over the Goyim,
[27] To rule them with a SHEVET BARZEL (scepter of iron, TEHILLIM 2:9)
KIK’LI YOTZER
TENAPTZEM (‘as the vessel of pottery are broken’)
[TEHILLIM 2:8,9; YESHAYAH 30:14; YIRMEYAH 19:11]
[28] Even as I also have received from HaAv of me and I will give him the Kokhav (Star BAMIDAR 24:17) haNogah (of Brightness, Venus, the Morning Star. 2K 1:19).
[29] The one having an ear let him hear what the Rauch Hakodesh says to the Kehillot.

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And to the malach (angel) of the Kehillah in Sardis, write: These things says the One having the sheva ruchot of Hashem and the shevet hakokhavim (seven stars): I have da’as of your ma’asim, that nominally you are Chai (Alive) but you are Chai (Alive) but you are nitzachon (victory), in similar manner, will be clothed in lavan (white), and never will I erase him, the [baal] shem [toe], from the Sefer Chayyim. And I will make hoda’ah (acknowledgement) of the shem of him before Elohim Avi and before the malachim (angels) of Him.
[6] The one having an ear let him hear what the Rauch Hakodesh says to the Kehillot.
[7] And to the malach of the Kehillah in Philadelphia, write: These things says HaKadosh, HaNe’eman, the One having the mafte’ach (key) of Dovid, the One opening and no one will shut, the one shutting and no one opens: [YESHAYAH 22:22]
[8] I have da’as of your ma’asim. Hinei, I have placed in front of you a delet (door), having been opened, which no one is able to shut: because you have a little ko’ach (power) and have been shomer over my dvar (word),
[9] And did not make hakhchashah (denial) of ha-Shem of me. Hinei, I may make some of the Shul [deluded by] Hasatan, the ones declaring themselves to be Bnei Brit, and are not [of the Brit Chadasha] but speak sheker; hinei, I will make them come and prostrate themselves before your feet and then they will have da’as that I have ahavah for you. [YESHAYAH 49:23; 43:4]
[10] Because you were shomer over my dvar of savlanut (patient endurance), I will also be shomer over you, guarding you from the sha’at hanisayon (hour of trial) about to come upon the Olam Hazeh, to try all the ones of the inhabited world, all the ones dwelling upon the earth.
[11] I am coming quickly; fast hold to what you have, that no one takes your atarah (diadem, crown).

[12] The one who wins the nitzachon (victory) I will make an ammud (pillar) in the Beis Hamikdash of Elohai and never may he go out of it [TEHILLIM 23:6] and I will write upon him ha-Shem of Elohai and ha-Shem of the Ir Hakodesh of Elohai—the Yerushalayim HaChadasha descending down out of Shomayim from Elohai—and ha-Shem HeChadash of me (my New Name).
[YECEHZKEL 48:35]
[13] The one having an ear, let him hear what the Rauch Hakodesh says to the Kehillot.

[14] And to the malach of the Kehillah in Laodicea, write: These things says the Omein, the Ed HaNe’eman (the Faithful Witness) who is also HaEmes, the Reshit of the Bri’ at Hashem [i.e., Hashem’s eternal Chochmah. MISHLE 8:22; TEHILLIM 33:6; MISHLE 30:4].
[15] I have da’as of your ma’asim, that you are neither kar (cold) nor kham (hot). Would that you were kar or kham!

[16] But because you are posher (lukewarm) and neither kham nor kar, I am about to spew you out of my mouth.
[17] Because you say, I am ashir (rich) and have become wealthy and in nothing am I nitzrach (needy), and you do not have da’as that you are the one wretched and pitiful and poor and blind and naked, [HOSHEA 12:8]
[18] I counsel you to buy from me zahav (gold) having been purified by eish (fire) —that you may be oisher (rich) —and a kittel, that you may be clothed in lavan (white), and that the bushah (shame) of your nakkedness not be made nikar (evident), and eye

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salve to rub on the eynyayim (eyes) of you that you may see. |19| Those for whom I have ahavah I reprove and discipline. Be kham (hot), therefore, in kanous (zeal) for Hashem and make teshuva. [DEVARIM 8:5; MISHLE 3:12]

[20] Hinei, I have stood at the delet (door) DOFEK (“knocking,” SHIR HASHIRIM 5:2); if anyone hears his kol and opens the delet, indeed I will come in to him and we, the two of us, will dine together at the BEIT HAYAYIN (“Banquet Hall,” SHIR HASHIRIM 2:4).

[21] The one who wins the nitzachon (victory), I will give to him to sit with me on the Kes (Throne) of me, as I also won the nitzachon and sat with Elohim Avi on the Kes (Throne) of him.

[22] The one having an ear let him hear what the Ruach Hakodesh says to the Kehillot.

4 After these things I looked, and, hinei, a delet (door) having been opened in Shomayim, the kol harishon (the first voice, 1:10), the voice like a shofar that I heard speaking to me, said, Come up here! And I will show you MAH DI LEHEVE (“what will happen,” DANIEL 2:28f) after these things.

[2] At once I was in the Ruach Hakodesh, and, hinei, there in Shomayim stood a Kes (Throne), and upon the Kes DEMUT KEMAREH ADAM (‘a figure in appearance like a Man,’ YECHEZKEL 1:26-28), [MELACHIM ALEF 22:19; YESHAYAH 6:1; DANIEL 7:9]

[3] And the One sitting there was KEMAREH (‘in appearance’) like jasper stone and carnelian, and a keshet beenan (rainbow, BERESHIS 9:16) was around the Kes (Throne) that looks like an emerald. [YECHEZKEL 1:28]

[4] And around the Kes (Throne) were esrim varbah’ah kisot (twenty-four thrones) and on the kisot were sitting esrim varbah’ah Zekenim (twenty-four Elders), SHEMOT 12:21), each clothed in lavan (white), each wearing a kittel, and on the roshim (heads) of them, golden atarot (crowns).

[5] And out of the Kes (Throne) comes forth lightning and sounds and thunders and there were sheva lapidei eish (torches of fire) burning before the Kes (Throne), which are the sheva ruchot (spirits, Rv 4:1) of Hashem [SHEMOT 19:16; ZECHARYAH 4:2].

[6] And before the Kes (Throne) there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal. And on each side and around the Kes (Throne) there were Arbah Chayyot (four living beings), being full of eynyayim in front and in back.

[7] And harishonah (the first) of HaChayyot (the living beings, YECHEZKEL 1:10; 1:14) was like an arayeh (lion), and hasheniyah (the second) of HaChayyot (the living beings) like an egel (calf), and hashlishit (the third) of HaChayyot (the living beings) like a man, and hashemishiyah (the fourth) of HaChayyot had the face of a ben Adam (human being), and harave’it (fourth) of HaChayyot was like a flying neresher (eagle).

[8] And the Arba HaChayyot (four living beings), each one of them had six wings and they were full of eynyayim (eyes) without and within. And yomam valailah (day and night), they do not cease to rest but continue singing.

[9] And whenever the Chayyot will give kavod (glory) and hod (splendor) and hadar (majesty) and shevakh (praise) to the One sitting on the Kes (Throne), to Him that Hu Chai ad olemei olamim (that lives forever and ever), [TEHILLIM 47:8]

[10] Then the esrim varbah’ah Zekenim fall prostrate before the One sitting on the Kes (Throne) and worship the One that Hu Chai ad olemei olamim (lives forever and ever) and cast down their atarot (crowns) before the Kes (Throne), saying, [DEVARIM 33:3]

[11] Worthy art Thou, Adoneinu and Eloheinu, to receive hod (honor) and hadar (splendor) and oz (power), because it was your ‘BARAH’ that created all things, and because they existed and came to be by your ratzon (will). [BERESHIS 1:1]
(The Lion) from the Shevet Yehudah (Tribe of Judah), the Shoresh Dovid (Root of David), has won the nitzachon (victory) and he is able to open the sefer (book) and its sheva chotamot (seven seals). [BERESHIS 49:9; YESHAYAH 11:1,10]  
[6] And I saw between the Kes (Throne) and the Arbah Chayyot (four living beings) and among the Zekenim (Elders, SHEMA 12:21) a SEH (Lamb, YESHAYAH 53:7, Moshiach) having stood as having been slain, having sheva karnayim (horns, omniscience), sheva eyanayim (eyes, omniscience), which are the sheva ruhot (spirits) of Hashem having been sent into kol ha' aretz (all the earth).  
[7] And the SEH (Lamb, YESHAYAH 53:7) came and has taken the sefer out of the yamin (right hand) of the One sitting on the Kes (Throne).  
[8] And when the SEH (YESHAYAH 53:7) received the sefer, the Arbah Chayyot (four living beings) and the esrim v'arba'ah Zekenim (twenty-four Elders, SHEMA 12:21) fell down before the SEH (Lamb, YESHAYAH 53:7) each one having a nevel (harp) and golden ke'arot (bowls) full of ketoret (incense), which are the tefillos (prayers) of the Kedoshim.  
[TEHILLIM 141:2;16:3]  
[9] And they are singing a SHIR CHADASH (TEHILLIM 96:1) saying, Worthy art thou to take the sefer (book) and to open the chotamot (seals) of it, because you were slain and with your dahm (kapporah) you paid the price for the Geulah [VAYIKRA 25:50 51] redemption and purchased ones for Hashem from every mishpochah (family) and lashon (tongue) and am (people) and goy (nation). [TEHILLIM 40:3; 98:1; YESHAYAH 42:10]  
[10] And made them for Eloheinu a Malchut and kohanim, and they will reign on ha' aretz (the earth).  
[11] And I saw and I heard the kol (voice) of many malachim (angels); they numbered myriads of myriads and v'alfei alafim (thousands of thousands), around the Kes (Throne) and the Chayyot (the living beings) and the Zekenim (Elders, SHEMA 12:21) [DANIEL 7:10]  
[12] Saying with a kol gadol, Worthly is the SEH (Lamb, SHEMA 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) having been slain, to receive the oz (power) and the osher (wealth) and the chochmah (wisdom) and the gevurah (strength) and hod (honor) and kavod (glory) and bracha (blessing).  
[13] And every beriyah (creature) which is in Shomayim and on ha' aretz (the earth) and under ha' aretz and on the yam (sea) and all things in them, I heard saying, To the One sitting on the Kes (Throne) and to the SEH (Lamb, SHEMA 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) be the bracha (blessing) and the hod (honor) and the hadar (glory) and the memshelah (dominion) ad Olmei Olamim (forever and ever). [DIVREY HAYAMIM ALEF 29:11; MALACHI 1:6; 2:2]  
[14] And the Arbah Chayyot were saying, Omein. And the Zekenim (Elders, SHEMA 12:21) fell down and worshiped.  

6 And I saw when the SEH (Lamb, SHEMA 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) opened one of the sheva chotamot (seven seals). And I heard one of the Arbah Chayyot (four living beings) saying, as with a voice of thunder, "Come and see!"  
[2] And I saw, and, Hinei, a sus lavan (white horse), and the one sitting on it having a keshet (bow, YECEZKIEL 39:3) and was given to him an atarah (diadem) and he went forth conquering, intent on conquest.  
[3] And when he opened the chotam hasheni (second seal), I heard hasheniyah of HaChayyot (the second of the living beings) saying, "Come and see!"  
[4] And another sus (horse) went forth, a flame-red one, and to the one sitting on it was given him to take shalom from ha' aretz (the earth) with men slaughtering one another, and was given to him a cherev gedolah (great sword). [ZECHARYAH 1:8; 6:2]  
[5] And when he opened the chotam hashlishi (third seal), I heard hashlishi (of HaChayyot (the third of the living beings), saying, "Come and see! And I saw and hinei, a sus shakhor (black horse), and the one sitting on it having a pair of scales in his yad (hand). [ZECHARYAH 6:2]  
[6] And I heard, as it were, a kol (voice) in the midst of the Arbah Chayyot (four living beings), saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius and shloshah quarts of barley for a denarius, but the shemen (oil) and the yayin (wine) you may not harm." [Ezek 4:16]  
[7] And when he opened the chotam harevi' (the fourth seal), I heard the kol (voice) of hareve'it (the fourth) of HaChayyot (the living beings) saying, "Come and see! And I saw and, hinei, a sus yarakh (a greenish pale horse), and the one sitting upon it, that rider's name was Mavet, and She' ol was following with him. And there was given to
them samechut (authority) over a quarter of ha'aretz (the earth), to kill with cherev (sword) and with ra'av (famine) and with mavet (death) and by the chayyot (beasts) of ha'aretz (the earth). [ZECHARYAH 6:3; HOSEA 13:14; YIRMEYAH 15:2,3; 24:10; YECHEZKEL 5:12,17]  
[9] And when he opened the chotam hashishi (fifth seal), I saw underneath the Mizbe'ach (altar) the nefashot (souls) of the ones having died as martyrs as they were. [ZECHARYAH 9:4; MALACHI 3:2]  
[10] And they cried out, saying, Rabbono shel Olam, (Master of the Universe), saying, Rabbono shel Olam, (Master of the Universe), saying, Rabbono shel Olam, (Master of the Universe), saying, Rabbono shel Olam, (Master of the Universe), saying,  
[10] And they were each given a kittel (white robe) and it was a kittel (white robe) and it was a kittel (white robe) and it was a kittel (white robe) and it was a kittel (white robe) and it was  
[11] And I saw when he opened the chotam hachamishi (fifth seal), I saw underneath the Mizbe'ach (altar) the nefashot (souls) of the ones having died as martyrs as they were. [ZECHARYAH 9:4; MALACHI 3:2]  
[12] And I saw when he opened the chotam hashishi (sixth seal), a great earthquake occurred and the shemesh (sun) became shakhor (black) as sackcloth made of hair and the whole levanah (moon) became like dahm. [Ps 97:4; Isa 29:6; Ezek 38:9; Isa 50:3]  
[13] And the kokhavim (stars) of Shomayim fell to ha'aretz (the earth), as an etz te'enah (fig tree) casts off its unripe figs when being shaken by a great wind. [YESHAYAH 34:4]  
[14] And Shomayim split apart as a megillah scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [TEHILLIM 46:2; YESHAYAH 54:10; YIRMEYAH 4:24; YECHEZKEL 38:20; NACHUM 1:5]  
[15] And the melachim (kings) of ha'aretz (the earth) and the gedolim (great ones) and the military leaders and the oishirim (rich men) and the strong men and all avadim (slaves) and Bnei Chorin (freedmen) hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. [YESHAYAH 2:10,19,21]  
[16] And they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One sitting on the Kes (Throne) and from the z'am (wrath, anger, 16:1f) of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach), [HOSHEA 10:8]  
[17] Because the Yom HaGadol, the Yom HaZa'am, (Great Day of Their Wrath) has come, and who is able to stand? [Joel 1:15; 2:1,2,11,31; Zeph 1:14,15; Nah 1:6; Mal 3:2]  

After this I saw arba'ah malachim (angels) taking their stand on the arbah pinot ha'aretz (the four corners of the earth), holding the four winds of ha'aretz (the earth) so that wind should not blow on ha'aretz (the earth) nor on the yam (sea) nor on any etz (tree). [YESHAYAH 11:12; YIRMEYAH 49:36; YECHEZKEL 37:9; DANIEL 7:2; ZECHARYAH 6:5]  
[2] And I saw another malach (angel) coming up from the rising of the shemesh (sun), having a chotam (seal) of the Elohim Chayyim (Living G-d), and he cried with a kol gadol (loud voice) to the four malachim (angels). These were the malachim to whom it was given to harm ha'aretz (the earth) and hayam (the sea), [3] Saying, Do not harm ha'aretz (the earth) nor hayam (the sea) nor haetzim (the trees), until we have marked with the chotam (seal) the avadim (servants) of Eloheinu upon their metsakhim (foreheads). [YECHEZKEL 9:4]  
[4] And I heard the mispar (number) of the ones having been sealed, 144,000, having been marked with the chotam (seal) from kol shivtei Bnei Yisroel (every tribe of the Sons of Israel), [5] Of the shevet of Yehudah, 12,000 having been sealed; of the shevet of Reuven, 12,000, of the shevet of Gad, 12,000, [6] Of the shevet of Asher, 12,000, of the shevet of Naphtali, 12,000, of the shevet of Mnasheh, 12,000, [7] Of the shevet of Shim'on, 12,000, of the shevet of Levi, 12,000, of the shevet of Yissass'khar, 12,000, [8] Of the shevet of Zvulun, 12,000, of the shevet of Yosef, 12,000, of the shevet of Binyamin, 12,000. [9] After these things I looked, and, hinei, a great multitude, which to number no one was being able, out of every nation and from shevetim (tribes) and haumim (the peoples) and lashonot (tongues), standing before the Kes (Throne) and before the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach), each clothed with a kittel and lulavim in their hands. [10] And they cried with a kol gadol (loud voice), saying, Yeshu'at Eloheinu is of Hashem,
our G-d, the One sitting on the Kes (Throne), and of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach).
[11] And all the malachim stood around the Kes (Throne) and the Zekenim (Elders, SHEMOT 12:21) and the Arbah Chayyot and they fell before the Kes (Throne) on their faces and they worshiped Hashem, saying, [TEHILLIM 3:8]
[12] Omein, the bracha (blessing) and the kavod (glory) and the chochmah (wisdom) and the hodayah (thanksgiving) and the hod (honor) and the oz (power) and the gevurah (strength) be to Hashem Eloheinu l'Olelamei Olumim, Omein.
[13] And one of the Zekenim (Elders, SHEMOT 12:21) answered, saying to me, These ones, each wearing a kittel, who are they and from where did they come?
[14] And I said to him, Adoni, you have da'as. And he said to me, These are the ones coming out of HaTzarah HaGedolah (The Great Tribulation, Mt. 24:29f) and each washed his kitel and whitened it in the dahm of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach).
[15] Therefore, they are before the Kes (Throne) of Hashem and serve Him yomam valailah in His Beis Hamikdash, and the One sitting on the Kes (Throne) will pitch the tent of His Mishkan over them.
[YESHAYAH 4:5]
[16] They will hunger no more nor thirst nor shall the shemesh (sun) strike them nor any scorching heat,
[YESHAYAH 49:10]
[17] Because the SEH, (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) at the center of the Kes (Throne), will shepherd them and will lead them to the Makor Mayim Chayyim ('Fountain, source of Living Waters,' YIRMEYAH 2:13), and Hashem will wipe away every tear from their eynayim.
[YESHAYAH 25:8; 35:10; 51:11; 65:19]
[8] And when the SEH, (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) opened the chotam hasho'evii (seventh seal), there was silence in Shomayim about half an hour.
[2] And I saw the shivat hamalachim (seven angels) who stand before Hashem, and there were given to them shivah shofarot.
[3] And another malach came and stood at the Mizbe'ach (altar), having a golden mikeret (fire pan), and there was given to him much ketoret (incense, TEHILLIM 141:2) to offer with the tefillos (prayers) of all the Kedoshim at the golden Mizbe'ach before the Kes (Throne). [SHEMOT 30:1-6]
[4] And the smoke of the mikeret ascended with the tefillos of the Kedoshim out of the ketoret (incense, TEHILLIM 141:2) to the Kadosh HaMikdash, and of the Kadosh HaMikdash it ascended to Hashem on the yom (day) could not appear, and likewise the lailah (night).
[5] And the malach has taken the mikeret and filled it from the eish (fire) of the Mizbe'ach (altar) and he threw it down to ha'aaretz, and there were thunders and sounds and lightning and an earthquake.
[VAYIKRA 16:12,13]
[6] And the shivat hamalachim (seven angels) having the shiva shofarot prepared themselves that they might sound the shofarot.
[7] And harishon sounded his shofar; and there came barad (hail) and eish (fire) having been mingled with dahm and it was thrown to ha'aaretz, and a third of ha'aaretz was burned up, and a third of the etzim (trees) was burned up and all green grass was burned up.
[YECHEZKEL 38:22]
[8] And the malach hasho'evii (second angel) sounded his shofar; and as it were a great mountain with eish (fire) burning was thrown into the yam (sea), and a third of the yam became dahm.
[YIRMEYAH 51:25]
[9] And a third of the living yetzurim hayam (creatures of the sea) died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.
[10] And the malach hasho'evii (third angel) sounded his shofar; and there fell out of Shomayim a kokhav gadol (great star) blazing as a torch and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the wells of mayim (water).
[YESHAYAH 14:12]
[11] And the name of the kokhav (star) is said to be 'Wormwood,' and a third of the mayim became bitter wormwood, and many of the Bnei Adam died from the mayim because the mayim were made bitter. [YIRMEYAH 9:15, 23:15]
[12] And the malach harevi'i (fourth angel) sounded his shofar; and a third of the shemesh (sun) was struck and a third of the levanah (moon) and a third of the kokhavim (stars), that a third of them might be darkened, and the yom (day) could not appear, and likewise the lailah (night).
[SHEMOT 10:21-23; YECHEZKEL 32:7]
[13] And I saw, and I heard one nesher (eagle) flying in midair, saying with a kol gadol (loud voice), Oy, oy, oy to the ones dwelling on ha'aaretz (the earth), because of the remaining blasts of the shofar of the shloshet hamalachim (three angels) being about to sound.
And the malach hachamishi (fifth angel) sounded his shofar; and I saw a kokhav (star) having fallen out of Shomayim to ha’aretz. And was given to it the mafte’ach (key) of the shaft of the Tehom (Abyss).

[2] And he opened the shaft of the Tehom (Abyss), and smoke came up out of the shaft as smoke of a great furnace, and the shemesh (sun) was darkened and the air was darkened by the smoke of the shaft. [BERESHIS 19:28; SHEMOT 19:18; YOEL 2:2,10]

[3] And out of the smoke came forth arbeh (locusts) to ha’aretz (the earth), and samchut (authority) was given to them like the samchut (scorpions) of the earth. [SHEMOT 10:12-15]

[4] And it was told them that they should not harm the grass of ha’aretz (the earth) nor any greenery nor any etz (tree), except the Bnei Adam, all who do not have the chotam (seal) of Hashem on their metsakhim (foreheads) [YECHEZKEL 9:4].

[5] And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they will be tormented chamishah chodashim (five months). Their torment is as the torment of an akrav when it stings a man.

[6] And in those days Bnei Adam will seek Mavet (Death) and by no means will find it. And they will desire to die and Mavet flees from them. [YIOV 3:21; 7:15; YIRMEYAH 8:3]

[7] And the appearances of the arbeh (locusts) were like susim (horses) having been prepared for milchamah (war), and on the heads of them what looked like atarot (diadems) of zahav (gold) and the faces were like the faces of Bnei Adam. [YOEL 2:4; DANIEL 7:8]

[8] And they had hair that looked like the hair of an isha (a woman), and they had teeth that looked like the teeth of an aryeh (lion), [YOEL 1:6]

[9] and they had breastplates like iron breastplates and the sound of the wings of them was as the sound of many merkavot (chariots) with susim (horses) racing into the sadeh (battlefield), [YOEL 2:5]

[10] And they have tails like akribim (scorpions), with stingers, and the ko’ach (power) of them is in their tails to harm Bnei Adam chamishah chodashim (five months).

[11] They have over them a melech (king), the malach (angel) of the Tehom (Abyss), the name for him in Ivrit, ‘Abaddon;’ (that is, Destruction) and in Elliniki he has the name Apollyon (that is, ‘Destroyer’); [YIOV 26:6; 28:22; 31:12; TEHILLIM 88:11]

[12] The Oy Echad (the First Woe) has passed. Hinei, yet comes two more woes after these things.

[13] And the malach hashishi (sixth angel) sounded his shofar. And I heard kol echad (one voice) from the four horns of the golden Mizbe’ach (altar) before Hashem, [SHEMOT 30:1-3]

[14] saying to the malach hashishi, the one having the shofar, Release the arba’at hashishi, the one having the shofar, Release the arba’at hashishi (the four angels) having been bound at the akrabi ha’aretz (scorpions) to them like the samchut of authority was given to it the mafte’ach (key) of the shaft of the Tehom (Abyss).

[15] Shomayim to ha’aretz. And it was given to them the mafte’ach (key) of the shaft of the Tehom (Abyss). [YECHESIKEL 9:4].

[16] And they have tails like nechashim (serpents), having heads, and their tails are like nechashim (serpents), with mouths and in their tails, for the ko’ach (power) of them is in their tails. And in those days Bnei Adam, the ones not killed by these makkot (plagues), did not make teshuva and turn from here on in the book of Revelation, showing the end-time plagues of the Brit Chadasha Exodus of the Geulah Redemption) were killed a third of Bnei Adam, by the eish (fire) and the smoke and the gofrit (sulfur) coming out of the mouth of them.

[17] For the ko’ach (power) of the susim (horses) is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like nechashim (serpents), having heads, and with them they inflict harm.

[18] And the rest of the Bnei Adam, the ones not killed by these makkot (plagues), did not make teshuva and turn from the ma’asim (deeds) of their hands or forsake worship of shedim (demons) and the ittzavim (`idols, images, tzelamim), those of gold and of silver and of bronze and of stone and of wood, which neither are able to see
nor to hear nor to walk.

[DEVARIM 4:28; 31:29; YIRMEYAH 1:16; MICHOH 5:13]

[21] And they did not make teshuva (repentance, turning from sin to G-d) of the retzichot (murders) of them nor of the kishufim (sorceries) of them nor of the zenunim (fornication) of them nor of the gneyvot (thefts) of them.

[YESHAYAH 47:9,12]

And I saw another strong malach descending and coming down out of Shomayim, having been wrapped in an anan (cloud), and the keshet be'anan (rainbow, BERESHIS 9:16) was over his rosh (head) and the face of him was as the shemesh (sun) and the feet of him as pillars of eish (fire),

[YECHEZKEL 1:28]

[2] And he had in his hand a sefer katan (small book) which had been opened and he placed his ragel hayemanit (right foot) on the yam (sea), and the smolit (left) on ha'aretz (the earth),

[3] And he cried with a kol (voice) as an aryeh (lion) roars. And when he shouted, the shivat hare'amim (seven thunders) reverberated.

[HOSHEA 11:10]

[4] And when the shivat hare'amim (seven thunders) spoke, I was about to write, and I heard a kol (voice) from Shomayim, saying, Put a chotam (seal) on the sod, the secret of what the shivat hare'amim (seven thunders) have spoken, and seal it up, and do not write.

[DANIEL 8:26; 12:4,9]

[5] And the malach, whom I saw having taken his stand on the yam (sea) and on ha'aretz (the earth), lifted his yamin (right hand) to Shomayim [DEVARIM 32:40; DANIEL 12:7]

[6] And made shuvu'ah (oath) by the One who lives IOmei Olamim (forever and ever) whose “barah” (created) the Shomayim and the things in it and ha'aretz and the things in it and the yam and the things in it—that there would be no od zman (more time).

[BERESHIS 14:22; SHEMOT 6:8; BAMIDBAR 14:30; TEHILLIM 115:15; 146:6]

[7] But in the days of the sounding of the shofar by the malach hashev'i'i (the seventh angel), when he is about to blow the shofar, also then the raz (mystery) of Hashem would be brought to an end, as he proclaimed to his avadim (servants), the Nevi'im (prophets).

[AMOS 3:7]

[8] And the kol (voice) which I heard from Shomayim was again speaking with me and saying, Go, take the sefer which is opened in the hand of the malach who has taken his stand on the yam (sea) and on ha'aretz (the earth).

[YIRMEYAH 15:16; YECHEZKEL 2:8-3:3]

[9] And I went to the malach, telling him to give me the sefer katan (small book) and he says to me, Take and eat it, and it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as devash (honey).

[YIRMEYAH 15:16; YECHEZKEL 2:8-3:3]

[10] And I took the sefer katan out of the hand of the malach who has taken his stand on the yam (sea) and on ha'aretz (the earth).

[11] And they say to me, You must speak dvarim hanevu'ah (words of prophecy) again, about haumim (peoples) and Goyim (Nations) and leshonot (tongues) and many melachim (kings).

[Ezrk 37:4,9; Dan 3:4]

[12] And a measuring rod like a staff was given to me, saying, Come and measure the Beis Hamikdash of Hashem and the Mizbe'ach (altar) and the ones worshiping there.

[YECHZEKEL 40:3]

[2] But do not measure the outer court of the Beis Hamikdash; leave that out, and measure it not, for it was given over to the Goyim, and the Ir HaKodesh they will trample upon arba'im and shenayim chodashim.


[3] And I will give to my Sh'ney HaEdim (Two Witnesses) and they will speak divrei haNevu'ah (words of prophecy) one thousand two hundred and sixty days, having been clothed in sakkim (sackcloth).

[BERESHIS 37:34; SHMUEL BAIS 3:31; NECHEMYAH 9:1]

[4] These are the two olive trees and the two menorot standing before the Adon kol ha'aretz. [TEHILLIM 52:8; YIRMEYAH 11:16; ZEHCHARYAH 4:3,11,14]

[5] And if anyone wants to harm them, eish (fire) comes out of their mouth and destroys their oyevim (enemies); and if anyone wants to harm them, it is necessary for him to be killed like this.

[SHMUEL BAIS 22:9; MELACHIM BAIS 1:10; YIRMEYAH 5:14; BAMIDBAR 16:29,35]

[6] These have the samchut (authority) to shut Shomayim, that no geshem (rain) may fall during the days of their nevu'ah (prophecy). And samchut (authority) they have over the waters to turn them into dahm and to strike ha'aretz with makkot (plagues) of every kind, as often as they want.

[SHEMOT 7:17,19 MELACHIM ALEF 17:1]
And when they complete the edut (testimony) of them, the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) coming up from the Tehom (Abyss) will make war with them and will conquer them and will kill them. [DANIEL 7:21]

And the NEVELAH (corpse, DEVARIM 21:23) of them will be on the rekhov (street) of the Ir Hagadol, which, spiritually, is called S'dom and Mitzrayim (Egypt), where also the Adon of them was pierced on the etz. [YESHAYAH 1:9; YIRMEYAH 13:14; YECHEZKEL 16:46]

And some of haummim (the peoples) and shevatim (tribes) and leshonot (languages) and Goyim (Nations) see the NEVELAH of them for shloshah and a half yamim and the NEVELAH of them they do not permit to be put into a kever (tomb). [TEHILLIM 79:2,3]

And the ones dwelling on ha'aretz (the earth) rejoice with great simcha (joy) over them and make merry and they will send matanot (gifts) to one another, because these two nevi'im (prophets) tormented the ones dwelling on ha'aretz (the earth). [Neh 8:10,12; Esth 9:19,22]

And after the shloshah (three) and a half yamim (days), a Ruach of Chayyim from Hashem entered into them, and they stood up upon their feet, and pachad gadol (great terror) fell upon the ones seeing them. [YEchezkel 37:5,9,10,14]

And they heard a kol gadol (loud voice) out of Shomayim saying to them, ‘Come up here!’ And they went up into Shomayim in the anan (cloud), and their oyevim (enemies) saw them. [MELACHIM BAIS 2:11]

And in that hour occurred a great earthquake and the tenth part of the city fell and there were killed in the earthquake shivat alafim (seven thousand) , and the rest became afraid and gave kavod (glory) to Elohei HaShomayim. [14] The second woe passed. Hinei, the third woe is coming quickly. [15] And the malach hashevi'i (the seventh angel) sounded his shofar. And there were kolot gedolim (loud voices) in Shomayim, saying, ‘The Malchut of the Olam Hazeh became the Malchut of Adoneinu and of His Moshiaich, and He will reign 10lemei olamim. [Ps 145:13; Dan 2:44; 7:14,27; Mic 4:7; Zech 14:9]

And the esrim v’arba’ah Zekenim (twenty-four Elders, SHEMOT 12:21), sitting on their kisot before Hashem, fell on their faces and worshiped Hashem, saying, ‘Modim Anachnu (We give thanks), Adonoi Elokeinu, El Shaddai, the One who is and the One who was, because you have taken your oz gadol (great power) and reigned. [TEHILLIM 79:2,3]

And the Goyim (Nations) raged. And your charon af (burning wrath) came, and the zman (time) for the Mesim to be judged and for giving the sachar (reward) to your avadim (servants), the nevivim (prophets) and the Kedoshim and the ones fearing ha-Shem of you, the ketanim (small) and the gedolim (great), and for destroying the ones destroying ha'aretz (the earth). [TEHILLIM 2:1]

And the Heikhal of Hashem was opened in Shomayim, and the Aron HaBrit (Ark of the Covenant) of Hashem was seen in the Heikhal of Hashem. And there were flashes of lightning and kolot (sounds) and thunders and an earthquake and great barad (hail). [Ex 25:10 22; 2Ch 5:7]

And an ot gadol (miraculous sign) was seen in Shomayim, an ISHA (BERESHIS 3:15) having been clothed with the shemesh (sun), and the levana (moon) underneath the feet of her, and on the rosh of her an atarah (diadem) of kokhavim (stars) numbering Shneym Asar (Twelve), [BERESHIS 37:9]

And in her womb having a YELED (CHILD, Moshiaich, YESHAYAH 9:5), and she cries out, suffering CHEVLEI and being in pain to give birth. [YESHAYAH 26:17]

And another ot (miraculous sign) was seen in Shomayim. And hinei, a great red Dragon NACHASH (BERESHIS 3) standing before the ISHA (Woman) who was about to give birth, that when she gives birth to the YELED (CHILD, Moshiaich, YESHAYAH 9:5) of her, she might devour the YELED. [DANIEL 8:10]

And she gave birth to a BEN (SON, Moshiaich, YESHAYAH 9:5) of shevet barzel (scepter of iron, Ps 2:9), and the YELED of the ISHA was snatched up to Hashem and to his Kes (Throne).
[6] And the ISHA fled into the wilderness, where she has there a place having been prepared by Hashem, that there she can be nourished a thousand two hundred and sixty yamim (days).

[7] And there was milchamah (war) in Shomayim, Mikha‘el and the malachim of him fought against the Dragon NACHASH; and the Dragon NACHASH and his malachim fought back.

[8] But the Dragon NACHASH was not strong enough nor was any place found for them any longer in Shomayim.

[9] And the great Dragon, that NACHASH HaKadmoni (Ancient Serpent) was thrown down, the one being called the Malshin (Informer, Accuser) and Hasatan, the one deceiving the whole inhabited world. He was thrown to ha’aretz (the earth) and the malachim of him were thrown down with him [BERESHIS 3:1-7]

[10] And I heard a kol gadol (loud voice) in Shomayim, saying, “Now has come the Yeshu’at Eloheinu and the Gevurah (Power) and the Malchut of Hashem Eloheinu and the memshalah (government) of his Moshiach, because the Malshin who is the accuser of our Achim h’Moshiach, the one accusing them before Hashem yomam valailah (day and night) was thrown down [YIOV 1:9-11; ZECHYARYAH 3:1]

[11] And they won the nitzachon (victory) over the Dragon NACHASH because of the dahm of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:22-23; YESHAYAH 53:7, Moshiach) and because of the dvar of the eidushaft (testimony) of them and because they did not have ahavah for their neshamot unto Mavet and were willing to die al kiddush ha-Shem.

[12] Therefore be glad, Shomayim, and the ones whose mishkan is there, but oy to ha’aretz (the earth) and to hayam (the sea), because Hasatan came down to you, having great ka’as (anger), having da’as that his time is short. [TEHILLIM 96:11; YESHAYAH 44:23; 49:13]

[13] And when the Dragon NACHASH saw that he was thrown down to ha’aretz, he brought redifah (persecution) on the ISHA who gave birth to the zachar.

[14] And two wings of the Nesher hagadol (great Eagle) were given to the ISHA that she might fly to her place in the midbar, where she is nourished there for a time and times and half a time, away from the presence of the NACHASH (Serpent).

[15] And the NACHASH spewed mayim (water) after the ISHA from its mouth as a river, that he might make her carried away by a river.

[16] And ha’aretz (the earth) aided the ISHA and ha’aretz opened its mouth and swallowed the river which the Dragon NACHASH spewed out of its mouth.

[17] And the Dragon NACHASH had great ka’as (anger) at the ISHA and went away to make milchamah with the rest of her ZERA (seed, BERESHIS 3:15, YESHAYAH 53:10), the ones keeping the mitzvot of Hashem and having the eidus (testimony, see eidus, edus, edut, p.669 transliterated variously in the OJB, also eidushaft) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach.

[18] And then the Dragon NACHASH took his stand on the seashore sand of the yam (sea).


[13] And I saw out of the yam (sea) a Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) coming up, having eser (ten) karnayim (horns) and shiva (seven) heads and on the horns of it asaraah (ten) diadems and on the heads of it there were names of Chillul Hashem gidufim (blasphemies).

[DANIEL 7:1-6;11:36]

[2] And the Chayyah which I saw was like a namer and the feet of it as a dov and the mouth of it as the mouth of an aryeh and the Dragon NACHASH gave to the Chayyah its ko’ach and its Kes and its great samchut (authority).

[3] And one of its roshim (heads) seemed to have received a mortal wound and to have been slain, and the wound causing its mavet was healed, and kol ha’aretz marveled, following after the Chayyah.

[4] And they worshiped the Dragon NACHASH, because he gave his memshalah (governing authority) to the Chayyah, and they worshiped the Chayyah, saying, “Who is like the Chayyah?” and “Who is able to make war with it?”

[5] And a PEH (mouth, DANIHEL 7:8, 20) was given to the Chayyah saying haughty words and Chillul Hashem gidufim (blasphemies), and was given to it ko’ach to act for shnayim and arba’im (two and forty) chodashim (months) [DANIEL 7:8, 11, 20, 25; 11:36]
[6] And it opened the PEH (mouth, DANIEL 7:8,20) of it in Chilul Hashem gidufim (blasphemies) against Hashem to blaspheme ha-Shem (the Name) of him and his Mishkan, that is, the ones tabernacling in Shamayim.

[7] And was given to it to make milchamah (war) with the Kedoshim and to overcome the Kedoshim, and was given to it samchut (authority) over every shevet (tribe) and am (people) and lashon (language) and goy (nation). [DANIEL 7:21]

[8] And all the ones dwelling on ha'aretz (the earth) will worship the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach), all the ones whose name has not been written in the Sefer HaChayyim of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7, Moshiach) having been slain from lifnei hivvased tevel (before the foundation of the world).

[9] If anyone has an ear let him hear.

[10] If anyone is to go LASHVEE (into captivity), into LASHVEE (captivity) he goes. If anyone is to be killed by a cherev (sword), he by a cherev (sword) is to be killed. Here is the savlanut (patient endurance) and the emunah (faith) of the Kedoshim. [YIRMEYAH 15:2; 43:11]

[11] And I saw another Chayyah (Beast, the Navi Sheker, the False Prophet) coming up out of ha'aretz (the earth), and it had shyte karnayim (two horns) like a SEH, and it was speaking like a Dragon NACHASH.

[12] And all the samchut (authority) of the Chayyah harishonah (the first Beast, the Anti-Moshiach) it exercises on [the Anti-Moshiach's] behalf, and it causes ha'aretz (the earth) and the ones dwelling on it to worship the Chayyah harishonah (the first Beast) whose wound of death was healed.

[13] And it (the Navi Sheker, the False Prophet) does otot gedolim (great signs), even making eish (fire) come down out of Shamayim to ha'aretz (the earth) before Bnei Adam.

[14] And it leads kol ha'aretz (all the earth) into hona'ah (deception) because of the otot (signs) which were given to it to perform before the Chayyah (Beast), telling the ones dwelling on ha'aretz (the earth) to make an Atzav (idol, image, PESEL, graven image) of the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach) who has the wound of the cherev (sword) and yet came alive again.

[15] And it was given to it to give breath to the Atzav (idol, image, PESEL, graven image YESHAYAH 21:9) of the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach) that the Atzav (idol, image) of the Chayyah might even speak and might cause that as many as would not worship the Atzav (idol, image) of the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) to be killed and to die al kiddush ha-Shem. [DANIEL 3:3, 6]

[16] And it causes all, the Ketanim (small) and the Gedolim (great), both the oishir (rich) and aniyim (poor), the bnei Chorin (freedmen) and avadim (slaves), that to them should be given a tav [mark] on the yamin (right hand) and on the metsakh (forehead) of them. [YECHEZKEL 9:4]

[17] And that no one should be able to buy or to sell except the one having the tav [mark], the name of the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) or the number of its name.

[18] Here is chochmah: the one having binah, let him do the gematria and get the mispar (number) of the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach), for it is the mispar (number) of a man, and the mispar of it is SHESH MEOT V SHISHIM VASHESH (666).

14 And I looked, and, hinei, the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) having taken his stand on Mount Tziyon and with him the 144,000 having ha-Shem of him and ha-Shem of HaAv of him which had been written on their metzakhim (foreheads). [YECHEZKEL 9:4]

[2] And I heard a sound out of Shamayim as a sound of many waters (many waters) and as a sound of ra'am gadol (loud thunder), and the sound which I heard was as of players of the nevel playing on their nevalim (harp).

[3] And they sing, as it were, a Shir Chadash (New Song) except the 144,000, the Elders, Ex 12:21), and no one was being able to learn the Shir (Song) except the 144,000; the ones for whom the Geulah price had been paid for their redemption [Lv 5:5 6; Ex 13:13], the ones having been redeemed (purchased) from ha aretz (the earth).

[4] These are those who with nashim (women) are not tameh (unclean, defiled), bochrim ki mishum (washed hands) and before the Zekenim (four living beings) and before the Zekenim (Elders, Ex 12:21), and no one was being able to learn the Shir (Song) except the 144,000, the ones for whom the Geulah price had been paid for their redemption [Lv 5:5 6; Ex 13:13], the ones having been redeemed (purchased) from ha aretz (the earth).

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Such will drink of the yayin of the Charon Af Hashem (burning wrath of Hashem), having been mixed undiluted in the kos (cup) of his Charon Af, and such will be tormented by eish (fire) and gofrit (sulfur) before malachim hakadoshim (the holy angels) and before the SEH (Lamb, YESHAYAH 53:7).


And the smoke of their torment ascends 10mei Olamim, and for them there is no menuchah (place of rest) yomam valailah (day and night), none for the ones worshiping the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) and its Atzav (image), nor for anyone who receives the mark of its Atzav (idol, image, PESEL, [Beast, Anti-Moshiach] and its defects). [TEHILLIM 32:2; ZEFANYAH 3:13]

And another malach (angel) came out of the Beis Hamikdash in Shomayim, having also with him a sharp MAGGAL (sickle, YOEL 4:13 [3:13]) and reap, because the hour to reap has come, because the Katzir HaAretz (Harvest of the Earth) is ripe! [YIRMEYAH 51:33]

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And another malach (angel) came out of the Mi'beach (altar), having shilton (authority) over the eish, and he spoke with a kol gadol (loud voice) to the one having the sharp MAGGAL, saying, 'Put forth your sharp MAGGAL and gather the clusters of the gefen (vine) of ha'aretz, because the grapes of it are ripe."

[ Isa 63:1-6]

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And I saw, as it were, a yam (sea) of glass, having been mingled with eish (fire); and I saw the menatzakah HaChayyah (overcomers of the Beast, Anti-Moshiach) and of its Atzav (image) and of the mispar (number) of its name; and I saw them having taken their stand on the yam (sea) of glass, holding nevalim (harps) of Hashem.

And hasheyni (the second plagues) came out of the Heikhal, having been clothed in linen, tahor (clean) and bright, and having been wrapped around the chests with golden gartels.

And one of the Arbah Chayyot (four living beings) gave to the shivat hamakkot (seven angels) golden ke'arot (bowls) being full of the Charon Af HaElohim HaChai l'olamei haolamim (the wrath of the living G-d who lives for ever and ever).

And the Heikhal was filled with smoke from the kavod (glory) of Hashem and from His oz (power); and no one was able to enter into the Heikhal until should be completed the sheva hamakkot (seven plagues) of the shiva malachim (seven angels), [ Isa 6:4; Ex 40:34,35; 1Kgs 8:10,11; 2Ch 5:13,14]

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And I heard a kol gadol (loud voice) out of Heikhal saying to the shiva malachim (seven angels), “Go and pour out the sheva ke'arot (seven bowls) of the Charon Af of Hashem (the burning wrath of Hashem) onto ha'aretz (the earth),” [ TEHILLIM 79:6; TZEFANYAH 3:8]

And harishon (the first malach) departed and poured out his ke'ara (bowl) onto ha'aretz (the earth), and a bad and rah (evil) sore came on the Bnei Adam having the mark of the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) and the ones worshiping its Atzav (idol, image). [SHEMOT 9:9-11; DEVARIM 28:35]

And hashleyni (the second malach) poured out his ke'ara (bowl) onto the yam (sea). It became like the dahm of a niftar (deceased person), and every living thing in the yam (sea) died.

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14 And hashlishi (the third malach) poured out his ke'ara (bowl) onto the neharot (rivers) and the ma'ayonot (springs) of mayim (water), and the mayim became dahm. [SHEMOT 7:17-21]

4 And harevi'i (the fourth malach, angel) poured out his ke'ara (bowl) onto the shemesh (sun), and it was given to the shemesh (sun) to scorched Bnei Adam with eish (fire).

9 And Bnei Adam were scorched with khom gadol (great heat), and they spoke Chillul Hashem gidufim (blasphemies) against ha-Shem of G-d--the One who is, the One who was, the One who is to come; and the ones hearing these things, --and they did not make teshuva so as to give Hashem kavod (glory).

10 And hachamishi (the fifth malach, angel) poured out his ke'ara (bowl) on the kes (throne) of the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach); and the Malchut (Kingdom) of the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) became darkened, and in agony they were gnawing their tongues. [Ex 10:21-23; Isa 8:22]
And they spoke Chillul Hashem gidufim (blasphemies) against Elohei HaShomayim (the G-d of Heaven) because of their agony and because of their sores, and they did not make teshuva from their ma’a‘sim (deeds).

And hashishi (the sixth [malach]) poured out his ke‘ara (bowl) on the nahar hagadol (the great river), the Euphrates, and the mayim (water) of it was dried up, that the derech (way) of the melachim (kings) of kol ha’aretz (all the earth) might be prepared. [Isa 11:15,16; 41:2; 46:11]

And I saw coming out of the PEH (mouth) of the Dragon NACHASH and out of the PEH of the Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) and out of the PEH of the Navi Sheker (False Prophet) shalosh ruchot teme‘ot (three unclean spirits) like tzfarde’im (frogs). [SHEMOT 8:6]

For they are ruchot (spirits) of shedim (demons) performing otot (miraculous signs), which go forth to the mishpat (judgment) of the am ha’aretz (all the earth) because of the rebellions of their dayinim (kings) of kol ha’aretz (all the earth).

[Ex 5:19; 2Kgs 23:29,30; Zech 8:22; Ex 9:23-25]

And one of the sheva malachim (seven angels) having the sheva hamakkot (seven plagues) came and spoke with me saying, “Bo! (Come!) I will show you the mishpat [judgment] of the Zonah HaGedolah (the Great Prostitute) sitting on rabbim mayim, [Isa 23:17; Jer 51:12-13]

With whom the melachim (kings) of kol ha’aretz (all the earth) have committed zenut (fornication) and with the yayin of whose zenut (fornication) kol ha’aretz (all the earth) has fallen into shichrut (drunkenness).”

And he carried me away into the midbar (wilderness) in the Ruach Hakodesh, and I saw an Isha sitting on a scarlet Chayyah (Beast, Anti-Moshiach) being filled with names of Chillul Hashem gidufim, having sheva (seven) heads and eser (ten) horns. [4] And the Isha had been clothed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with zahav (gold) and precious stone and pearls, having a golden kos [cup] in her hand and the kos was full of the abominations and the uncleannesses of her zenut. [Ezek 28:13; Jer 51:7]

And on her metsakh (forehead) a name had been written: SOD BAVEL HAGEDOLAH EM L’ZONOT V’SHIKKUTZEL HA’ARETZ (“Mystery of Babylon the Great, the Mother of Prostitutes and of the Abominations and Idols of the Earth”);

And I saw the Isha being drunk, intoxicated from the dahm of the kedoshim and from the dahm of the edim (witnesses) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. And when I saw her, I was struck with astonishment.

And the malach [angel], said to me, ‘Why did you marvel? I will tell you the Sod HaHaSha (the mystery, raz of the woman) and of the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach) having the sheva heads and the eser (ten) horns carrying her. [Rv.13:1]

The Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach), which you saw, was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the Tehom (Abyss) and goes to destruction. And the ones dwelling on ha’aretz will be astonished, those whose names have not been found written in the Sefer HaChayyim (Book of Life) from the hivvas tevel (foundation of the
world), when they see the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach) that was, and is not, and is to come.

[9] 'This calls for a mind having chochmah (wisdom). The sheva (seven) heads are sheva (seven) mountains. On these the Isha is sitting also, they are shiva (seven) melachim (kings);

[10] 'Five of whom have fallen, one is living, and the other did not yet come; and when he comes, it is necessary for him to remain a little zman (time).

[11] 'And the Chayyah which was and is not, even he is an Eighth, but belongs to HaShivah (The Seven) and goes to Avaddon (Destruction).

[12] 'And the eser (ten) horns which you saw are asurah melachim (ten kings) who have not yet recieved a malchut, but they are to recieve samchut (authority) as melachim (kings), for one hour, together with the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach). They will make milchamah (war), and will burn her up in eish. [YECHEZKEL 16:37,39]

[13] 'And he cried in a kol (voice) out of Shomayim saying, 'Come out of her, my people, so that you may not participate in the chatta'im (sins) of her, and some of her makkot (plagues) you may not receive,' [YESHAYAH 48:20; YIRMEYAH 50:8; 51:6,9,45; BERESHIS 19:15],

[14] 'And these with the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) will make milchamah (war), and the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) will conquer them, because He is Adon HaAdonim and Melech HaMelachim; and the ones with him are the Keru'im v'Nivcharim v'Ne'emanim (Called and Chosen and Faithful)."

[15] 'And he says to me, 'The mayim (Rv.17:1) which you saw, where the zonah (prostitute) sits, are amim (peoples) and multitudes and Goyim (Nations) and leshonot (languages). [YESHAYAH 8:7; YIRMEYAH 47:2]

[16] 'And the eser (ten) horns which you saw and the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach) these will have sin’ah (hatred) for the zonah (prostitute), and they will make her desolate and naked and will eat her basar and will burn her up in eish. [YECHEZKEL 16:37,39]

[17] 'For Hashem has put it into the levavot (hearts) of them to accomplish his purpose by their acting with one mind and by giving their malchut (kingdom) to the Chayyah (Anti-Moshiach) until she will be fulfilled the divrei Hashem. [YIRMEYAH 39:16]'

[18] 'And the Isha whom you saw is the Ir Hagedolah (Great City) that rules over the melachim (kings) of ha’aretz.' After these things I saw another melach (angel) coming down out of Shomayim having great samchut (authority); and ha’aretz (the earth) was illuminated by the splendor of him; [YECHEZKEL 43:2] and he cried in a kol gadol, saying, 'Fallen, fallen is Bavel Hagedolah. It has fallen, one is living, and the other did not yet come; and when he comes, it is necessary for him to remain a little zman (time).

[19] 'Therefore in one day will come the makkot (plagues) on her, Mavet (Death) and Avel (Mourning) and Ra'av (Famine), and with eish (fire) she will be burned up, because Chazak is Hashem Adonoi, the Shofet of her. [YESHAYAH 9:14; 47:9; YIRMEYAH 50:31,32]

[20] 'Thus the Isha whom you saw and the melachim (kings) of ha’aretz, the ones having committed zenut (fornication) with her and having lived in luxury, when they see the smoke of her burning, will weep and wail over her. [YIRMEYAH 51:8; YECHEZKEL 26:17,18]

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[23] 'Because her chatta'im (sins) have piled up reaching up to Shomayim, and Hashem has remembered the unrighteousnesses of her. [2Ch 28:9; Ezra 9:6; Jer 51:9]

[24] 'Render to her as also she herself rendered; serve up double according to her ma’asim, in the kos (cup) which she mixed. [Ps 137:8; Jer 50:15,29; Isa 40:2]'

[25] 'As she gave kavod (glory) to herself and lived in luxury, so give her an equal measure of torment and agmat nefesh (grief), because in her lev (heart) she says, 'I sit as a malkah (queen) and not an almanah (widow), and I will never see agmat nefesh (grief).' [Ezek 28:2-8; Ps 10:6; Isa 47:7,8; Zeph 2:15]

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strong city, because in one hour came the misphat of you.'

[11] “And the merchants of ha'aretz (the earth) cry and have agmat nefesh (grief) over her, because the cargo of them no one buys any more; [YEHEZKEL 27:27, 31]

[12] “Cargo of gold and of silver and of precious stone and of pearls and of fine linen and of purple and of silk and of scarlet, and every kind of scented wood and every kind of article of valuable wood and of bronze and of iron and of marble [YEHEZKEL 27:12-22]

[13] “And cinnamon and spice and incense and myrrh and frankincense and yayin (wine) and oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and kevasim (sheep), and of susim (horses) and of chariots and of slaves and nefeshot (souls) of men. [YEHEZKEL 27:13]

[14] “And the pri (fruit) for which your nefesh longed has departed from you, and all the luxurios things and the splendorous things have become lost for you, and never again shall they be found!

[15] “And the merchants of these things, the ones having become rich from her, will stand afar off because of the fear of her torment, and they will be weeping and wailing, [YEHEZKEL 27:31]

[16] “Saying, ‘Oy, oy, the Ir Hagedolah, the one having clothed herself with fine linen and purple and scarlet and having been gilded with gold and precious stone and pearl, [17] ‘Because in one hour such great wealth, was laid waste.’ ‘And there stood afar off every steersman, and everyone sailing the sea, and sailors and all who commerce on the sea. [YEHEZKEL 27:28-30]

[18] “And they were crying out, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘What Ir (City) is like the Ir Hagedolah?’ [YEHEZKEL 27:32]

[19] “And they threw dust on their heads and were crying out, weeping and wailing, saying, ‘Oy, oy, the Ir Hagedolah, by which from her wealth, all the ones having ships in the sea became rich, because in one hour she was laid waste.’ [YEHOSHUA 7:6; EKHAH 2:10; YEHEZKEL 27:30,31]

[20] “Have lev same'ach over her, O Shomayim! You Kedoshim and Shlichim and Nevi'im, for Hashem has given misphat for you against her.” [YIRMEOYAH 51:48]

[21] And a malach chazak (strong angel) lifted up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, “Thus will Bavel the Ir Hagedolah be violently thrown down, and never would it be found any longer. [YIRMEOYAH 51:63]

[22] “And the sound of harpers, those playing the nevel (harp), and of musicians and of flutists and of trumpeters will be heard in you no more and every oman (artist) of every craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of a mill, would be heard in you no more. [YEHOSHAYAH 23:8; NACHUM 3:4]

[23] “And the ohr of a menorah would shine in you no more, and the kol (voice) of a choson (bridegroom) and of a kallah (bride) would be heard in you no more; because your merchants were the gedolin (great) of ha'aretz (the earth), because by your kashefanut (sorcery) were all the Goyim deceived, [YIRMEOYAH 7:3d, 16; 9; 25; 10; YESHAYAH 23:8; NACHUM 3:4]

[24] “And in her were found the dahm of Nevi'im (prophets) and of Kedoshim and of all the ones having been slain al Kiddush ha-Shem on ha'aretz.” [YIRMEOYAH 51:49]

After these things I heard, as it were, a kol gadol (loud voice) of a great, multitudate in Shomayim, saying, ‘Praise Hashem! The Yeshu'a (Salvation) and the Kavod (Glory) and the Gevurah (Power) is of Eloheinu!’

[2] “Because enes and tzedek are His judgments because He judged the Zonah Hagedolah who was corrupting ha'aretz (the earth) with the zenut (fornication) of her and He took vengeance on her who has on her hands the dahm of His servants.’

[3] And again they said, “Praise Hashem! The smoke of her ascends l'olemei olamim!” [YEHOSHAYAH 34:10]

[4] And the esrim varba'ah Zekenim (twenty-four Elders) fell down and the Arbah Chayyot (four living beings) and they worshiped Hashem who sits on the Kes (Throne), saying, “Omein, Praise Hashem!”

[5] And a kol (voice) from the Kes (Throne) came forth, saying, “Say ‘Baruch Hashem Eloheinu,’ all you avadim (servants) of him and the ones with yirat Shomayim, ketanim (small ones) and the gedolim (great ones),” [TEHILLIM 134:1; 115:13]

[6] And I heard, as it were, a sound of a great multitude and a sound like mayim rabbim (many waters) and a sound like mighty thunder saying, “Baruch Hashem! Because Hashem Eloheinu reigns, El Shaddai.
“Let us have simcha and exult, and give kavod (glory) to him because has come the Yom HaChuppah, the Yom Nisu'im of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshia'h), and His Kallah (Bride) has made herself ready."

And He is robed in a kaftan dipped in dahm, and His Name is called, “The DVAR HASHEM.”

And He has on His head of Him are many atarot, and He has a Name inscribed of which no one has da'as except Himself.

And He is robed in a kaftan and on His thigh a shevet barzel, and He treads the press of the yayin of the Shevet Barzel, and He treads with a shevet barzel, and He treads with a cherev (sword) and with the cherev (sword) of the One sitting on the sus (horse), and all the birds were fully fed by their basar.

And I saw a malach (an angel) coming down out of Shomayim having the mafte'ach (key) of the Tehom (Abyss) and a great chain in his hand, and

And he seized the Dragon, the NACHASH HaKadmoni, who is Malshin [samekh mem, the devil] and Hasatan. And he bound him for elef shanim (thousand years), and I saw the nefashot (souls) of the ones having been summoned to the Seudas Yom HaChuppah, the Yom HaChuppah, the Yom Nisu'im of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshia'h), and the One sitting on the sus (horse), the cherev (sword) having proceeded out of the PEH of Him, and all the birds were fully fed by their basar.

And I saw the Chayyah [Anti-Moshiach] and the ones worshiping its Atzav (idol, image). These two were cast into the Agam HaEish (Lake of Fire) burning with gofrit (sulfur), DANIEL 7:11 and the rest were killed because of the dvar Hashem (prophecy).”

And the Eynayim of Him judges and makes milchamah (war). [SHMOT 15:3; TEHILLIM 96:13; YESHAYAH 11:4]

And the Tzivos Hashem (the Army of Hashem), the Tzivos HaShomayim, were following Him on susim levanim (white horses). They were dressed in fine linen, lavan (white) and tahor (clean).

And out of the peh (mouth) of Him goes forth a sharp cherev, that with it He will shepherd them with a shevet barzel, and He treads the press of the yayin of the fury of Charon Af of Hashem, El Shaddai, YESHAYAH 11:4; TEHILLIM 2:9.

And He has on His kaftan and on His thigh a name inscribed: MELECH HAMELACHIM AND ADON HADONIM.

That you may eat the basar of melachim (kings) and the basar of captains and the basar of strong men and the basar of melachim (kings) and the basar of susim and of their riders and the basar of all, both, bnei Chorin and avadim and the ketanim and the cherev (sword)  having proceeded out of the PEH of Him, and all the birds were fully fed by their basar.

The one having performed the otot (signs) before it, by which he deceived the ones having received the tav (mark) of the Chayyah [Anti-Moshiach] and the ones worshiping its Atzav (idol, image). These two were cast into the Agam HaEish (Lake of Fire) burning with gofrit (sulfur), DANIEL 7:11 and the rest were killed because of the dvar Hashem (prophecy).”

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(forehead) and on their yad (hand), and they awakened to Chaayim (Life) and reigned with Moshiach for elef shanim (a thousand years). [DANIEL 7:9]

[5] And the rest of the Mesim did not awaken to Chaayim (Life) until the elef shanim should be completed. This is the Techiyah HaRishonah (First Resurrection).

[6] Me'ushar and Kadosh (Blessed and Holy) is the one having a part in the Techiyah HaRishonah. On these ones the Mavet HaSheyni (the Second Death) does not have shilton (authority, samchut), but they will be kohanim of Hashem and of Moshiach, and will reign with him for elef shanim.

[7] And when the elef shanim are completed, Hasatan will be released from his beit hasohar (prison), and will go forth to deceive the Goyim in the four corners of ha'aretz, that is, Gog and Magog, to assemble them for milchamah (war); the Mesim were cast into the Agam HaEish (Fire) and Gofrit (sulfur), where both the Agam HaEish and Gofrit (sulfur) were, and they will be tormented yomam v'lailah (day and night forever and ever).

[8] And Mavet and She'ol (the First and Second Death), the Agam HaEish (Lake of Fire) and Gofrit (sulfur), were cast into the Agam HaEish (Lake of Fire). This is the Agam HaEish (Lake of Fire) and Gofrit (sulfur), where both the Agam HaEish and Gofrit (sulfur) were, and they will be tormented yomam v'lailah (day and night forever and ever).
[9] And one of the shivat hamalachim having the sheva ke'arot (bowls) being full of the last sheva makkot (plagues), came and spoke with me, saying 'Bo! I will show you the Kallah of the SEH' (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach).

[10] And he carried me away in the Ruach Hakodesh onto a great and high mountain, and showed me the Ir Hakodesh, Yerushalayim, descending and coming down out of Shomayim from Hashem, [YECEHZKEL 40:2]

[11] Having the Shekhinah kavod (glory) of Hashem. Her brilliance, was like a precious stone, even a jasper, clear as crystal, [YESHAYAH 60:1,2; YECEHZKEL 43:2]

[12] Having a great and high wall, having Shneym Asar She'arim (Twelve Gates), and at the She'arim (Gates), Shneym Asar malachim (Twelve angels), and SHEMOT (Names) were inscribed on them, which are the shemot (names) of the Shneym Asar Shvitei HaBnei Yisroel (Twelve Tribes of the Bnei Yisroel), [YECEHZKEL 48:30-34]

[13] There were shloshah she'arim (three gates) on the mizrach (east), there were shloshah she'arim on the tzafon (north), and shloshah she'arim on the darom (south) and shloshah she'arim on the ma'arav (west).

[14] And the wall of the Ir Hakodesh had Shneym Asar Foundation Stones, and on them were the Shneym Asar shemot (names) of the Shneym Asar Shlichim of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach).

[15] And the one speaking with me had a gold measuring rod, that he might measure the Ir Hakodesh and its She'arim (gates) and its wall. [ YECEHZKEL 40:3]

[16] And the city is laid out foursquare, shaped like a cube, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the Ir Hakodesh with the rod across and it measured Shneym Asar (Twelve) thousand stadia (fifteen hundred miles); the length and the breadth and the height are equal.

[17] And he measured its wall a hundred forty-four cubits (seventy-two yards) by man's measurement, which is also that of the malachim.

[18] And the wall was constructed of jasper and the Ir was pure zahav (gold) like clear glass.

[19] The foundation stones of the wall of the city were adorned with every kind of precious stone, harishon (the first) foundation stone was jasper, hasheni (the second), sapphire, hashlishi (the third), chalcedony, harevi'i (fourth), emerald; [SHEMOT 28:17-20; YESHAYAH 54:11, 12; YECEHZKEL 28:13]

[20] The fifth, sardonyx, the sixth, carnelian, the seventh, chrysolite, the eighth, beryl, the ninth, topaz, the tenth, chrysolite, the eleventh, chrysolite, the twelfth, amethyst. [ YECHEZKEL 28:13]

[21] And the Shneym Asar she'arim were Shneym Asar pearls, respectively each one of the she'arim was a single pearl. And the rekhou (street) of the city was pure zahav (gold), like transparent glass. [YESHAYAH 54:12]

[22] And I saw no Heikhal in it, for Adoni Hashem El Shaddai and the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) are its Beis HaMikdash.

[23] And the city has no need of the shemes (sun) nor of the levah (moon) that they may shine in it, for the kavod (glory) of Hashem illumined it and its menora (menorah is the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach), [YESHAYAH 24:23; 60:19]

[24] And the Nations shall walk their derech by its Ohr (Light), and the melachim (kings) of ha'aretz shall bring their glory into it. [YESHAYAH 54:11; ZECHARYAH 14:7]

[25] And byom (for there will be no Lailah) the she'arim (gates) of it shall never be shut. [YESHAYAH 60:11; ZECHARYAH 14:7]

[26] And the melachim will bring the kavod (glory) of the Nations into it.

[27] And never may enter into it any thing tameh and anyone practicing to'evah (abomination) and sheker (falsehood), but only the ones having been written in the Sefer HaChayyim Shel HaSEH (the Book of Life of the Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach), [YESHAYAH 52:1; YOEL 3:17]

[28] And he showed me a nahar (river) of Mayim Chayyim (Water of Life) bright as crystal, going forth out of the Kisse (Throne) of Hashem and of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach), [TEHILLIM 36:8; 46:4; YECEHZKEL 47:1; ZECHARYAH 14:8]

[29] In the middle of the rekho (street) of it, and on either side on the nahar (river) was the Etz HaChayyim, producing Shneym Asar Perot (Twelve Fruits), according to each chodesh (month), yielding the p'ri of it, and the leaves of the Etz (tree) were for the refu'ah (healing) of the Nations [YECEHZKEL 47:12]

[30] And there shall no longer be any Kelalah (Curse), and the Kisse...
[Throne] of Hashem and of the SEH (Lamb, SHEMOT 12:3; YESHAYAH 53:7 Moshiach) shall be in it, and His avadim shall serve Him. [ZECHARYAH 14:11-11]

|4| And they shall see His face, and ha-Shem of Him will be on the metsakhim (foreheads) of them.
|5| And there shall no longer be Lailah, and they have no need of the ohr (light) of a menorah and the ohr (light) of the shemesh (sun), because Hashem Adonoi will give forth ohr on them, and they shall reign IELOMEI OLEIM. [YESHAYAH 60:19; DANIEL 7:27]

|6| And he said to me, "These dvarim are ne'emanim and amittiyim, and Hashem, the Elohei ruchot hanevi'im (G-d of the spirits of the prophets) sent His malach (angel) to show to His avadim (servants) things which are imminent. [YESHAYAH 60:19; DANIEL 7:27]"

|7| And hinei, I am coming quickly. Ashrey is the one who is shomer, keeping the dvarim hanevu'ah (words of the prophecy) of this sefer (book)."

|8| And I, Yochanan, am the one hearing and seeing these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell to worship before the feet of the malach (angel) showing me these things. [YESHAYAH 60:19; DANIEL 7:27]"

|9| And he says to me, “See that you do not do it; a fellow eved of yours I am, and of your Achim, the Nevi'im (prophets), and of the ones who are shomer, keeping the dvarim hanevu'ah (words of the prophecy) of this sefer (book).”

|10| “Worship Hashem!” And he says to me, “Do not seal up the dvarim hanevu'ah (words of the prophecy) of this sefer (book), for the zman (time) is at hand. [DANIEL 3:26]"

|11| “Let the one being unrighteous, let him be unrighteous noch (still); and let the one who is filthy be filthy noch, and let the tzaddik be a tzaddik noch, [DANIEL 9:25] and let the kadosh yitkadash noch (holy person be sanctified still). [YECHEZKEL 3:27; DANIEL 12:10]"

|12| “Hinei, I am coming quickly, and My sachar (reward) is with Me, to give to each one according to what he has done. [YESHAYAH 40:10; 62:11]"

|13| “I am the Aleph and the Tav, HaRishon (The First) and HaAcharon (The Last), HaReshit (The Beginning) and HaTachlit (The Ultimate).

|14| “Ashrey are the ones washing their kaftans, that they may have the right to the Etz HaChayyim (the Tree of Life) and they may enter by the she'arim (gates) into the city. [YESHAYAH 40:10; 62:11]"

|15| “Outside are the kelevim (dogs) and the mekhashfim (sorcerers, abusers of drugs; ["pharmakoi" is where we derive the word for "drugs"]; sorcerers often abused drugs to hallucinate or induce a passive state when they worked their magic and witchcraft; see Ga 5:20 and Re 21:8] and the zonim (sexually immoral) and the rotzkhim (murderers) and the ovdei haelilim (idolaters) and everyone loving and practicing sheker. [DEVARIM 23:18]"

|16| “I, Yehoshua sent My malach (angel) to give solemn eidus (testimony) to you of these things, for the Kehillot. I am the Shoresh (root) and the tzemach of Dovid, the Kokhav HaShachar.

|17| “And the Ruach Hakodesh and the Kallah say, ‘Bo!’ And the one hearing let him say, ‘Bo!’ And the one thirsting, let him come, the one desiring let him take the Mayim Chayyim freely. [DEVARIM 23:18]"

|18| “I give solemn edut to everyone hearing the divrei haNevu'ah of this sefer: if anyone adds to them, Hashem will add to him the makkot (plagues) which are written in this sefer; [DEVARIM 4:2; 12:32; MISHLE 30:6]"

|19| “And if anyone takes away from the dvarim of the sefer of this nevu'ah (prophecy), Hashem will take away his share of the Etz HaChayyim and from the Ir HaKodesh, which are written of in this sefer. [DEVARIM 4:2; 12:32; MISHLE 30:6]"

|20| “He who gives solemn edut to these things says, ‘Ken! I am coming bahlt (soon)! ’ ” Omein. [DEVARIM 23:18]"

|21| The Chen v'Chesed Hashem of Adoneinu Yehoshua! Yehoshua be with all. Omein.
ahavat nafsho (with the love of his own name:self)
ahavat (love of)
ahavim (lovers)
ahsh (motive)
ahuvei Hashem (beloved ones of G-d)
ahivi (beloved)
airusim, erusim, eirusim (betrothal, engagement)
aizen (well founded, incontrovertible)
akrah (barren woman [i.e. Yerushalayim emptied out by the Golus that Isaiah sees coming])
akav (attacked at the heel)
akavish (spider)
akedah (binding)
akerez (barren woman)
akev (heel, [at] the heel, supplanters, deceivers)
akh (Fireplace)
akhaperah (I will appease, pacify)
akhayot, achayot (sisters)
akhbar (mouse)
akhbarim (mice)
akhahuzah (possession, property, estate)
akov (via deceitful)
akhirai ha’aretz (scorpions of the earth)
akribim (scorpions)
akrav (acorpion, scorpions)
al (on, not)
al ha’aretz (over the world)
al haadamah (upon the earth)
al hakol hu HaElohim mam’vorach l’Olam va’ed. Omein. (over all is G-d blessed forever. Amen.)
al killayon (iniquities)
al menat (in order that)
al ratzon (with acceptance)
al tira, ish chamudot (fear not, O man greatly valued, beloved)
al tira (fear not)
al-alamot (after the manner virgins, i.e., in the treble-see Ps 46)
al-ken (therefore)
al-ez (on horse)
alah (oath, imprecation, curse)
alamot (virginal)
aposthumous virgins, young unmarried virgins; alamot is plural of almah, "virgin," alamot, "virgins;" see Shir HaShirim 1:3; Yeshayah 7:14; Bereshis 24:43; Shemot 2:8; Mishlei 30:19, where the word means explicitly or implicitly "virgin" and where "young woman" is not an adequate rendering, in this case, since the King was hardly interested in only "young women" in his harem, alefim (thousands)
aleh te’enah (fig leaf)
aleh (leaf)
avoneinu (our iniquities)
alilat (actions)
aliyah leregel (pilgrimage)
aliyah (ascent)
aliyyah (upper room)
aliyyat hamekherah (upper room of cooling)
aliyyat kiri (walled upper room)
aliyyat hasha’ar (upper room over the gate)
aliyyot (upper chambers, upper rooms)
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ailuf (companion, husband, confidant)
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ailiyat kir (walled upper room)
ailiyat hasha’ar (upper room over the gate)
ailiyot (upper chambers, upper rooms)
ailuf (companion, husband, confidant)
ailuf (guide, friend)
almah (unmarried young virgin)
almanah (widow)
almanot (widows)
almenut (widowhood)
almon (widowhood)
aloh (false swearing)
alon (oak)
Alphey Yehudah (Clans of Yehudah)
al (since)
alter (old)
alteren ben (older son)
aluf (chief)
alufel (chiefs)
alummim (sheaves of wheat)

NOTES
alummot (sheaves [of harvest])
Aluphei Yehudah (leaders of Yehudah)
Am Berit (People of the Covenant)
am bote'ach (unsuspecting people)
am dai (poor people)
am hatzava (personnel of the army)
Am HaYehudim (Jewish people)
Am Imkei Safah (a People of Indecipherable Language)
Am Kadshecha (People of Thy holiness, Thy Holy People)
am kesheh oref (a stiffnecked people; obstinate people)
am nachalah (a people of inheritance)
am oni (afflicted people)
am rav (much people, great people, army)
am sakhal (foolish people)
am segullah (treasured people)
am soli (血腥people; obstinate people)
am torati velibam (the people with My torah in their heart)
am tzafon (people of the north)
am (people, army)
amah (servant, maid servant, handmaid)
amahot (maidservants)
Amakim (G-d of Valleys)
amakim (valleys)
amal Yisroel (misery of Yisroel)
amal (grief, labor, toil, misery, trouble, suffering, tzeros)
amarat tehorot (pure words)
Amecha (Thy people)
amehot (handmaids)
Ami, Ammi (My People)
Amecha (Thy People)
Amenu (our people, our own people)
amim rabbin (many peoples)
amim, amim (peoples, nations)
Ammo, Amo (His People)
ammid anan (pillar of cloud)
ammid ashan (pillar of smoke)
ammud (pillar)
ammudei HaKehillah (pillars of the Kehillah)
ammudim (for the portico roof)
ammudim (pillars)
amol (formerly)
amolike times (olden times)
Anora (Gomorrah)
anaf (branch)
anan boker (morning cloud)
anan edim (cloud of witnesses)
anan (cloud)
ananim (clouds)
anasehi hatarim (merchants)
anasehi levav (men of understanding)
Anashim Achim (Men, Brothers)
anashim arba'ah (four men)
anashim arelim (uncircumcised men)
anashim hazedim (arrogant men)
anashim medukarim (wounded men)
anashim metzoraim (leprous men)
anashim rezikim (outlaw men)
anashim (men)
anav (humble)
avalah (meekness, humility, shiflut/lowliness)
avav ruach (a spirit of meekness)
avvim (grapes, ripe grapes)
avvim, anayim, anaviyim (humble ones, oppressed ones)
Ani Adonoi rofecha
(1 am Hashem that healeth thee).
Ani Hu
(I am, I am He)
Ani Ma'amin
(I believe)
Ani ohev
(I love)
Ani tzameh
(I thirst)
Ani yadati Goeli chai (I know that my Redeemer liveth)
Ani zovei'ach laHashem (I sacrifice to Hashem)
Ani (lowly, humble, poor)
ani ve'aretz (poor of the land)
aniyel hatzon (the poor of the flock)
anochiyut (selfishness)
anasehi adateynu (the men of our community)
aphar (dust)
aphar anachnu (dust we are)
Apikoros (Epigorean)
apikoros (skeptical, unbeliever)
apikorosim (unbelievers) 
Apollyon (that is, "Destroyer")
appiyyon (palanquin, mobile throne carried on a litter on the shoulders of men)
araim getum (engrossed)
aral sefatayim (uncircumcised lips, stumbling speech, sealed lips)
Aram (Syria, the Syrians)
arayot (lions, the lions)
arayot (forty)
arayot (citadel, palace of the king)
Aron Nerot (Ark of the Testimony)
Aron HaEdut (Ark of the Testimony, the Ark)
Aron HaShomayim (Ark, Ark of the Living)
arot (lamps)
arot (palanquin)
Artzot HaChayim (the Land of the Living)
arzov (flies)
arzov (lions)
Artzachshasta (Artaxerxes)
Artzeinu (our Land)
Artzot HaChayim (of the Land of the Living)
arzov (craftiness, cunning, crafty, wiley)
arzov (crafty ones)
arzovim (naked ones)
arzov (cursed)
arzov (cursed ones)
arzov (fiancée)
arzov (cleverness)
arzut (pledge)
arzut (lion)
arzut (dead lion)
arzut (lions)
asah (to do)
asah (a lot of)
asah (a lot)
asah (to do)
asarah shalitim (ten rulers)
asarah yamim (ten days)
asarah (ten)
asaret (ten)
asar (tenth)
Aseres HaDibros (Aseres HaDibros/Aseres Hadevarim/The Ten Commandments)
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aseret alafim (ten thousand)
Aseret Hadevarim (Ten Commandments)
aseret hasevuvim (ten tribes)
aseret yamim (ten days)
asah (moth)
asham (guilt, guilt offering, trespass offering)
ashan halir (smoke of the City)
ashan (smoke)
ashei resha (evil men)
ashem (guilty)
ashemim (guilty ones)
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NOTES
ashrei (blessed, happy)
Ashrey (Blessed/Happy)
Ashur (Assyria)
asim (barns, granaries)
asir (prisoner, prisoners)
asirim (prisoners, captives, those bound with chains)
asur (forbidden, impermissible, prohibited)
Atah haish (Thou art the Man)
at (are you, you are, now)
Atah (Thou)
atak (insolence)
atzarah (crown, diadem)
atzei (trees)
atzei algumim (barns, granaries)
atzat (counsel of)
atzabim (canaan)
atzabei Kena’an (the counsel of)
atzador (crown)
atzaveret (crown, diadem)
atzeh (bed rock)
atzuvat ruach (grieved in spirit)
av (bed rock)
Av (Father)
avaddon (destruction)
Avadeicha (Thy servants)
avdam (male servants, man servants, officers, officials, servants, slaves, subjects)
avanim (slaves, subjects)
avanim shleimot (uncut stones)
avanim (stones, gemstones, rocks)
avdachah (Thy Servant)
Avdi (My servant)
Avdi Ya’akov (My servant Jacob)
Avdi (My Servant)
Avut (alavery)
avedah (lost property, missing thing)
avel (perversion of justice)
avel (iniquity/gross injustice, mourning, wrong, fault, sons evil)
avel (mourners)
avelut (mournings)
aven (evil, lashon hora, iniquity, wickedness, deceit, nothing)
averah (transgression, disobedience to the commandment)
averav (sins)
Avi (Father)
Avi HaOhr (the Father of Lights)
Avi khol (Father of all)
Avi shaShomayim (My Father who is in Heaven)
Avi tzaddik (the father of a righteous one)
Avi yetomim (A Father of orphans)
Avi Ad (Everlasting Father)
avihem (their father)
aviim (little children)
Avinu (Our Father)
Avinu, yitkadosh shamacha (hallowed be thy Name)
Avir Ya’akov (Mighty One of Jacob, the Mighty One of Ya’akov)
Avir Yisroel (the Mighty One of Yisroel)
aviv (his father)
avla (injustice)
avlah (injustice, perverseness, wickedness, iniquity)
avnei chefetz (precious stones)
avnei habarad (hallstones)
avnei shoham (onyx stones)
avnei zikaron (memorial stones)
avnet bahd (linen sash)
avnet (Sash)
avnetim (Sashes)
Avod Elohim (to serve G-d)
avodah gedolah (labor strenuously)
avodah hakasah (hard bondage)
avodah kashah (hard bondage, hard labor)
avodah shebalev (service of the heart, public worship)
avodah va’avadah (vessels for every kind service)
avodah zarah (idol worship, idolatry)
AVODAH ZARAH (IDOL WORSHIP)
avodah (labor, service, ministry, work, servitude)
Avodah (Service, Ministry)
avodas Beis Hashem (service/ministry the House Hashem)
Avodas Beis Hashem (service/ministry the House Hashem)
Avodas Beis Hashem (service/ministry the House Hashem)
Avodas Dahan (Blood Service)
avodas kodesh (kohen’s service, ministry)
Avodas Kodesh (worship)
Avodas kodesh (service)
Avodat Avodah (the Work of the Service, Ministry)
Avodat HaMishkan (the work, service of the Mishkan)
avodat mamlechut (the service of the kingdoms)
avodateinu (our labor)

NOTES
avodot hakodesh

avodat hakodesh (ministeries)
avon (iniquity, offense, sin, wickedness, guilt of wrongdoing, punishments for guilt, punishment for being sinful)
avoneinu (our iniquities)
avonetochem (your iniquities)
avot (fathers)

Bais Ach'av

ba'alei hashpa'ah (people of influence)
ba'alei Ke'ilah (citizens of Ke'ilah)
ba'alei khitzim (archers)
ba'alei schus (privileged)
ba'alim (husbands)
ba'ar (a boorish, ignorant person, brutish person, senseless person, doit)
ba'aretz (in the ground, on the ground)
ba'avur (because of, on account of this)
ba'boker (in the morning)
ba'ezev (in the evening)
ba'seter (in secret)
ba'tzolen (pay, reimbursement)
baal teshuva (person who turns to G-d in repentance)
bazal (husband, owner)
balei hamum (the maimed)
Babel HaGedolah (Babylon the Great)
baboker baboker (morning by morning)
baboker (at morning)
baca (weeping)
bachar (chosen)
bachir (elect One, chosen one)
bachor (one being chosen)
bachotz (outside)
bachur oseh milchamah (chosen men, which were warriors)
bachur (chosen one)
bachutz (in the street)
baderech (on a mission, on the way/road)
badinon (serving)
Bagad (What Good Fortune!)
bahlt (since)
bailus (sovereignty, ownership, dominion)
bais (house, dynasty)
Bais Ach'av (House of Ahab)

NOTES
chafeshim (free ones) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chafetz hatov (good desire) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chafetz (desire, pleasure, will, good pleasure, good pleasure of his will) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chafetzah (willing mind) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chafshi (free) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chafstsi (I am pleased) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chag HaAsif (Festival of Ingathering, Harvest-time) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chag HaMatzot (the Feast of Pesach) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chag HaPesach (the Feast of Pesach) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chag (pilgrim feast, holy day) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chagavim (grasshoppers) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
CHAGGAI (HAGGAI) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chaggim (feasts) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chai Hashem ("As the L-rd lives") charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chai l'olam (live forever) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chai (alive) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chaiyal (soldier) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chaiyalim (soldiers) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalakim (portions, i.e. tribal portions or allotments) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalakot (smooth things) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalal (slain, wounded) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalalah (desecrated) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalalim (dead ones, slain ones, wounded, wounded ones) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalavim (fats) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalifah (changing) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalifot semalot (changes of clothing) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalifot (courses, shifts) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalil (flute) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chalilah lanu (far be it from us) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chalilah li (far be it from me! May it never be! G-d forbid!) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalilim (flutes) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalalah (loaf, cake) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
challat matzah (loaf of matzah) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalom (dream) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalomot (dreams) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalom (window) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalomot atumot (closed niches) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chalomot (windows) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chaluket Bais Av (family subdivisions) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chelulitzim (pioneers) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
cham (hot) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamah (anger, wrath) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chamas! (Violence!) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamat gever (husband's rage) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamat HaMelech (wrath of the King) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chammat (fury) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamdanut (covetousness/greediness/greed) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamesh achim (five brothers) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamesh chodashim (five months) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamesh elafim anashim (five thousand) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamesh esreh shanah (fifteen years) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamesh loaves (five hundred) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamesh (five) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chametz, chometz (leaven, leavened bread) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamishah chalukei avanim (five smooth stones) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamishah chodashim (five months) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chap (fury) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamishah chalukei avanim (five smooth stones) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamishah cheil (the fifth) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamishah shanah (fifteen years old) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamishiy (fifty) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamisho (a fifth part thereof) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
cham-mah (sun) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chammanim (sun-pillar idols) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chammeichem (your pillars for worshipping the sun) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamor (donkey) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamoreinu (our donkeys) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamorim (donkeys) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chamot, shviger (mother-in-law,) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chanef (hypocrite, man without G-d, irreligious man, profane, irreligious, profiligate) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chanefei lev (irreligious in heart) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chaneini (be merciful) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chaninah (favor, mercy, pardon) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
channen (be gracious/merciful unto me) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Channen (be merciful) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Channen (be merciful) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Channukah (Festival of Lights) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Channun (favor, grace, gracious, compassionate) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chanun (Gracious) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Chanuch (Enoch) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chanupah (profaneness) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charadah gedolah ad me'of (exceedingly great trembling) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charah (taunted, defied, disgraced) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Charan (Haran) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charash barzel (ironsmith) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charash chacham (skilled craftsman) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charash etzim (carpenter) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charash even (engrauer in gemstones) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charash (ironsmith, blacksmith, workman, artisan, craftsman) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charashei tzirim (crafters of images, idols) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charashim (artisans, craftsmen, carpenters; also kharashim) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chazavah (dry ground [see Yehoshua 3:17]) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charavot (words) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charedi (orthodox) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Charedim (Orthodox, G-d fearing Jewish religious ones) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charovot olam (ancient ruins) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
chari af (fierce anger, great anger) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charitot (money purses) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charitzei hecholov (cuts of milk, cheeses) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
charon af (Hashem) habah (the coming burning wrath of Hashem) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Charon Af Hashem (Burning Furious Wrath of Hashem, fierce anger of Hashem) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
Charon Af Hashem (the burning anger of G-d) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger, see Ro 1:18, burning wrath) charon af (fierce anger, burning anger)
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chok (decree/law, ordinance, statute, requirement, obligation, limits, boundary, share, portion, set time)
choi (Common Precinct)
choi (common, profane, secular, unconsecrated, sand)
cholah (sick)
cholayim ra‘im (evil sicknesses)
choleh (ill, being ill, sick)
cholei (disease)
cholel niflaot ("accomplishing miracles" SHEMOT 4:21; Yn 11:42-43)
cholelim (players on instruments)
cholemim (them that dream)
chom (heat)
chom chayom (the heat of the day)
chom katzir (heat of harvest)
chom (cham, heat)
chomah (wall)
chomat avanim (wall of stones)
chomed (covetous)
chomer chutzot (mire of the streets)
chomer haDin (rigor of the Law)
chomer (kholer, clay)
chomeitz of shekhar (fermented drink)
chometz (leavened bread, vinegar, wine vinegar TEHILLIM 69:21)
chomot (walls)
chomen (generosity)
Choravot lanetzach (ruins endless)
chorerf (khoref, winter)
choreresh (thicket)
chorreshim (flowers)
choreiv (heat, drought, ruin)
chori af haba (the wrath to come)
Chori Af HaElohim HaChai l’o’imei haolamim (the wrath of the living G-d who lives for ever and ever)
chori af (burning wrath)
choriim (holes, nobles, rulers)
choser (want, lack)
choshech (dark, darkness)
Choshen Mishpat (Breastplate of Judgment)
Choshen (breastplate with the urim and tummim)
chosehevim (the ones scheming)
chosen (bridegroom)
choctam hachamishi (fifth seal)
choctam harelvi‘i (the fourth seal)
choctam bishavevi‘i (seventh seal)
choctam hashineyi (second seal)
choctam hashishi (sixth seal)
choctam (seal, seal of ownership, signet, signet ring)
choctamot (seals)
choctam (mother-in-law)
choite‘im (sinners)
chotheh (sinner)
choths (at least)
chozvim (masons, stone-cutters)
chovah musarit (moral duty)
choveket ben (shall embrace a son)
Chovelim (Bindings of Union)
choveret (set)
choverot (joined together)
Chozeh Dovid (Seer of Dovid, Seer David)
chozeh (seer)
chozek (strength)
chosin bakochavim (stargazers)
chosin (seers)
chozkah (strength)
chufshah (freedom)
chukkah (strength)
chukkim (laws, statutes)
chukkot Omri (statutes of Omri)
chukkot (customs, statutes, decrees, ordinances)
chulshat habasar (weakness of the flesh, sickness)
chumza (not of strict adherence to the letter of the law, legalism)
strict adherence to the letter of the law, legalism (legalism itself a misinterpretation of the Torah)
chuppa (canopy)
chuzban (destruction, ruin)
Churban (Ruin, Destruction of the Beis Hamikdash)
chutzah (street, outside)
dakka
Yezrashehelayim (streets of Jerusalem)
chutzot (market areas, streets)
Cush, Kush (Ethiopia)
D’ra‘on Olam (Everlasting Contempt, Abhorrence)
da‘ah (kite)
da‘as HaChet (the knowledge of sin, BERESHIT 3:7)
da‘as (knowledge, rationality, science)
da‘avon nefesh (suffering of soul)
daas (knowledge)
dabbir (speak)
dag qadol (great fish)
dag (fish)
dagan (grain)
dagim (fish)
dahm anavim (blood of grapes)
dahm hahazzayah (blood of sprinkling)
dahm hanaki (innocent blood)
dahm haNevi‘im (blood of the Prophets)
dahm naki (innocent blood)
Dahm ("blood" BERESHIT 22:7; SHEMOT 12:3, 6; YESHAYAH 53:7, 10)
dahm (blood guiltiness)
daiyagei adam (fishers of men)
daiyagim (fishermen)
dakka (dust)
dakot basar (gaunt ones in flesh, leanfleshed)
daku (broken into pieces, DANIEL 2:34)
NOTES
devar sheker (false matter)
devar (word, i.e. word of consolation, word, message)
devarem achadim (common words)
deverim harishonim (former words)
deverim ra'im (wicked things)
dever (language, things, words)
devash (honey)
develet te'enim (cake of figs)
dever gadol (great plague)
dever (plague, pestilence, cattle disease)
deye (cleaving, attachment) DEVARIM 11:22
deyeus (attachment, cleaving to)
Devir (Most Holy Place)
devorim (bees)
dibbah (evil report, slander)
dibbatam ra'ah (a bad/evil report of them)
dibur (saying, utterance, speech)
dima'ot (tears)
dimah (tears)
dimyon (analog, comparison)
din oni (cause of the poor)
Din (Judging, the Case)
din (sentence, judgment, verdict)
divaile (meanwhile)
divrei (words)
divrei avonot (iniquities)
divrei chanupah (words of flattery)
divrei Chen (words of Grace)
divrei chizzuk (words of encouragement)
divrei haalalah (words of this oath, imprecation)
divrei habrit (words of the covenant)
divrei haChayyei Olam (words of Eternal Life)
divrei HaChozim (words of the Seers)
divrei hanevu'ah (words of prophecy)
divrei hasheker (lying words, words of falsehood)
Divrei Hashem (the oracles, the words of G-d, Words of Hashem)
divrei hashirah hazot (the words of this song)
divrei havohu (words of emptiness)
Divrei Kadosho (His Holy Devarim)
divrei mirmot (deceitful matters)
Moshiach (words of Moshiach)
divrei nevu'ah (words of prophecy)
divrei pinu (words of our mouth)
divrei ruach (vain words)
divrei sheker (lying words, words of falsehood)
divrei sinah (words of hatred)
divrei torah (words of teaching)
dlatot (doors)
Sha'ul (uncle of Sha'ul)
d (uncle)
dodecha (thigh love)
dodi (my beloved)
dodim (love, loves)
doche (rejecting or setting aside)
dochech (farfetched)
domei (similar)
domen (dung, fertilizer)
dor acharon (future generation)
dor mdor (throughout all generations)
doarim (generation to generation, throughout every generation)
dor (generation)
dorot el hamesim (a corrupt witness)
dor ha'acharon (later generation)
dor ikesh utepatot (a perverse and crooked generation)
dor hanevu'ah (words of the prophecy)
dorim (words)
dyo (ink)
ebeni Elyon (sons of the Most High)
echad (one, complex unity)
ed beliya'al (corrupt witness)
ed chasas (malicious witness)
NOTES
ed chamas (malicious, false witness)
ed echad (one witness)
ed esmes v’ne’eman (true and faithful witness)
ed Hashem (Hashem is witness)
ed kitzounim (lying witness)
ed l’ummim (witness to the Nations)
ed ne’eman (a faithful witness)
ed re’iyah (eyewitness)
edim rabbim (many witnesses)
ed echad (false witness)
ed chamas (malicious witness)
edim ne’emanim (faithful witnesses)
edim rabbinim (many witnesses)
edim (arrogant ones, witnesses)
edot (covenant demands, urgings, reminders, testimonies warnings)
edrei chaverecha (the flocks of thy chaverim, fellow companions)
edrei hatzon (flocks of sheep)
edrei tzon (flocks of sheep)
edut, eidus (testimony)
Edut (the [Ark] of the Testimony)
ee (isle, island)
efeh (kind of poisonous snake)
efer (ash, ashes)
efsheber (perhaps)
egel masekhah (molten calf)
egel (calf, calf-idol)
egelah melummadah (a trained heifer)
egelah (heifer)
egolah bakar (heifer of the herd)
egrof (fist)
Ed-he-yeh ashair
Ed-he-yeh (I WILL BE)
EH-HE-YEH (I WILL BE)
Ed-lo yoshiha (g-d who cannot save)
ed ne’char (foreign g-ds, images)
ed el (G-d)
ed el-chinnam (in vain)
ed mishmar (in custody)
elah (oak tree, terebinth, tree, oak)
elah (terebinth)
elof dor (a thousand generations)
elof shamim (a thousand years)
elof (unit, thousand, a thousand)
elom (youth, young man)
ello (my G-d)
elil ( idol)
elilim (idolater, idols, false g-ds, images)
elim ("great trees")
elim (oaks, big trees)
eliyahu HaNavi (Elijah)
elinisti Ginoskeis? (Do you know Greek?)
elo’ah (G-d)
elo’ah Osai (G-d my maker)
elohai (my G-d)
elohecha (Thy G-d)
elohei Amen (the G-d of [the] Amen, the G-d of Truth)
elohechi Avoteinu (the G-d of Our Fathers)
elo’eh ha’amim (the g-ds of the peoples)
elo’eh ha’aretz (g-ds of the land)
elohei HaEmes (G-d of Truth, True G-d)

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El Gibbor ("Mighty G-d")
el hane’eman (the faithful g-d)
el kanna (jealous g-d)
el kannah (jealous g-d)
el lo yoshiha (g-d who cannot save)
ed nechar (foreign g-d)
ed zahum (merciful g-d)
El Sali (G-d my Rock)
el zar (strange, foreign g-d, foreign g-d)
el (g-d)
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Edrei chaverecha (testimonies warnings)
urgings, reminders, edot (covenant demands, witnesses, witnesses)
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ershtins (first of all)
erusin (betrothal, engagement)
ervah (nakedness, pudenda)
ervat av (nakedness of their father, i.e. had incest with mother or step-mother)
ervat davar (shameful thing)
ervat ha'aretz (nakedness of the land)
ervat immecha (thy mother's nakedness)
ervat (nakedness)
eravon (pledge)
Es lechem chukeinu ten lanu yom yom (Give us day by day the bread we need)
eser karnayim (ten horns)
eser ma'alot (ten steps)
eser shanim (ten years)
eser (ten)
esev kol hosadeh (grass of every field)
esev (grass, herbs, vegetation)
eshel (tamarisk tree)
eshet aviv (his father's wife)
eshet chayil,aishes chayil (a woman of valor, an excellent wife)
eshet hamet (wife of the dead)
eshet kesilut (the woman Folly)
eshet kheyk (wife of his bosom)
eshet ne'urim (wife of one's youth)
eshet yefat to'ar (a woman who is beautiful of form)
eshet zachorim (wife of whoresdoms)
eshet (wife)
esheklot hagafen (clusters of the vine)
esheklot (clusters of fruit)
esre hananah (fourteen years)
esrim elef (twenty thousand)
esrim ish (twenty men)
esrim v'arba'ah Zekenim (twenty-four Elders)
et barzel (iron pen)
et chayyil (time of life)
et harishon (the former time)
et Ketz (time of the end)
et marpeh (a time of healing)
et ra'ah (evil time)
et sheker (deceiving pen)
et yoledah (time when she who is in labor)
et (pen, stylus, time, season)
et (time)
etmol (yesterday)
tenan (harlot's wages, temple proceeds of cult prostitution, payment, wage)
etzam haAdam hachet (the essence of the sinful human condition)
etz haChayyim (the tree of Life)
etz hate'enah (fig tree, MICCHON 4:4; ZECHARYAH 3:10)
etz nishchat (corrupt tree)
etz posel (wooden idol)
etz rav me'od (very many trees)
etz shel mesiros nefesh (tree of self-sacrifice)
etz te'enah (fig tree)
etz yavesh (dry tree)
etz (tree, wood)
etza (advice, "wisdom," counsel, purpose, plan, plan of G-d, scheme, prediction)
etza (counsel, scheme)
etzadah (bracelet, band)
etzah (counsel, advice, purpose, [see Yn 2:24-25; Isaiah 9:5] wisdom, verdict, plot, plan, divine plan)
etzat Hashem (counsel, plan of G-d)
etzba Elohim (finger of G-d)
etzel (near, by the side of)
etzbe'ot (fingers)
etzem adam (human bone)
etzem (bone)
etzev (image, statue, sorrow)
etzim (wood, timber)
etzot (counsels, plans)
ev rivaton (small member)
ev (member)
evrim (members, limbs)
eved maskil (wise servant)
eved rasha (bad servant)
eved shlishi (a third servant)
eved (slave, house slave, official, servant, vassal)
ev riv gadol (great mourning)
ev riv (mournings)
even bochan (a tried stone)
even gedolah (a large rock)
even hagedolah (great stone)
even haroshah (finishing stone)
even levana (a white stone)
even ma'amashah (a burdensome stone)
even negef ("stone of stumbling" YESHAYAH 8:14; 28:16)
even netzurot (hidden things)
even shallemah (perfect stone, just weight)
even yekarah (precious stones)
even (gemstone, stone, ore)
ev (limb, member)
evilim (morally bad foolish people)
evrakh (fury, wrath)
evrat Hashem Tzva'os (wrath of Hashem of Armies)
evrot af (furious wrath)
evus (feed-trough, animal feeding trough)
Evyatar (Abiathar)
Evyon (needy man, needy, poor)
evonei adam (needy of humankind)
evyonim needy, needy ones, poor)
eymat hamavet (terror of death)
eynavim (eyes)
eyvah (ennemy)
eyvat olam (ancient enmity)

NOTES
Ezer (a helper, help)

Ezor ohr (belt of leather)

Ezor (belt)

Ezov (hyssop)

Ezra (aid, help)

Fahkert (on the contrary)

Farbrengen (inspirational gathering)

Fargolgung (persecution)

Farloiren (lost)

Farnumen (preoccupied, set aside)

Farshteit zich (of course)

FELI (supremely wonderful [see Yeshayah 9:5(6)]; Exodus 15:11)

Feretz chittah, and se'orah (a land of wheat and barley)

Ferzin (graciously grant)

Fest (excellent)

Feste (excellent)

Fier ois (elucidate)

Fier zich (comport oneself)

Fol (beans)

Forois (irreligious)

Frahkert (on the contrary)

Ge'arah (scolding, rebuke)

Ge'ayot (valleys)

Ge'im (proud ones, proud arrogant ones [of inordinate ambition])

Ge'on Yisroel (pride of Yisroel)

Ge'on (pride, arrogance)

Ge'ulim (redeemed people)

Gedolah umarah ad me'od (a great and exceeding bitter cry)

Gedolam (greatness)

Gedolim chikkei lev (great searching of heart)

Gedolot (great things)

Gedood (troop, detachment, raiding party)

Gedud (leader of a band of marauders, raider, raiding band, troop)

Gedudim (marauders, soldiers of the army)

Gedolah (greatness)

Gedulat Hashem (greatness of G-d)

Gedullah (greatness)

Gefanim (vines)

Gefen (vine, grapevine)

Gehinnom haaiash (hell of fire)

Gehinnom (Hell)

Gei zich (go along yourself!)

Gelili (inhabitant of the Galil)

Gelili (inhabitant of the Galil)

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ha'alah (the curse, Devarim 29:18)
HA'ANIM (glory clouds)
ha'alah (the curse, Devarim 29:18)
ha'aretz (the earth, the land)
Ha'aretz haHavtacha (the Promised Land)
ha'aretz rachavat (spacious land)
ha'aretz (the earth, the land)
ha'ayenah (the spring)
ha'ir (the city, the town)
ha'ir hagedolah (great city)
ha'ofim (the bakers)
ha'oph (the birds)
ha-Shem (the Name)
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haahuv (beloved)
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harsha'im (wicked, guilty, condemned ones)
HaReshit (The Beginning)
harevi'i (fourth)
harim (hills, mountains)
arishah (the wickedness)
arishon (the first man)
HaRishon (The First)
harishonah (the first)
Harrei kedem (eternal mountains)
harsha'ah (condemnation, condemnation as guilty)
harishon (the first)
Harishon adam (the first man)
Hashem barah chadashah (Hashem hath created a new thing)
HaRuach Hakodesh (The Holy Spirit)
hasadeh (a parcel of ground)
hasagos (aspiration)
haschala (start)
hatov (pleasing)
hatovah (good things, the goodness)
hatshishit (the sixth)
hatamid (the daily sacrifice)
hatumah (the uncleanness)
hatzalah (promises, the promise)
hatzov (deliberance)
hazayit (olive tree)
Hevel (Abel)
hevel (delusion, futile, futility, vain, in vain, vanity, empty, emptiness, worthlessness, meaningless)
Hiddekel (Tigris, see Daniel)
Hevel (Behold, Lo)
heter (permit)
heterodoxy (a doctrine that has a chiluk or difference)
Hevel (Abel)
hevel (delusion, futile, futility, vain, in vain, vanity, empty, emptiness, worthlessness, meaningless)
Hinnei (Behold, Lo)
Hinei, mah tov umah (how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together)
NOTES
brethren to dwell together in unity)

Hineini (Behold, here I am)
Hisgalus haSod (the revelation of the mystery)
Hisgalus (Revelation)
Hisgalus (revelation, appearance, manifestation, unveiling)
Hishtachaveh (bow down, worship)
Hishtachavi lo (bow to Him)
Hishtaltut (domination, taking control)
Hiskashrus (devotion and attachment of a chasid to his Rebbe)
Hispailus (overwhelming awe)
Histalkus (passing)
Hitammelut (bodily exercise or training)
Hitarevut (meddlesomeness)
Hitbagrut (maturity)
Hitbodedut (seclusion, aloneness with G-d)
Hitbonenut (meditation, profound contemplation)
Hitkhabrut (joining, adhesion, fellowship)
Hitkhadshut (reproof)
Holech Derech HaKodesh (Walker of the Road, i.e. whoever is the [ Redeemed] Wayfarer on the Derech HaKodesh)
Holech rakhil (walk as the slanderer, gossiper)
Holekhim b’tamim (them that walk uprightly)
Holelim (arrogant, arrogant ones)
Holelot (madness, madnesses)
Homer (six bushels)
Hon emes (true wealth)
Hon (substance, wealth)
Hon’ah (deception, swindling)
Horim (parents)
Horiva over (analyzing)
Horim (parents)
Hoysah (help)
Hoshi’eini (save me, save us)
Hoshi’eini (save me)
Hoshia, adoni HaMelech! (Help/save, my master O King!)
Hoshiiah (save)
Hoshiieini (Save me!, save us)
Hoshieinu (save us)
Hovrev Shomayim (the dissectors of the heavens, astrologers)
Hoy (Alas, Woe, doom)
Hu (he)
Hu Habah (He who comes, i.e. Moshiach)
Hu yevarach hazeravch (he doth bless the sacrifice)
Hu yosheieinu (He will save us)
Huledat (birth)
Hungerik (hungry)
Hutamma’ah (defiled)
Idud (encouragement)
Iggeret hakodesh (holy epistle)
Iggeret (letter; epistle)
Iggeret (letter; epistle)
Ikkarim (basic principles)
Ikkarim (farmers, field workers, plowmen)
Ikves (crooked, devious)
Ikvei sus (horsehoofs)
Illem (mute, the mute, the people unable to utter speech)
Illemim (mute people)
Im yitzehe Hashem (If the L-rd wills)
Imecha (your Mother)
Imma lechulana (the Mother of us all)
Immahot (mothers)
Immanu El (G-d is with us)
Immanu (with us)
Immechem (your mother)
Immi (my mother)
Immo (his mother)
Imrah (flat)
Imrat Hashem (revelation of G-d, i.e. revelation of G-d which set forth saving promises)
Imrei Kadosh (words of the Holy One)
Imrei yosher (words of rectitude)
Imun (training)
Innuyim (sufferings)

NOTES
intifadah (uprising)
inyan (topic)
Ir Bezzurah (Fortified City)
ir damim (bloody city)
Ir Dovid (City of David)
ir hadamim (bloody city)
ir hagodelah (great city)
Ir HaGodelah (the Great City)
Ir HalHeres (The City of the Sun)
Ir Hakodesh (The Holy City)
ir ha'mamlakah (royal city)
ir hamamlachah (royal city)
ir hatemarim (city of date palms)
ir ketanah (little city)
Ir Rodesh (Holy City)
Ir Lo Na'e'zavah (City Not Deserted)
Ir Matzor (Besieged City)
Ir Miklat HaRoteschiach (City of Refuge of the Slayer)
ir mivchor (a fortified city)
ir moeshav (an inhabited city)
Ir O (a City of Strength)
ir (city, town)
Ir (City, i.e. Jerusalem)
irin (watchers, angel)
irin (watchers)
is'h (man)
is'h acher (another man, a different man)
is'h acher (wife of another)
is'h af (angry man)
is'h ariri (childless, stripped of the honor progeny bestows)
is'h ashir (rich man)
is'h ba'ar (brutish man, senseless man, dolt)
is'h ba'al keri (a person with a discharge of semen)
is'h bachur (chosen men)
is'h bari me'od (very fat man)
is'h besorah (bearer of news)
is'h chacham (shrewd man)
is'h chalak (smooth man)
is'h chamasim (violent men)
is'h chamudot (man greatly valued, beloved)
is'h chemah (angry man)
is'h chemot (man of wrath)
is'h chesed (merciful man)
is'h da'as (man of knowledge)
is'h damim u'mimrah (bloody and deceitful man)
is'h echad (one man)
is'h emunim (faithful man, loyal man)
is'h emunot (faithful man, loyal man)
is'h etzah (counselor)
is'h evyon (poor man, pauper)
is'h ha'adamah (a man of the soil),
is'h Habenayim ("middle-man" champion whose single combat saves the day and decides the victor)
is'h ha'cholek (a man of division, a divisive man)
is'h haElohim (a man of G-d)
is'h HaMufkarut (Man of Lawlessness)
is'h harishon (first husband)
is'h hazove'ach (man making the sacrifice)
is'h hechacham (wise man)
is'h illem (mute man)
is'h kazyav (public slanderous person)
is'h kheyk (husband of her bosom)
is'h kilevavo ("a man after his [G-d's] heart")
is'h koh hayashar be'einav (every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes)
is'h lashon (idle talker, slanderer)
is'h madon (a man of contention)
is'h mahir (diligent, excelling man)
is'h makhsoor (man of poverty, want, shortage)
is'h malveh (lender)
is'h mashchit (man of destruction)
is'h medabber tahpukhot (man speaking pervers things)
is'h met (dead man)
is'h metzorah (a leper)
is'h mezimot (a man of crafty schemes)
is'h milchamah (man of war)
is'h mirmah v'avlah (deceitful and unjust man)
is'h mogen (man of armor, as armed warrior)
is'h mokhi'ach (admonisher)
is'h nikhbah (an honorable man)
is'h nochri (stranger)
is'h oni (poor man)
is'h oved adamah (a man who works the soil)
is'h rah (evil man)
is'h riv (a man of strife, opponent in a lawsuit)
is'h sa'ir (hairy man)
is'h saris (official)
is'h shalom (familiar friend, close friend)
is'h tam (quiet man)
is'h terumot (a man of bribes)
is'h to'ar (handsome man)
is'h tov (good man)
is'h tzaddik (righteous man)
is'h Yaminetcha (the Man of your Right Hand)
is'h zar (strange man)
is'h zeroa (mighty man)
is'h isha (woman, wife)
is'h chachamah (wise woman)
is'h chotet (a woman of sin)
is'h gerusha (divorced woman)
is'h ha'acezet (other woman)
is'h haba'ah (the woman coming)
is'h harah (woman pregnant)
is'h li (wife for me)
is'h yirat Hashem (a G-d fearing wife)
is'h zarah (strange woman)
is'hah, isha (woman)

issa chotet

issar (negative vow, prohibition)
issur (proscription in the Torah)
issurim (negative vows, prohibitions)
itim (sorcerers, necromancers)
itim (times)

NOTES
Ivri anochi (I am a Hebrew)
Ivri (Hebrew man)
ivrim (blind, blind men, blind ones, blind people)
Ivrim (Hebrews)
Ivriyah (Hebrew woman)
iyim (islands)
iyyim (islands, see Isaiah 42:4)
IZEVEL (JEZEBEL)
izzim (goats, female goats)
k'lei haSherut (vessels of service in the Mishkan)
K'lei Kodesh HaElohim (Holy Vessels of G-d)
k'lei milchamah (weapons of war)
k'li rach (weaker vessel)
k'li (vessel)
ka'aru yaday v'ragelai (they pierced my hands and my feet, see medieval Hebrew Scripture manuscripts as well as the Targum HaShivim)
ka'as (anger, grief, vexation, provocation, sorrow)
kabbalah (oral tradition)
Kabbalas HaMalchus (accepting his sovereignty as king)
kabbalat panim (welcome)
kabir (mighty)
kabirim (mighty men)
kabtzen, kabtzan (beggar; pauper)
kachash (denying)
kachash (lies)
kadosh (My Holy Name)
kadosh Shmi (Holy)
kadoshim Elyon (holy ones of the Most High)
kadoshim (holy ones)
kaf (palm, hollow or flat of the hand)
kaftan (coat)
kahal gadol (great multitude)
kahal larov me'od (a very great congregation)
Kahal rav (great congregation)
kahal (assembly, company, congregation, community)
kalah (destruction)
kalakhat (cauldron)
kallah (bride)
kallah (daughter-in-law)
kalassa (mocker, laughingstock)
kalon (ignominy, shame, disgrace, shameful nakedness)
kam litechiyah (raised to resurrection)
kam (stood up)
kama (quite a number)
kamah (set, stiff, fixed motionless)
kamoni (like me)
Kamtsan (miser)
kamtsanim (misers)
kanaf (wing, corner of garment)
kanesh (reed)
Kaniti (I have acquired)
kanaii (zealot)
kanous (zeal)
kanous (zealousness)
kapot (palms)
Kapparah (atonement)
Kapparot (place or kapporet medium of wrath propitiating blood atonement sacrifice)
kapper (atone)
kappot (ladies)
kappot (palms)
kar (cold)
kardumim (axes)
Karenot (horns)
Karkov (surrounding border, ledge)
karnayim (horns)
karnot (tusks)
karov (near, at hand)
Karoz (herald)
Karsulayim (ankles)
Kasdim (Chaldeans, Babylonians)
Kasdimah (Chaldea)
kash (straw, stubble, chaff)
kashah (hard times)
keset (writing case)
keset hasefer ([writing] case)
keshafim (witchcrafts)
kesharim (conspiracies)
kehath ruach (oppressed spirit)
kehathot (bows)
kesheh (obstinate, stubborn)
kesheh-lev (hardhearted)
kesher (conspiracy, treason, plot)
keshet he’anan (rainbow, BERESHIT 9:16)
keshei-lev (stubborn)
ketzef (wrath, anger)
Ki ein massa panim (for there is no partiality)
k i hu zeh (a small amount)
ki l’oham chasdo (because His mercy endureth forever)
k i solechim gam anachnu lekhol hachayav lanu
(ki zeh hu (for this is he [Moshiach])
Ki (Therefore)
kibbud (respect, honor)
kibush hayetzer (self control)
kibbutzim (heaps, collections)
kichesh, kachash (lying)
kidon (javelin, scimitar, curved sword, spear)
kikrot (talents)
kiyar (iron)
kiyon (spear, Lochin)
kiyot (sects)
kiyyor (basin)
kiyyot (basins)
kiyyorim (lavers, basins, for washing)
kiyyorot (sects)
Kiyyorot-hataavah (the envy of man of his neighbor)
kinder-yohrn (childhood days)
kinin (dice)
kinmor (harp)
kinnorot (harps)
kinot (zeal)
kiper (basin)
kipoz (bittern)
kippurim (blood atonements)
kir (wall)
kir barzel (wall of iron)
kiravat Elohim (drawing near to Elohim, i.e., revival)
kirzono (according to his will)
kiruv rechokim (bringing near the far away ones, Messianic outreach)
kiru (near)
kirvat Elohim (getting close to G-d, revival)
Kiryah Ne’emanah (Faithful City, i.e., Yerushalayim)
kiryah (town, city)
kiryat meirei’eihu (G-d’s people)
kiryat meirei’eihu (G-d’s people)
kiryah (town, city)
kiryat melech rav (city of the great king)
kise’ot l’mishpat (thrones of judgment)
kise’ot (thrones)
kisei kavod (throne of glory)
kisei mamakhoto (throne of his kingdom)
kishron hama’aseh (skillful, skill, useful result)
kishush (magic, sorcery)
kishufim (sorceries)
kisot (thrones)
Kisse Din (judgment seat)
Kisse Kevodecha (Chair of Thy glory)
Kisse Lavon Gadol (a Great White Throne)
kisse maikhut (royal throne)
kisse shen gadol (great ivory throne)
kisse’ot (thrones)
Kisse (chair, throne)
Kifot Halashem (Shoulder Straps of the Ephod)
Kitfot HaEphod (Shoulder Straps of the Ephod)
kitot (sects)
kittel (white robe)
Kitinim (Lice)
Kityah Hakadosh (Holy Precinct)
Kivrot (bases of bronze)
Kivrot (bases)
Klal Yisroel (Community of Israel)
klaal (usually)
klaalot (curses)
klap, klop (blow)
klape (concerning)
klayot (kidneys)
klei avodah (utensils of service, ministry)
klei hasharet (utensils of ministry)
klei kodesh (ministers)
klei milchamah (weapons of war)
klei shemen (oil vessels)
kleir (deliberating)
kleir Shir HaElohim (musical instruments G-d)
klezmer (musician)
klop, klap (blow, punch, slap)
kluhr (obvious)
ko’ach (strength)
ko’ach (strength)
ko’ach lev (pure)
ko’ach lev (pure)
Kodesh Hakodesh (Beis Hamikdash)
Kodesh (Holy)
Kodesh (Holy)
Kodesh (Holy Place, Sanctuary)
Kodesh (Holy Precinct)
kodak (crown of the head)
kofer (bribe, atonement, satisfaction, payment/ransom, compensation)
kofer nafsho (life-price, atoning payment for his nefesh or soul)

NOTES
kol mishbarecha (all Thy Host of Heaven)
kol mishbachecha (all Thy praise)
kol zedim (all the princes)
kol zera hamamlachah (all the royal seed)
kol zimrah (the sound of singing)
kol-adam (man's voice)
kolainu (our voice)
kolon (thunder)
komah (short of stature)
komer (idolatrous priests)
koneh (buyer)
kor (cold)
korah (beam, i.e. tree)
korbant (sacrifice)
korbant chai (living sacrifice)
korbant isheh (offering made by eish [fire])
KORBAN MINCHAH (GRAIN OFFERING OR MEAL OFFERING)
Korbant Pesach (Sacrificial Lamb)
korbant reshit (firstfruit offering)
korbantor (sacrifices)
koreia umishtachaveh (kneeling down and worshiping, ESTHER 3:5)
koremim (vine keepers, vineyard workers)
Koresh (Cyrus)
kos hayayin haChemah (wine cup of wrath)
kos tanechumim (cup of consolation)
kos Yeshu'ot (the cup of salvation)
kos (cup of blessing)
kosem (soothsayer, practicer of divination)
kosemim (diviners, sorcerers, diviners, soothsayers)
kosem kesamin (a diviner of divination)
kosher (fit, right, proper)
kosot (cups)
kotel (wall)
kotz (thorn, splinter)
kotszer (harvester, reaper)
kotzerim (harvesters, reapers, harvesting)
kotzim (thorns)
kova (helmet)
kovua (fixed, set)
korvim (liars)
krameinu (our [blooming] vines)
kramim (vines, vineyards)
krav (battle)
kri'ah b'shalom (calling peace)
kri'ah (calling, divine summons, call)
kri'ah (his summons from Shomayim)
kri'ah (tearing, rending, ritual tearing of clothing to show upset)
kri'at HaNevi'im (reading of the Prophets)
kri'at HaTorah (reading of the Sefer Torah)
krovh (relative)
krovey mishpokhot (relatives)
krovim (relatives)
krum (deviant)
kullam (all of them)
Kullanu mesim (We are all dead ones)
kur (furnace)
kur habarzel (furnace of iron)
Kushi (Ethiopian)
kussemim (spelt)
kuttanot (tunics)
kvetch (complain)
kviusuk (constant)
l'ma'an (for the sake of)
Lchi l'shalom (Go in shalom)
l'ezrah (to help/support)
l'hishta'chavot (to worship, to prostrate before)
l'hoshi'a (to save)
l'ish K'ma'asei Hu (to each according to his works)
l'ma'an (for the sake of, inorder that, inorder to, to the intent, in order that)
l'me'ol ma'el baHashem (thereby trespassing against Hashem)
l'min olam v'ad olam (from forever to forever)
l'mizmah (deceitfully)
l'od dorim (from generation to generation)
lashon tahpukhot (tongue of perversion, distortion)
lav davka (approximately)

lavan (white)
lavetch (carelessly, in security)
lechashim (amulets)
lechem (bread, food, crop)
lechem anashim (bread of sorrow)
lechem atzilut (bread of idleness)
lechem chol (ordinary bread)
lechem chukeinu (our daily bread, Mt 6:11)
lechem chukki (my daily bread)
lechem dimah (bread of tears)
lechem ha’amitti (the true bread)
lechem ha’atzivim (bread of toils)
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Lechem Hatamid (true bread)
Lechem Megu ‘al (deceitful food)
Lechem Oni (bread of affliction)
Lechem Shemen (oily loaf of bread)
Lechem Tzar (bread of trouble)
Lechi (cheek)
Legallot ervah (to uncover nakedness, i.e., have sexual intercourse)
Lehatsredik (justifying, declaring innocent)
Lehavdil (to make a distinction, separation)
Leitzim (mocking and reviling)
Leitzon (mocking, scoffing)
Lekach (to learn, teach)
Lekachov (teaching, belief)
Lekhi (cheek, cheeks)
Lema’an Shmi (for the sake of My Name)
Lema’an (for the sake of security)
Lemaskana (finally)
Lemi (to whom)
Leolah v’ed (forever and ever)
Leratzon (acceptable [before Hashem], accepted, acceptable)

lesakhek (mock, scoff)
lesakhek (to play, to sport, to frolic)
lesakhek (tongue)
lesakhek (chambers, side rooms, storerooms)
leshon arumim (tongue of the crafty)
leshon limudim (tongue of disciples, see 8:16)
leshon mirim (deceitful tongue)
leshon tarmit (tongue of deceitfulness)
leshon (tongue)
leshoneinu (our tongue)
leshafeshi (to the freedom)
lachafeshi (to the freedom)
lachash (whisper)
lachmeinu (our bread)
lachutz (out, abroad, around)
lailot amal (nights of night)
lailah echad (night, the same night)
lailah gam yomam (night, the same night)
lailah hazeh (this night)
lailah hazeh (this night)
lailah echad (night, the same night)
lailah gam yomam (night and day)
lailah hazeh (this night)
la’mah, lamah (why)
lamdan (a Torah scholar with prodigious knowledge)
lamdan, lamah (why)
laman (a Torah scholar with prodigious knowledge)
landshait (countrymen)
lanetzach (always, forever)
lanu (for us, on our side)
la’ad l’olahm (forever)
lav davka (approximately)
lav davka (approximately)
lav davka (approximately)
levonah (approximately)
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lavan (white)
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Lechem Hapanim (arranged bread [of the Presence])
Lechem Hapechah (allowance of the governor)
lechem hatamid (perpetual bread)
lechem kezavim (deceitful food)
lechem mego‘al (deceitful food)
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Leratzon (acceptable [before Hashem], accepted, acceptable)
levush malkhut (royal robe, clothing)
levush (clothing, garments, robe)
leyymim (to days)
lei beni (our heart)
libenu (our hearts)
libo (his heart)
locht (Light)
lidei nisayon (into the powers of temptation) [Mt6:13]
Lifnei HaAdon (Before The L-rd)
lifnei hivvased tevel (before the foundation of the world)
Likro Shenat Ratzon
Lahashem (To preach the year of Hashem's favor)
ilit (night creature)
litziyot (Going Out)
litziat Mitzrayim (going out of Egypt)
litziot ("Going Out")
litziyot (going out)
lo abader (I cannot speak)
lo am (a non-people)
lo ami (not my people)
lo el (not g-d)
lo hu (not He)
lo ish (not man)
lo lanetzach (Not ever)
lo nissah (he had not tested/proved)
lo nisiti (I have not proved them)
lo poreh (unfruitful)
lo Kiddashem (not ye upheld as holy)
lo shama (did not pay heed)
lo tachmod (Do not covet)
Lo Tenassu Es Hashem Eloheichem (Do not put to the test Hashem your G-d) [DEVARIM 6:16]

ma'al (betrayal, treachery, faithlessness)
ma'al (trespass, disobedience, breach of faith, treachery, breaking faith, unfaithfulness, betrayal of a trust)
ma'allei El (works of G-d)
ma'alot Achaz (sundial of Ahaz)
ma'alot shivah (seven steps/stairs)
ma'alot (steps, stairs)
Ma'amad HaBanim (the standing as Sons)
ma'amad (position, station)
ma'am (believer)
ma'amim (believing woman)
ma'amim hameshichiyim [i.e., who have emunah in our Rebbe Melech HaMoshiach Adoneinu Yehoshua, Act 21:20, Messianic Believers]
ma'amim (believers)
ma'aneh (refutation, answer)
ma'arakhah (battle array, battle line, battleground)
ma'arav (ambush, west, setting place of the sun)
ma'arekhet tamid (regular offering of the rows of bread)
ma'arkeh Elohim Chayyim (armies of the living G-d)
ma'arkeh Yisroel (ranks of Israel)
ma'aseh (deed, work)
ma'aseh choshev (artistic craftwork, embroidery)
ma'aseh hara'ah (an evil work)
ma'aseh rokem (craft or work of embroidering, embroidering craft)

NOTES
ma'aseh yedei aman (the work of the hands of an artist)
ma'aseh (deed, labor, work) [life's work, handiwork]
ma'asei aven (works of wickedness)
ma'asei haChoshech (works of darkness)
ma’aseichem (your occupation)
ma'aser HaAretz (tithe of the Land)
ma’aser (tithe, tithes)
ma’asim gedolim (greater works)
ma'asim hara'im (evil deeds)
ma'asim metim (dead works)
ma'asim tovim (good works)
ma'asor, maaseros (tithes)
ma'atzad (chisel)
ma'atze'vah (torment, pain, grieving [see also Isaiah 66:24 and Daniel 12:2 and Psalm 75:8])
ma'avak (struggle, ford)
ma'ayan (fountain, spring)
ma'ayanot (springs, sources)
ma'ayon (spring, fountain)
ma'ah (above)
ma'ohr (luminary, moon)
Ma'on (Dwelling Place)
ma'on (residence, dwelling place, habitation, dwelling, see Yn 14:2 OJBC)
ma'ot chittim (money for wheat financial contributions)
ma'oz (fortress, bastion, refuge, stronghold, protection, refuge)
maa'uzim (fortresses)
maabarot (fords, river-crossings)
maamadot (contributions) financial contributions
maarav (west)
maazkhot (forces, military lines)
mabbul (flood)
mach'ov (sorrow)
machalah (disease, diseases, sickness)
machatzilot (extra fine, white clothing, festal robes)
machalifei hakesafim (money changers)
machaloket (division, controversy, division of dissension, controversy)
machailuyim rabbin (many wounds)
machanek (strangling)
Machaneh Aram (Syrian Camp)
machaneh (camp)
machanot (camps, forces, encampment armies)
machar (tomorrow)
machashavot (artistic designs, artistic works)
machashavot (plots)
machashavet ra'ah (an evil plan)
machatalot (deceits, illusions)
machavat barzel (iron griddle)
machovo'im (hideouts)
machaze Shaddai (vision of Shaddai)
machaseh (disease, illness, krenk)
machleket (courses, classes, groups, divisions of Kohanim and Lev'im, divisions)
machloket (divisions, divisions of dissension)
machlot (illnesses)
machmir (stickler)
machol (dance)
machovim (sorrows)
machseh (refuge)
machsh'vot Ammim (schemes of the peoples)
machsh'vot (schemes, thoughts)
machshavot (thoughts, plans)
machshe'vot (thoughts)
machshelah (ruin)
machshevet Hashem (thoughts of Hashem)
machshevet (plans, thoughts)
machshiv (respect)
machsoz, makhsoz (need, poverty, want, shortage)
madduchei shav (delusion, false enticement)
madon (strife, quarrel, contention, dissension,)
Madrikh (Guide, Instructor)
Mada' (Why?)
Mada' (Why?)
Mafgi'a (Intercessor)
mafte'ach Bais Dovid (key of the House of Dovid)
mafte'ach (key)
maftechot Malchut HaShomayim (keys of the Kingdom of Heaven)
maftekhot haMavet (keys of Death)
maftekhot haShe'ol (keys of the abode of the Dead)
magal (sickle)
magefah (plague produced by Hashem, plague, slaughter, stroke)
magefah gedolah (great slaughter)
magefah hasus (plague on the horse)
magen, mogen (shield)
maggal (sickle, YOEL 4:13 [3:13])
maggfeh (plague, epidemics)
maggfeh gedolah (great plague)
maggefot (plagues, epidemics)
maggid (messenger, bearer of news)
Maggidim (Messianic Darshanim, Preachers)
magor (terror, fear)
Mah atem (What you [report]?)
Mah haavodah hazot lachem (What is this avodah to you?)

NOTES
Mah lanu vlach? (What to us and to you, what have we to do you?)

Mah li ulchah, Yehoshua Ben El Elyon? (What to me and to you, Yehoshua Son of the Most High G-d?)

Mah li valach? (What have I to do with thee)

Mah nishteh? (What shall we drink)

Mah ta'aseh? (What are you doing?)

Mah tevakkeshun? (What do you seek?)

Mah tov! (How good!)

Mah tovu ohalecha! (How goodly, beautiful, are thy tents!)

Mah yitzdak Enosh im El? (How then can Man be justified with G-d?)

Mah zeh? (What is this? why is this?)

Mah zot? (What is this?)

mah (what)

malach (angel)

malach chazak (strong angel)

malach hasheyni (second angel)

malach kadosh (holy angel)

malach ohr (an angel of light)

malchim habechirim (chosen angels, holy angels)

malchim (angels, envoys)

malbush arumim (clothing the naked)

malbush nochri (foreign apparel)

malbush (clothing, vestments, religious robes)

Malcam (Molech)

Malchusa (His Kingdom)

malchut (reign, royal majesty)

Malchut ((Messianic) Kingdom)

Malchut Asa (of the reign of Asa)

Malchut HaShehem (Kingdom of God)

Malchut HaShomayim (Kingdom of Heaven)

malchut olam (eternal kingdom)

Malchuto (His Kingdom)

male No'am (full of pleasantness)

maleh chukat haTorah (full statute requirement of the Torah)

Malkah (Queen)

Malkat HaShomayim (the Queen of Heaven)

Malkat Sheva (Queen of Sheba)

Malkeinu (our King)

Malkhot (Kingdom, Realm)

malkhutecha (thy kingdoms)

Malki (My King)

malko'ach (plunder, prey, booty)

malkosh (latter rain, spring rain)

malon (inn, lodging place)

malon orkhim (travelers' lodge)

malbush nochri (foreign apparel)

malloy (clothing, vestments, religious robes)

mamash (definitely)

mamashus (real worth)

mamlachah (kingdom)

mammal (informer, accuser)

maluchah (kingdom)

malveh (lender)

mamash (definitely)

mamashus (real worth)

mamlachah (kingdom)

mamlakhot (kingdoms)

mamlechot eretz (kingdoms of the earth)

mamlechot (kingdoms)

mammon (the wealth of the Olam HaZeih)

mamrim (rebellious)

mamzerim (illegitimate children)

man'ul (lock, door bolt)

manhig (leader)

manhigim (leaders, one of the wealthier Baale-Battishe Jews, the gedolim of Judaism)

manhigut ruchanit (spiritual leadership/administration)

mano'ach (rest, place of rest)

NOTES
manon lanetzakh
(permanent dwelling place to remain forever)
ma'or Elohim
(vision)
mar'ah
(bitterness of death)
mas'eh
(mapalah)
(dwelling place, home)
maoz
(defeat)
ma'ath
(maon)
(home)
maon lanetzakh
(permanent residence, permanent dwelling place)
matteh oz
(mashach)
(anointed)
mar'ot Elohim
(masger)
(prison, smiths, artisans)
masekhah
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mase'ot hagedolot
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mase'ot shav
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(smiths, artisans)
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matteh resha (a rod of wickedness)
matteh (rod, staff, tribe)
mattot (rods)
mattot (tribes of)
matzav (position)
matzabot (pillars)
matzevah (pillar)
matzevah (a pillar, monument)
matzevah (stone pillar, monument)
matzav et even (pillar of stone)
matzvet (monument, idol images, stone pillars, monuments)
matzil (deliverer, rescuer)
matzliach (prosper)
Matzor Yerushalayim (Siege of Jerusalem)
matzor (rampart, siege, stronghold)
matzpun naki (clear conscience)
matzpun (conscience)
matztza (bed, mattress)
matztzvot (memorial columns dedicated to idols)
matzud (net)
matzot HaBa'al (the image of Baal)
me'ah v'chamishah (one hundred and fifty three)
me'ah (hundred)
me'arah paritzim (a cave, a den of robbers, criminals)
me'azot (caves)
me'shreim HaAm HaZeh (leaders of this people)
me'astem (ye have rejected)
me'at me'at (little by little)
me'at (for a little while, little)
me'chodesh l'chodesh (from month to month, every month)
me'emenei eretz (faithful of the land)
me'erah (curse)
me'eretz (out of the ground)
Me'il HaEphod (Robe of the Ephod)
me'il katon (a little robe)
Me'il Tezadakah (the Robe of Righteousness)
me'il (mantle, cloak, robe, mantle)
me'od (greatly very great)
me'olam v'ad olam (from everlasting to everlasting, even from of old)
me'olam (from everlasting, of old, since ancient times)
me'on kadosh (holy dwelling place)
Me'on Kadosh (Holy Habitation)
me'onah (dancing, dance of the Mahanaim)
me'onah (dance of the Mahanaim)
me'on (dancing)
me'orah (cave)
me'orah (a cave, a den of robbers, criminals)
me'asros (plural of ma'asar, tithe)
Me El kamocha (Who is a G-d like unto thee)
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me'orah (cave)
spacious or broad place)  mered  (rebellion)  mered  (revolt)
meri (rebellion, rebellious)  merirut lev (bitterness)
merivat HaEdah  (bitterness)  merivah
mered  (rebellion)  mered  (rebellion)
spacious or broad place)  mered                                                                                                                     meyvinim
the Breach; restorer of
Lashevet
meshovev netivot
women)
meshorot
singing men)
meshithu
ones)
(meshichim
ministers of Hashem)
meshartei Hashem
fairness)
mesharim
servants, officials)
mesharetim
Ministers of the King)
Mesharetim HaMelech
the circumcised)
mesharet bnei hamilah
(servant, minister of the circumcised)
mesharet (minister, servant, keli kodesh, minister)
mesharetet (servant, keli kodesh, minister)
mesharetim (ministers)
Mesharetim HaMelech
(ministers of the King)
mesharetim (ministers, servants, officials)
mesharim (equity, fairness)
meshartei Hashem
(ministers of Hashem)
meshichim (anointed ones)
meveh
I (drew him)  meshehorim
(singers, singing men)
meshehorot (singing women)
meshever netivot
Lashovet; restorer of
the streets for
habituation)  meshubad (obligated)
Meshuchzarim (the
Freemen)
meshugah (crazy fellow)
meshugah (error, mad, insane)
meshullam (the one committed)
mesummad (apostate)
mesuvah Yisroel
(backsliding Yisroel)
mesuvah (backsliding)
mesuvot (backslidings)
meshuvoteinu (our
backslidings)
mesibot (parties)
mesilah (highway
road)
mesilat yesharim
(highway of the upright)
mesillah (highway)
mesilot (highways)
Mesim (dead ones, dead
persons)
Mesim (dead ones, spiritually unregenerate
ones without
hitkadshut)
Messianic avodas kodesh
(holy worship, service)
Messianic Chavura
(fellowship, company, group, especially one
eating the paschal lamb
together)
Messianic mesirat nefesh
(whole-hearted devotion
to the cause of
Moshiach, even at risk
of life)
Messianic midrash
(homiletical
interpretation of the
Scriptures)
mesupak (uncertain,
having doubts)
mis (coffin, dead)
met’a’ta’ (mocker)
metei olam (those long
dead)
metei-shav (men of
vanity)
metim (miracles)
metohar (purified)
metohazah (cleansing)
metohazim (clean)
meteashkim (foreheads)
metzach Aharon (forehead
of Aharon)
metzach chazak (forehead
strong) on
metzach isah zonah
(whore's forehead)
metzach (brow, forehead)
metzachek (mocking,
scuffing)
metzadot (strongholds, masadas)
metzapeh (watchman)
metzarei She’ol
(confines, straitnesses
of She’ol)
metzaveveh (commander)
metzilot (bells)
metzodot (fortresses)
metzora’t (leprous)
metzora (leper
a leper, leprosy,
leprous area)
metzoraim (lepers)
metzorim gedolim (huge
siegeworks)
metzudah (fortress, prison, stronghold)
Metzudat Tziyon
(Fortress of Zion)
metzudot (strongholds,
forts)
metzukot
(fortifications)
metzuko’t (siegeworks)
mevaser (herald, bringer
of news, bearer of
tidings, evangelist
one bringing good news,
evangelist,
one that bringeth good
tidings/good news)
Mevaseret Tziyon
(herald/Publisher of
Besorah [Good
News/Gospel] Tziyon,
Lady-Evangelist Tziyon)
Mevaseret Yerushalayim
(herald/Publisher of
Besorah [Good News/
Gospel/Besoras HaGeulah]
Yerushalayim, Lady-
Evangelist Yerushalayim)
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(Herald/Preacher of
Besorah [Good News/
Gospel] Tziyon,
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(herald/Publisher of
Besorah [Good News/
Gospel/Besoras HaGeulah]
Yerushalayim, Lady-
Evangelist Yerushalayim)
mevsager (heralds, 
those that published it,
the lady evangelists)
Mevasser (Good Tidings,
Good News)
mevorech’olam (blessed
forever)
mevorekhet Hashem
(blessed of Hashem)
mevgur (mature,
grown up)
mevugrim (mature ones,
adults, grown up)
mev hayam (waters of the
sea)
mev rosh (poisonous
water)
mevavedot (midwife)
meyalledot haivriyyo
(hebrew midwives)
meuyayesh (despairing)
mevyvinim (experts)
NOTES
mezammerot (lamp snuffers)
mezarez (a spur into action)
merimah (discretion)
merimah (plan)
erimma (evil design, intrigue)
erimmot (designs, intents, purposes)
erimor (a man of crafty devices)
mezimah (discretion)
mezimah (plan)
mezimmot (designs, intents, purposes)
mezimor (a man of crafty devices)
mezimot (discretions)
mezuzah (doorpost)
mezuzot (doorposts)
mezuzot (doorposts)
Mi atah? (Who are you?, Who art thou?)
Mi khamocha? (Who is like Thee?)
Mi khamoni? (Who is like Me?)
Mi? (Who?)
MICHON (MICAH)
michshol lev (downfall of conscience)
michshol (stumbling block, obstacle, YESHAYAH 57:14) falling, offense, YESHAYAH 9:32-33) stumbling-block of temptation, obstacle) michsholim (stumbling blocks, what causes to fall into sin)
michyah (subsistence)
midah hatov (the attribute of virtue)
midad haschisius (quality/trait of piety)
midbar hagadol (great wilderness)
Midbar Yam (Desert by the Sea)
midbar (desert)
middah (size)
middah achat (one size, same size)
middah harishonah (old standard)
middot HaMizbe'ach (measurements of the Mizbe'ach)
midrash (exegesis)
mifgah (mark, something to be hit)
mikra (appointed place, census)
mifletzet (horror, abomination, idol)
miftn (threshold)
miftn HaBeis [HaMikdash] (the Threshold of the Beis HaMikdash)
migba'ot (headbands)
migdal (tower)
migdal eder (tower of the flock)
migdalim (towers)
migdanot (expensive gifts)
migret (rebuke)
migrash (adjointing territory, open lands, open space)
migrash (pastureland)
migrashim (open pasturelands, open lands, pasturelands)
migrosht (adjacent open lands, open pasturelands)
Mikdash (Sanctuary)
Mikdasheinu (our Beis HaMikdash)
Mikdashem (holy places of the Beis Hashem)
mikdesheichem (your sanctuaries)
miKedem (at the east, east)
mikedem (from ancient times, from everlasting, see Michoh 5:1[2])
mikbar (grate)
mikbar hanechoshet (grate, netting of copper)
mikhal (fold [enclosure])
mikhnesei bahd (linen breeches or undergarments)
mikhyah (maintenance, livelihood)
mikkach shochad (taking of bribes)
mikneh (cattle)
mikneh rav me'od (very much cattle)
mikneh (herds, livestock)
miknehinu (our livestock)
mikol hanashim (more than all the women)
mikra kodeesh (holy convocation)
mikreh (by chance, by accident, fortune)
miktav (letter)
mikteret (censer)
mikveh mayim (collection of water, gathering of water used as ritualarium for immerson)
mikveh (gathering together of the waters)
mikveh (hope, reservoir)
milah (word)
milchamah (battle, war, fighting)
milchamot (battles, wars)
milchamoteinu (our battles)
milchemet tsdeek (war of righteousness)
milhamot (wars)
min lin (words)
mimeila (consequently, as a result)
mimshal rav (great dominion)
mintochot (from under)
michchadashah (i.e. meal offering or grain offering from the new wheat crop)
michchah (evening sacrifice)
michchah (gift, present, grain offering, meal offering)
michchah (tribute)
Minchat HaTamid (Continual Grain Offering)
minchat kinot (grain offering of jealousies)
minchat zekaron (grain offering of memorial)
minchot (grain offerings)
minhag (custom)
minhagim (customs)
minut (heresy)
minyan (ten men for pray group)
mir'eh (pasture)
mireh shamen (fat pasture)
mireh (pasture)
mireh (pasture)
mirim (pastures)
mirmah (deceit, deceitful, fraud, YESHAYAH 53:5) dishonesty, deception, guile, fraud, deceit)

NOTES
misreymer (deceit)
marmot (deceptions, deceits)
misad (steps, support)
misgav (high spot as a refuge)
misgeret (moulding, rim, bases [of the Yam], panels, flat sides, strongholds, fastnesses, secure places)
mishbetzot (Filigrees)
mishcha (anointing, [LY 2:27]ointing, ointment)
mishe’net (staff)
mishenet (staff)
mishenet kaneh (a staff of reed)
mishgeh (mistake)
mishkan (tabernacle)
Mishkan Shemeccha (the Dwelling Place of Thy Name)
mishkanot (dwelling places)
mishkav (bed, i.e. fertility rites, bedding)
mishkav dodim (bed of love)
mishkavim (beds)
mishkenot haro’im (the dwellings of the shepherds)
mishkenot olam (eternal dwellings of the Olam HaBah)
mishkenot (dwelling places)
mishkenotecha (thy dwellings, tabernacles)
mishkevot (couches, i.e. tomatoes)
mishma’at (obedience, bodyguard)
mishma’at shebalev (obedience from the heart, obedience)
mishmar (guard, guard watch)
mishmarot (services, shifts, guard watches)
mishmeret Haschem (the instructions of Haschem)
mishmeret kol HaEdah (duty of the whole congregation)
mishmeret mitzvat Haschem Eloheichem (charge/duty of the commandment of Haschem Eloheichem.)
mishmeret (charge, what is to be preserved, command, duties, examination, checking for blemishes, for keeping, guard duty, responsibility, charge, in safeguard, to be kept, kept, watch, requirement, guard responsibility)
mishmerot (watches, shifts)
mishmo’a torah (heeding torah)
mishmu’ah ra’ah (news of misfortune, evil tidings)
mishneh (copy, double [portion], second)
mishneh hatorah hazot (copy of this torah)
mishomrei hasaf (keepers of the door, doorkeepers)
mishor (equity, justice)
mishor (plains, level country)
mishpach (bloodshed, rapaciousness)
mishpakkah (family)
mishpat (cause, custom, judgment, i.e. G-d’s tribunal justice, divine judgment, due order, ordinance, in the court, accusation, justly, manner, plan, practice specifications, right, prescribed manner, specified)
mishpat evyonim (right of the poor/needy people)
mishpat gever (the right of a man)
mishpat habanim (adoption)
mishpat haGeulah (right of adoption)
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mishpat hamelech (customary ways of the king, kingly prerogative)
mishpat hana’ar (proper treatment of the child)
mishpat harishon (former practice)
mishpat Hashem (rule, ordinance, regulation, law of Hashem)
mishpat hayerushah (right of possession)
mishpat mavet (death sentence, worthy of death)
mishpat Moav (judgment of Moab)
mishpat tzedek (the judgment of the righteous)
mishpatim (regulations, judgments, justices, ordinances)
mishpatim harishonim (former practices)
mishpechetot (families)
mishpetayim (sheepfolds)
mishpochah atzilah (noble birth)
mispoyel nispol (standing in awe, marveled)
mishrah (rule)
mishchaveh (would bow down, worship, Devarim 5:9)
mishtat [involved, joining, join, become involved)
mishchek gadol (great feast)
mishchek hayayin (feast)
mishchek tamid (a continual feast)
mishchek (banquet, drink, feast, meal)
mishkim (feasts)
mispachot (anamels)
mispar (number, census)
mispo (feasts)
mispoyel (deeply impressed)
misrah (dominion)
miszarim (hiding places, secret places)
mitschat laArets (in the world below)
mitschat (couch)
misamuhl (suddenly)
mitsarev (meddlesome)
mitchazak (putting forth strength)
misalammin (delicious tidbits)
mislashashim (whisperers)
misnagd (opponent, antagonist)
misnagged (opponents, the ones opposing)
misot (couches)
misrapim (ones not working, slack, cowardly)
mittah (bed, couch, bier, frame or “bed” holding corpse)
mitsadddeh al chattot (confess the sins)
mitsad (as to)
Mitzbach Ketoret HaSamim (Altar of Fragrant Incense)
mizbe’ach (altar)
NOTES
pedut (redemption, Geulah release on payment of ransom)
Peduyei Hashem (Ransomed ones of Hashem)
pega (chance)
pegarim (corpses, dead bodies, funerary monuments)
pegarim mesim (dead corpses)
peger (corpse)
peh (mouth) [Jeremiah’s dictation], [death] shroud
peh edach (one mouth)
peh el peh (face to face)
pekudim (commissioners, overseers, overseers,)
pekudat (enrollment, care, office, numbers, oversight, stewardship, visitation, time of reckoning [divine] visitation for punishment)
pekudat Hashem (stewardship of G-d, his oversight, stewardship, care, office, numbers, enrollment, stewardship, visitation, time of reckoning [divine] visitation for punishment)
pekuddat Hashem (stewardship of G-d, his shlichus commission)
pekudot (the ones who have charge)
PEKUDI HAMISHKAN (INVENTORY OF THE MISHKAN)
pekudim (offices, officers, assignments, numbered, counted)
pekudot (oversight)
pelech (stick, crutch)
peledike (marvelous)
peleg Elohim (fountain of G-d)
peleh ("wonderful", wonder)
peleitah (deliverance, rescue)
Peleshet (Philistia)
peletah gedolah (great deliverance, escape)
Peleti (bodyguard)
pellah (decision)
Felishhti hearel (uncircumcised Philistine)
Felishtim (Philistines)
pelugot Bais HaAvot (groupings of families)
penemem (faces)
Peniel ("Face of G-d")
penimah (inner part)
Penimah (the Innermost [Holy of Holies])
penim (inner)
Penimim (Inner ones)
penimim (pwar)
pere‘im (wild donkeys)
peradim (mules)
peratzot (breaches)
pera (wild donkey)
pered (mule)
pereh (wild donkey)
pereh’s (wild donkey's)
perek (harshness, severity)
peretz ("breaking out")
break, gap in fortification, outburst)
pesel chayyot (any ravenous, dangerous, ferocious of [wild] beasts)
Perushim (Pharisees)
peruta (small coin)
Pesach (Passover)
Pesach Korban (Passover Offering)
Pesach Seder (Passover Seder)
pesalim (graven images)
pesel (graven image)
statue, idol, image
pesel hasemel (graven image)
pesha (explanation, trespass, liability)
pesha (plain, literal)
pesher (interpretation, explanation)
pesel hasemel (idol of image)
pesilim (idols, images, molten images, stone quarries)
petach Beis HaMelech (entrance of the King's Palace)
Petach HaBeis (Entrance of Habeis)
petach sha‘ar hapenimit (entrance of the inner gate)
petach Sha‘ar HeChadamah (entrance of the New Gate)
petach tikvah (door of hope)
petach (doorway, entrance, opening)
petachim (doors)
petayim (simple-hearted, helpless)
peyshah (step)
peyshah etzet (land in rebellion)
peyshah rav (great transgression)
peyshah'elin (our rebellions, our transgressions, YERUSHAYIM 53:9)
peyshah'im (sins, transgressions, rebellions)
peyshah (transgression, rebellion, violation of the Law, unrighteousness)
pi Hashem (mouth of Hashem)
piash (ashes, soot)
pifiyyot (blades)
pigul (unclean sacrificial flesh)
pigulim (unclean meat, Lev.7:18)
pigrei Nnei Yisroel (dead bodies of the children of Israel)
pikkadon (deposit)
pikkudim (precepts, commands)
pikuach nefesh (saving an endangered life)
pilagshim (concubines, illicit lovers)
pilegsh (concubine)
pinnah (corner, cornerstone, i.e.
Moshiach, Yeshayah 28:16; Bereshis 49:10)
pinnat yikrat (precious cornerstone)
pinnot (corners)
pirdah (mule)
pise‘ach (lame)
pisechim (lame ones, lame persons, the lame)
pise‘iach (crippled, lame man, lame)
pishkeh (pushke)
pishtan (flax)
pissequ (lame)
Pitchei Olam (Everlasting Doors)
pitgam (sentence)
pitom (suddenly, by surprise, MALACHI 3:1)
pitron (meaning, interpretation), pitronim (interpretations)
plakte machers (gossipy intriguers)
pnei ballot (the face of the covering, the [death] shroud)
 pemiyus hatzzer (innermost court, see OJBC Ac 2:42)
 pemiyus (innermost)
op‘al adem (work of a man)
op‘al chamas (act of violence)

NOTES
sar (commander, ruler)
Sarah ("Princess")
sarah (had power over, princess, rebellion, apostasy, revolt, disobedience, struggled, persevered, sullen)
sarei gedudim (captains of raiding parties)
sarei misim (royal overseers of livestock)
sarei mikneh (of raiding parties)
sarah (had power over, "Princess")
sarah (commander, ruler)
se'arah (barley)
se'or (hair, the hair)
sdeh krav (battlefield)
schnorrer's (beggar's)
se'orah (barley)
sed (houses)
sed (iniquity, sin, sins)
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sha’ar ami (gate of my people)

Sha’ar Binyamin, a ba’al pekidut (captain of the guard)

Sha’ar HaMifkad (Gate of Inspection)

Sha’ar HaPinnah (Corner Gate)

Sha’ar Harishon (the First Gate)

Sha’ar HaSusim (Horse Gate)

Sha’ar Hatiferet (Beautiful Gate)

Sha’ar Hatzon (Sheepgate)

sha’ar (city gate, gate, court gateway, i.e. the Eastern Gate)

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sha’arah (gate)

sha’arei haneharot (the gates of the rivers)

sha’arim (gates of death)

sha’at ha’alam (great plunder)

sha’at ha’machbir (be fruitful, multiply)

sha’at ha’alef (first thing)

sha’at ha’adamah (three things)

sha’at nefesh (towns)

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shevuot (oaths)
shevurei-lev (broken in heart)
shevuot Ammi (captive of My people)
shevuyim ([Golus] captives)
shevuyot (captive)
sheynah (sleep)
shenit (a second time)
sheynot (sleeps)
she’elah (question)
she’elot (questions)
she’elah (sleep)
sheynah (sleep)
shevyot (captivity)
sheyvol (broken heart)
shevuot (oaths)
shloshet kikrot (Babylon)
shlach (one sent)
shlichei sheker (false emissaries)
Shlichus (Divine mission)
shlichus (mission)
shlitchit (third)
shlita (authority, control)
shlita of choshech (power of evil, sitra ahra)
shlitah (control, authority, empowerment)
shlita atsim (self-control)
shlomim (peacefulneses)
shlosh chadashim (three months)
shlosh hashineayim (three prongs, lit. teeth)
shlosh pe’amim (three times)
shlosha chadashim (six months)
shlosha yamim (seven days)
shlosha rashim (seven eunuchs)
shloshah alafim (seven thousand)
shloshah yamim (six months)
shloshah ro’im (seven shepherds)
shloshah shevyot (seven weeks)
shloshah shavanim (seven tribes)
shloshah yamim (seven days)
shloshah rashim (seven shepherds)
shloshah sarigim (three branches)
shloshah shav’im (three weeks)
shloshah yamim (three days)
shloshah (in comparison)
shloshah (three)
shloshet chadashim (three months)
shloshet gedayim (three young goats)
shloshet haro’im (three of the shepherds)
shloshet hasalim (three baskets)
shloshet kikrot (three loaves)

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shloshet yamim dever (three days of pestilence)
shloshim kesef (thirty pieces of silver)
shloshim shanah (thirty years old)
shloshim yom (thirty days)
shloshim (thirty, thirty sayings)
shmanim (ointments)
destruction)
shmad (destroyed, sayings)
shloshim yom (thirty days)
shloshim shanah (thirty years old)
shloshim kesef (thirty pieces of silver)
pestilence)
shloshet yamim dever (eight days)
shmi (My Name)
shmattes (rags, tatters)
(Thirteen leaders [tribal princes] of men)
shomei dvar Hashem (hearers of the word of Hashem)
(Heaven and Earth)
(hearing)
shonei dvar Hashem (Heaven)
shonim asar (twelve)
sha'ah (catastrophe, disaster, this is the Biblical Hebrew word found a few times in the Bible)
shonei anashim (two men)
sho'arim (gatekeepers)
sho'ar (gatekeeper)
note
sho'er HaIr (gatekeeper)
Kodesh)
shomroni (Samaria)
shomron (Samaritan)
NOTES
shomemot rashonim (former desolations)
shomer (beware, guard, keep watch over, watchful, watchman)
shomer emunim (keeping faith)
shomer haBegadim (keeper of the wardrobe)
shomer HaBrit V'HaChesed (who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness)
shomer hakelim (supply master)
shomer hanashim (custodian of the women)
shomer hasaf (gatekeeper)
shomer masoret (religious devotion)
shomer mishmeret (do guard duty, watch the watch, attend to, keep the charge, the reverence, keep the guard duty)
shomer mitzvot (on guard regarding commandments)
shomer rosh (head bodyguard)
Shomer Shabbos (keep Holy the Sabbath)
shomrei dvar Hashem (keepers guarding/doing the word of Hashem)
shomrei hasaf (guards of the threshold, the doorkkeepers)
shomrei mishmeret Bais HaMelech (guards on duty at the Royal Palace)
shomrei mishmeret haKodesh (standing guard over the Holy)
shomrei mishmeret Mishkan Hashem (who are guardians of the Mishkan Hashem)
shomrim (guards, spies, watchmen)
Shomron (Samaria)
Shomroni (Samaritan)
shor hachai (live ox)
shor lish (ox of a man)
shor (ox, bull, oxen)
shorashim (roots)
shorer (watchers, [i.e. slandering foes insidiously fixated on me])
shoresh (root)
Shoresh (Root, Shoresh Yishai, Moshiaic, Yeshayahu 11:10, Sanhedrin 33b)
Shoresh Dovid (Root of Dovid),
shoresh haetzim (the root of the trees)
shoresh nachas (snake's root)
shoban (lily)
shoshananim (lilies)
Shoshvin (the Chosson's best man)
shot (scourge, scourges, whip)
shotor (law officer, officer)
shoterim (officials)
shotim (whips)
shovav (backslding)
shovev (faithless)
shprach (diction),
shrai (a scream)
shtaig (working my way up, advancing, progressing)
shtark (steadfastly)
shtayim (twice, two things)
shtayim ra'ot (two evils)
shtei avon (double iniquity)
shtei charavot (two swords)
shtei torim o shnei beni yonah (a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons)
shteti (Jewish village)
shtel zich (apply yourself)
shtetlach (plural of shteti)
shtey karneyim (two horns)
shteym esreth (twelve)
shtiebel kehilah shul (small congregation)
shiklech (misconduct)
shtoch (mocking and ironic jab)
shtreimel (expensive hat)
shu'alim ketanim (little foxes)
shud (mifortune)
shul (synagogue congregation)
shulachti (I was sent)

Shulchan HaMa'arechet (Table of the Stacks of Showbred)
Shuehan (Lily, Susa)
shuttafim (partners)
shuv (go back again, return thou, turn from idols, return, turn, turn back)
shuv nah (return now)
shuva elai ki gealticha (return/turn back to Me, for I have redeemed thee)
shuva (come back, return, turn ye, go back)
shvakh (commendation)
shvatz (black)
shvatem (tribes)
shv'a (week)
si'ach (complaint)
zi'akh (complaint, musing, meditation)
sibbah (turn of events)
sichah (complaint, devotion)
sichlut (folly, stupidity, foolishness)
sidiram (order)
siftei sheker (lying lips)
sig (dross, smelting waste product)
siggin (drosses)
sikhliyum (rationality)
sikhlut (rationality)
siman (sign, indication)
simcha (joy)
simcha gedolah (much joy)
simchat libbo (gladdness of his heart)
simchat olam (eternal joy)
simchei-lev (merryhearted joy)
simlah (clothing, garments, upper garment)
simat isha (garment of a woman)
sin'ah (hatred)
sinah (hatred)
sinas chinom (baseless hatred)
Sinim (Sinites).
sippot (bowls)
sir (cooking pot, pot)
sir nafuch (a boiling cauldron)
sirah (boat)
sirim (thorns)
sirot (boats, cooking pots, pots)
sirpad (nettle, prickly herb)
sitnah "hostility", accusation

sivlot (burdens, suffering)
sikky (drink)
shachat (slaughter, [the shoichet is the kosher ritual slaughterer])
slay (quails)
smilit (left)
socharim (merchants)
traffickers, i.e. religious practitioners
sochen (steward, estate manager or agent)
sochen hananeem and navon (faithful and wise steward)
sod Eloah (counsel of G-d)
sod haemunah (the mystery of the faith)
sod hamukarat (mystery of lawlessness)
sod Hashem (mystery of G-d)
sod kedoshim (council of the holy ones)
sod (company, council, confidants, confidence, destruction, intimate conversation, counsel, fellowship, mystery, secret counsel, secret conspiracy)
sodot (mysteries)
sof (end, conclusion)
sopher mahir (ready scribe, skillful writer)
sopher (scribe)
sopherim (scribes)
sofrim (rabbbonim, scribes)
sopher (jailer)
somech (confident, putting their trust and being dependent)
sowvel (bearing with)
sokharim (merchants)
sokher (merchant)
solelah (sleape ramp)
sollem eidus, edut (testimony)
solef (fine flour)
soneh (hater, enemy)
soreg (barrier of the holy precinct in the Beis HaMikdash between Jews and non-Jews)
sorenet (rebellious, defiant)
sorosir (obstinately rebellious children, rebellious ones)
sorrut (rebelliousness/insubordination)
soterim (policemen)
soveh (drunkard)
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techinnah (petition, supplication, plea for mercy)
techinnatenu (our supplication)
techinnot (supplications)
techiyah harishonah (first resurrection)
techiyah (resurrection)
techiyas hamesim (resurrection of the dead ones)
techorim (tumors)
techunanah (abode, arrangement)
techumin (fig tree)
tee (mire, clay, soil)
tefaret (honor)
tefillah (prayer)
tefillin (phylacteries)
teffilos (prayers)
tehillah (praise, hymn of praise)
Tehillah (Praise)
Tehillim (Psalms)
tehiliot (the praises of)
tehom el tehom ([oceanic] deep unto deep)
tehom gedolah (a great abyss, chasm)
tehom rabbah (a great abyss, deep)
tehom el tehom (of)
teku'ah gedolah (first resurrection)
teku'ah hagedolah (great victory)
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teku'ah (salvation of the righteous ones)
tikkun (restoration, repair)
tikvah (hope)
tikvat chanef (hope of the chanef, the secretively wicked profane person)
tikvat tovah (better hope)
tikkun tumat haniddah

Notes
tushiyah (efficient wisdom, success, true wisdom, sound judgment, wise Torah counsel)
Tuv Hashem (Bounty/Goodness of Hashem)
tzavel matzevah (stone pillars)
Tz’va HaShomayim (Army of Heaven)
tz’va (holy militia of Hashem, host)
tza’ar (pain and suffering)
tza’atju’im (sculpture work)
tzad (side)
tzaddak (right)
Tzaddik (Moshiach) [The Righteous One]
Tzaddik Hashem (Hashem is righteous)
tzaddik (i.e. declare him to be in the right, innocent, righteous)
tzaddikim (righteous, root of the righteous ones)
tza’ir (youngest)
tzafit (dining carpet)
tzafon (north)
tzahorayim (moon)
tza’elot (sides, ribs)
tzalavet (shadow of death)
tzalmei measekh (cast metal idols)
tzalmei techorim (likenesses of tumors)
tzalmei massekhot (likenesses of tumors)
tzalmei tze◑icim (metal idols)
tzalmovet (shadow of death)
tzama (thirst)
tzamah (thirst)
tzamal (thirsty)
tzamah (hair, tresses)
tzanif melukhah (royal turban, royal diadem)
tzanif tahor (clean turban, mitznefet, SHEMOT 28:4)
tzanif (turban)
tzar (cramped, crowded, distress, enemy, tribulation)
Tzarah Gedolah (Great Tribulation)
Tzarah l’Ya’akov (Jacob’s Trouble)
tzarah (adversity, anguish, distress, trouble)
tzara’at (leprosy)
tzaru’ah (leper)
tzazrateinu (our afflicting)
tzazeinu (our enemies, oppressors)
tzot (troubles)
tzarut ayn (envyings)
tzav (human statute, Yeshayah 28:10,13)
tzava b’Yisroel (army in Yisroel)
tzava gadol (great conflict, affliction)
tzava’os (armies)
tzava (army, battle, commander the army, company, forced hard service in the army, military service, warfare)
tzavah (army men)
tzavar (neck, their)
tzavarat (necks)
tzav’v’a (covenant, will)
tzavvar (neck)
tzayadim (hunters)
tze’akah (great wail)
tze’akah (cry of distress)
tzefok (veil)
tzedakah (righteousness)
tzedakah (laughter)
tzarah (contribution to charity)
tzedakah (right, righteousness, vindication)
tzedek l’ma’an Shmo (righteousness for the sake of His Name)
Tzedek Olamim (Everlasting Righteousness)
tzdek tzedek (that which is altogether just)
tzdek (righteous plea of a just cause, righteousness vindication, self-achieved righteousness, by definition a self-righteousness)
Tzdukim (Sadducees, the Tzdukim are the ones speaking against the Techiyas HaMesim, who say it is not to be) tze’etz (flower)
TZEFSANYAH (ZEFSANYAH)
Tze’irah (the web)
Tze’funehcha (Thy sheltered/protected ones)
tzeidah (supply of food, provision)
tzel (shadow, shade)
tzel Shaddai (shadow of the Almighty)
tzelah (side chamber, cell)
tzelot (chambers, side-rooms, side chambers, cells)
tzelalim (images)
tzel (image, idol, statue, shadowy form)
tzelokhith chadasha (new bowl)
Tzemach Tzedakah (Righteous Branch, i.e. Moshiach, see Zech 3:8)
tzemach (shoot, sprout, branch, sprouted)
tze’im (thirsty)
tzemad (pair, yoke)
tzemem (wool)
tzemidim (bracelets)
tzemifot (turbans)
Tzeva HaMarom (Host on High, Pagan deities)
tzeva’ah (host, legions, time of hard service, warfare)
tzevi’ut (hypocrisy)
tzfarde’a (frogs)
tziburim (heaps, piles)
tzidkat emunah (righteousness which is from faith)
Tzidkat HaKamah (the Righteousness of Faith)
Tzidkat Hashem [Righteousness of G-d]
tzidkat hatzaddik (righteousness of a righteous man)
tzidkat tamim (righteousness of the blameless)
Tzidki meEl (I am cleared/in the right/justified before G-d)
tzidkot (righteousnesses)
tzidkoteinu (our righteousness, vindication)
tzifoni (viper, poisonous snake)
tzifonim (vipers)
tzai (purpose)
tzimmukim (raisins)
tzinah (buckler, i.e. a small shield, large shield)
tzinnim (thorns)
tzipor (bird)
tzipporen shamir (point of a diamond)
tzipporim (birds)
tziir ne’eman (faithful envoy)
tziir (form)
tziarah (hornet)
tzirim (pangs)
tzitz hasadeh (a flower of the field)
tzitz (flower, blossom, head-plate)
Tzitz (Head-plate)
tzitziyot (fringes Num 15:39-40; Deut 22:12)
NOTES
tziv'ot zarin (armies of the aliens)
tzivot hapharashim (troops of cavalry men)
Tsivos HaShomayim (Armies or Hosts of Heaven)
tzivos (armies)
tzivotelnu (our armies)
Tzeyon (Zion)
tziyun (marker)
Tzivyah (dry land)
tziyyinim (roadmarks, road signs)
tzo'arim (little ones, see Zecharyah 11:7)
tzodek (righteous)
tzof (watchmen, sentinels, nevi'im)
tzofeh (sentinel, watchman)
tzofim (watchmen, lookouts, sentries)
tzohar (noonday)
tzohorayim (noon, noontday)
tzom (fast,fasting)
tzomechot (sprung up)
tzomeiach (sprouting up)
tzomot (fastings, fasts)
tzon habaregah (the flock marked for slaughter)
tzon hamekusharot (the stronger flock)
tzon kadosh (a flock for holy sacrifices)
tzon ovedot (lost sheep)
tzon (flock, sheep)
Tzor (Tyre)
tzorot (goldsmith, silversmith)
ttzorer (vexer, harasser)
ttzori (medicinal balsam or balm)
ttzorich iyun (unresolved puzzlement)
ttzoros (troubles, afflictions)
katztotzerot (trumpets)
Tzovah (Zobah)
Tzreda (Zeredah)
tzufloigen (dazed)
tzufrieden (content)
tzufriedenkait (contentment)
tzur (rock)
Tzur Ha'amon (a Rock of Habitation)
tzurah (form, fashion)
tzurim (rocks)
tzurot (forms)
tzuschtel (comparison)
tzva'ot (hosts, legions)
tzva (host)
us slach lanu es chovoteinu (And forgive us our debts, sins)
ugav (flute)
ugezet (easily seen, evident)
u (portico)
UlamoMummudin (Hall of Pillars)
umaahachta (and thou shalt anoint)
umeeshchto (thou shalt anoint him)
Ummim (Peoples)
unkosher (unfit)
u (Flame)
Urim (East)
Uven Ein Lo (and there is no son to him)
v'ad olam (and to forever, forevermore)
v'ahavts l're'a'cha kamocha (but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself)
v'alfei alafim (thousands of thousands)
v'chameini (and be merciful and gracious unto me)
v'ein machlim (without anyone putting thee to shame)
v'ein rodef (when none pursueth, persecutes)
v'einenu (and be no more)
v'hannahala'ah (and that which is far removed)
v'hitpalaitem (and you [plural] will pray)
v'hitwaddah (and confess)
v'hitwaddah (he shall confess)
v'hitwadu (If they shall confess)
v'hitzmicha (and sprout, spring up)
v'hoda'tah (thou shalt show, make to know, arraign)
v'hoter (and more than enough)
v'kiddushu milchamah (they sanctify war)
v'lo natan hashem lakhem lev lada'at v'einayim lirot v'ozna'mi lishmoa ad hayom hazei (yet hashem hath not given you a lev for da'as, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, to this day.)
V'ten lo todah (Give glory to G-d)
V'tzamechu (and they shall spring up)
v'ya'aminu (and they put their faith SHEMOT 14:31)
V'yechezkeiinu (and he strengthened me)

v'yikhrat (and cut off, see Daniel 9:26 Moshiach yikrate)
v'yismach (and anointed)
v'yismeschuchu (and they anointed)
vada (with certainty)
vait (astray)
vaiter (farther)
vanad (and a wanderer, nomad)
vappilu gozel (they cast lots)
vatirzeinu (and thou wast pleased to accept me, thou wast appeased)
vaya'keven (now he deceived/outwitted me)
vayevarech otam Moshe (and Moshe blessed them)
VAYIKRA (LEVITICUS)
vayimeshechu (they anointed)
vayyekhan (and he strangled/hanged himself)
Ve'emetz (be strong and take courage!)
ves poshein nimmah (and with lawless persons he was numbered YESHAYAH 53:12)
veza'ef (sullen)
v'bahl (since)
v'duduy (confession of sin)
Y'hoyahim (Jehoiakim)
y'imei olam (days of old)
y'imei HaSeferah (Days of the counting (of the omer))
Y'varekhkha Adonai v'yishmererka (Hashem bless thee, and keep thee)
y'akov (utterly suppliant, deceive)
yaar (forest)
Ya'er Adonai panav eleikha vichumekha (Hashem make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee)
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"Ya'er Adonai panav eleikha vichumekha (Hashem make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee)
yad binecha (hand/power of thy son)
yad chasakah (mighty hand)
yad haovedim (hand/power of enslavers)
yad haoyvim (hand of enemies)
Yad Hashem (Hand/Power of Hashem)
yad memshalah (the hand governing authority)
yad oseh hamelachah (hand of the master workmen)
yad ozhek (hand of the oppressor)
yad oyevim (hand of thy son)
yad oshek (hand of the master workmen)
yad oshek hamelachah (hand of the governing authority)
yad oseh hamelachah (hand of the governing authority)
yad oyeveinu (hand of the oppressor)
yad tzar (hand of the enemy)
yad yeminam (right hand)
Yad Yemini (My right hand)
yad (hand, i.e. memorial, monument, influence, power, care, rule)
Yad (Hand, Power)
yadayim temeiot (ritually unclean hands)
yadayim (hands)
yadecha (thy hand)
yadeinu (our hands)
yadid (beloved, shall judge)
yidot (tenons, projections)
yafeh (beauty, fair, handsome)
yafeh mareh (good looking)
yagon (sorrow, grief)
Yahadut (Judaism)
yakar (precious, dear, rare)
yaldah (small girl)
yaldai nochrim (children of foreigners)
yaldut (youth)
yam (sea)
yam hazayim (great sea)
Yam HaGadol (the Great Sea, i.e. Mediterranean Sea)
Yam HaMelach (Salt Sea, Dead Sea)
Yam Mitzrayim (Red Sea)
Yam Mutzak (Molten "Sea")
yamei olam (days of old)
yameinu (our days)
yamim (days)
yamim asarim (ten days)
yamim hahem (those days)
yamim mikedem (days of old, earlier days)
yamim rabbim (many days, long life)
yamim rabbim (long life)
yamin (on the right hand, right hand)
yaminim (seas)
yanshuf (great owl)
yarak (vegetables)
Yarden (Jordan)
yare'a'ach (moon)
yarech (thigh)
yarketei Tzafon (on the heights of Tzafon)
yarok esev (green plant)
Yarov'am mashtin b'kir (him that urinates against the wall, i.e. every male)
yashram (old)
Yashar mishpat (righteous judgment)
yashar (most upright, right, straight)
Yashar (Upright One, Straight One, upright, straight)
yashar (uprightness, integrity)
yashir (straight)
yashrah (Justice)
Yashrus (Justice)
yashuv (return, be revoked)
yated (peg)
Yated (Tent Peg, support, i.e. leader of the people, Yehoshah 22:23-24)
yatom (fatherless, orphan)
yatomim (fatherless, orphans)
Yavan (Greece)
yayin chadash (new wine)
yayin malkhut (royal wine)
yayin (wine)
yayeh Goyim rabbim (he [Moshiach] will sprinkle many nations)
YAZZEH (SPRINKLE)
ye'arot (forests)
ye'ush (despair, atzvut)
YEHEZKIEL (EZEKIEL)
Yechi HaMelech (Long live the King!)
yechid (only one, only [nefesh])
yechidah (only one, only, alone)
yechidim (alone ones)
yedidim (friends, chaverim)
Yedidot (Beloved ones)
yedidot (lovely)
yedidut nefshi (the beloved of My soul)
yehi baruch (be blessed)
Yehoachaz (Achazyahu, Ahaziah)
yehoshi'a (saveth)
Yeshiva yode'a sefer (scholar), Yeshu'at Eloheinu (the Salvation of our G-d)

Yeshu'at Eloheinu (salvation of Israel)

yom huledet (day of birth)

yom afo (day of His Wrath)

yom anan va'arafel (day of clouds and thick darkness)

yom Bo'o (day of His Coming)

yom charon af (day of His fierce anger)

yom chattot (day when he commits sin)

yom echad (day one, the first day)

yom hakhalah (day of the assembly)

yom hakevurah (day of burial)

yom hashemini (the eighth day)

yom hasheni (second day)

yom HaShevi'i (He rested ("shavat," ceased working)

yom huleted (birthday, day of birth)

NOTES
yom karata (the day that Thou hast proclaimed)
yom katzir (day of harvest)
yom ketannot (day of small things)
yom kraw (day of battle)
yom makhar (tomorrow)
yom mehumah (day of panic)
yom milchhemet (day of battle)
yom moto (day of his death)
yom nakam (day of vengeance)
yom nakam l'elohenu (our G-d's Day of Vengeance)
yom nakam l'Hashem (day of vengeance unto Hashem)
yom neshek (day of arms)
yom of anan and zafet (a day of clouds and thick darkness)
yom of choeshch and afelah (a day of darkness and gloom)
yom of setzukah (a day of trouble and distress, pressure)
yom pekuddah (day of visitation/reckoning)
yom za'ah (day of evil, day of disaster, day of doom)
yom ratzon (a day of acceptance, an acceptable day)
yom revi'i (day four, the fourth day)
yom rishon (the first day of the week, Shabbos being the seventh day of the week, with yom rishon beginning Motzoei Shabbos by Biblical reckoning, each day being an evening and a morning)
yom sheni (day two, the second day)
yom shishi (say six, the sixth day)
yom shlishi (day three, the third day)
yom shuv (day of turning/repentance)
yom simchat libo (day of the gladness of His heart)
yom sufah (day of the storm)
yom tekumat hatzadikkim (day of the resurrection of the righteous)
yom tokehichah (day of rebuke)
yom tzar (day of distress)
yom tsarah (day of trouble)
yom tzerah (day of trouble)
yom Yizre'el ("G-d sow")
yom yom (daily)
yom za'am (day of indignation)
yom (day)
yomam v'alilah (day and night)
Yomam valailah (day or night)
yomam (by day)
yomayim (two days)
yonah (dove)
yonek (infant, sucking infant)
yonim (doves)
yontev, yontef (yom tov, festival)
yoreh (early rain first autumn rain, former rain, autumn rain)
Yoresh HaOlam (Heir of the World)
yoresh (heir, inheritor)
yoreshim (heirs)
yosef (may He add)
yoshen (oldness)
yoshes levav (uprightness of heart)
yosher (rectitude, uprightness)
yosher levav (uprightness)
Yeshayahu (Josiah)
Yoshevet b'Sha'ar HaMelech (sitting in the King's Gate)
yoshevet (sitting)
yoshi'a (Will save)
yoshi'einu (will save us)
Yoshiyahu (Josiah)
Yoshvei Beretz Tsamavet (sitting in the land of the shadow of death)
Yoshvei ha'aretz (the inhabitants of the land)
Yoshvei Yizre'el (inhabitants of Yechezkel)
yotzei tzava (able to go to war)
Yotzer HaKol (Maker of all, Creator of All)
Yotzer (Maker)
Yotzer (potter)
Yotzerim (potters, pottery makers)
Yotzerinu (our potter/Maker/Creator)
Youval (Jubilee)
Yunge leit (young people)
Yedi'ah mukdemet (foreknowledge)
z'am (anger, indignation, rage, wrath, indignation [of G-d])
zahal (honor)
zach (thing)
zachar tamim (male without blemish)
zannah (fornicator)
Zannayim (fornicators)
zar ma'aseh (strange work, foreign work)
zar (foreign [g-d], stranger, strange thing, foreigner, outsider, unauthorized party)
zarah (strange woman)
zarim (strangers, foreigners, foreign g-ds)
zarot (strange women)
zavah (unauthorized foreigners, foreign work)
zekah gedolah umarah (loud and a bitter wailing)
Zechariah (Zechariah)
Zechus (earning) [trans note: with merit (zechus) viewed as "pay" earned for "work" rendered--see Ro 4:4]
zechut avot (merit of the fathers)
zedim (proud, arrogant ones)
zefet (pitch, tar)
NOTES
zeh pa’amayim (this second time)
Zeh yenachamenu (this shall comfort us)
zeh (this one, what [is] this?)
zeitim (olive trees, olive groves)
zeiyar (extremely great)
zekenim (elders, ancient men, old ones)
Zekenim (Elders)
zekharim (males)
zekher (memory, recollection, remembrance)
zekenim katan (child of his old age, a little one)
zelba (same)
zeman (time)
zemanniym (temporary)
zemer (song, singing of birds)
zemir (battle song)
zemirot balailah (songs in the night)
zemirot (songs, joyful songs, table songs)
zemorat zar (foreign vines)
zenunei immecha Izevel (harlotries of your mother Jezebel)
zenunim (fornication, whoredom, whoredoms)
zikaron b’Yerushalayim (history to commemorate in Jerusalem)
zikaron (memorial, remembering, reminder remembrance, recollection,)
zikkuy (acquittal)
ziknah (old age)
ziknei Ammo (elders of His people)
ziknei haam (elders of the people, the elders of the people)
ziknei haedah (elders of the congregation)
ziknei ir (town elders)
zikot (flashing firebrands)
zikron ([pornographic and idolatrous] memorial)
zililut da’as (sober mindedness)
zimah (lewdness)
zimmah (evil design, evil intent, lewdness, licentiousness, wicked plans, wickedness)
zimmot (wicked schemes)
zimrah (song, song of praise)
zitzaflieisch (patience)
zivchei ruach (sacrifices of the spirit)
zivchei mesim (sacrifices offered to the dead)
zivchei shelamim (sacrifices of peace offerings)
zivchei todah (sacrifices of thanksgiving)
zivchei tzedek (true sacrifices, sacrifices of righteousness)
zman (time)
zmanim (seasons)
zo’afim (troubled ones, sad ones)
zo’achim tovim (good memories)
zohar (brightness, brilliance)
zolel (glutton)
zolelim (glutons)
Zenah HaGedolah (the Great Prostitute)
zenah (harlot, prostitute)
zoneh (a whoring, fornicator)
zonim (fornicators, sexually immoral)
zonot (harlots, prostitutes)
zo’re’a (sower of seed)
zot hayetelah li (this blessing in mine)
zovechim (the ones sacrificing)
zrizus (reliability)
zulah (besides)
Zun foon Der Oybershter (Son of Reboyne shel Oylem)

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NOTES ON THE TORAH OF THE ORTHODOX JEWISH BIBLE

Gn 1
THE BIKKURIM OF THE BRIA HAOLAM (CREATION OF THE WORLD);

Gn 2
FORMATION OF ADAM; NOTE THE WORD YITZMACH IN VERSE 5, BECAUSE MOSHIACH IS CALLED TZEMACH (A RELATED WORD FROM THE SAME ROOT) IN ZECHARIAH 6:12 WHERE OF MOSHIACH'S NAMESAKE, YEHOSHUA, IT SAYS, "TZEMACH SHEMO" ("MOSHIACH IS HIS NAME, [YEHOSHUA'S NAME]"). WE SEE IN THIS CHAPTER THAT MALE AND FEMALE IS A COMPLEX UNITY OF TWO YET ECHAD, JUST AS HASHEM IS ALSO ECHAD YET ELOHIM EMES SHEL KEDUSHA MESHULLESHET; THIS CHAPTER IS ABOUT LEAVING AND CLEAVING JUST AS WE LEAVE THE LOYALTY TO THE OLAM HAZEH AND CLEAVE TO MOSHIACH FOR THE OLAM HABAH

Gn 3
THE FALL; THE SERPENT WAS NO ORDINARY SERPENT AND THE ZERA HAISHA WAS NO ORDINARY MAN; IN BOTH THE PALESTINIAN TARGUMS (TARGUM PSEUDO-JONATHAN, TARGUM NEOFITI, AND FRAGMENT-TARGUM) AND IN RABBINIC LITERATURE (BABYLONIAN TALMUD SOT.49B) THERE IS A MESSIANIC INTERPRETATION GIVEN TO THIS TEXT; ALSO MOSHIACH IS THE ETZ HACHAYYIM BECAUSE IF A MAN EAT THEREOF, HE WILL LIVE FOREVER (SEE YN 6:50-51)

Gn 4
DEATH OF HEVEL (ABEL); ALTHOUGH KAYIN (CAIN) SAID TO HASHEM THAT HIS AVON (PUNISHMENT FOR GUILT) IS GREATER THAN HE CAN BEAR, YESHAYAH 53:6 SAYS THAT HASHEM MADE TO MEET ON MOSHIACH THE AVON (PUNISHMENT FOR GUILT) IS GREATER THAN IT IS ON US ALL; IN VERSE 14 AND IN GENESIS 3:7 WE SEE THE DEEP PRIMAL GUILT AND SHAME AND SENSE OF HIDING, EVEN RUNNING FROM G-D THAT MAN EXPERIENCES FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION AS PART OF HIS ONTOLOGY, THAT HE CANNOT FIND PEACE UNTIL HE HAS RECONCILIATION WITH HASHEM THROUGH MOSHIACH

Gn 5
THE SNATCHING AWAY TO SHOMAYIM OF CHANOCH (ENOCH); SEE ALSO II KINGS CHAPTER 2 ON ELIYAHU'S TRANSLATION TO SHOMAYIM; THE GENEALOGY OF NOACH WILL PASS THROUGH SHET; NOACH FATHERS SHEM THE FATHER OF ARPACHSHAD (GEN.11:10) THROUGH WHOM PASSES THE LINE OF DESCENT TO MOSHIACH (SEE LK 3:36 OJBC)

Gn 6
THE MABBUL (FLOOD) AND TEVAH (ARK); NOACH A TYPE OF MOSHIACH SINCE ONLY THOSE "IN MOSHIACH" AND IN THE "CHEN" OF THE BRIT CHADASHA TEVAH CAN BE KEPT ALIVE AND NOT PERISH IN THE MABBUL OF HASHEM'S WRATH UPON KOL HABASAR (SEE YIRMEYAH 31:31-34)

Gn 7
NOACH A TYPE OF MOSHIACH SINCE ONLY MOSHIACH AND THOSE HASHEM "SHUTS IN" IN MOSHIACH "REMAIN ALIVE" AFTER THE DELUGE OF THE WRATH OF HASHEM COMES LIKE A FLOOD UPON HA'ARETZ

Gn 8
WATERS SUBSIDED; LIKE THE RUACH HAKODESH, THE YONAH SIGNIFIED CHAYYIM FOR NOACH

Gn 9
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT GIVEN; NOACH A TYPE OF MOSHIACH SINCE HASHEM ESTABLISHES A BRIT WITH BOTH AND WITH THEIR ZERA (SEE YESHAYAH 53:10 ON MOSHIACH'S ZERA, WHICH IS HIS SPIRITUAL SEED BORN ANEW TO HIM (Ga 3:26-29) AFTER THE DEATH OF MOSHIACH; LOOK AT VERSE 11 BELOW WHICH SAYS THAT ALL FLESH WILL NEVER AGAIN BE "YIKARET" (PUT OFF, VIOLENTLY KILLED) BY A FLOOD; HOWEVER IN DANIEL 9:26 DANIEL SAYS OF MOSHIACH "YIKARET MOSHIACH" (MESSIAH WILL BE CUT OFF, VIOLENTLY KILLED); YEPHET WILL ENJOY THE HOSPITALITY OF SHEM, INCLUDING THE WORSHIP OF HIS G-D, MOSHIACH (DEATH) OF NOACH

Gn 10
NOACH'S GENERATIONS; THE EXACT BOUNDARIES OF ERETZ KENA'AN ARE LAID OUT IN VERSE 19 TO SET THE PERIMETERS FOR GEN.12:6-7 AND AMOS 9:15; LOOK AT VERSE 21 AND SEE THE GENEALOGY OF AVRAHAM BEGINNING (GEN.11:10-26)

Gn 11
BABEL BUILT; CHARAN (HARAN, SEE AC 7:4 OJBC) IS HERE GIVEN AS THE ANCESTRAL HOME OF AVRAM [IN MODERN TURKEY] AFTER HIS DEPARTURE FROM UR KASDIM

Gn 12
CALL OF AVRAM; ANTI-SEMITES WILL BE CURSED: THEIR OPPOSITE WILL BE BLESSED; THE FIRST MITZBE'ACH IS SHECHEM AND IS BUILT AFTER THE PROMISE OF HA'ARETZ TO THE ZERA AVRAM; PUBLIC WORSHIP AND PREACHING NEAR BEIT-EL ANTICIPATES THE FUTURE; AVRAM GOES DOWN TO EGYPT DURING A FAMINE AS YISROEL WILL DO LIKewise LATER; PLAGUES ON PHARAOH AND HIS HAREM FOR ABRAM'S SAKE ANTICIPATES PLAGUES OF EXODUS AND PLAGUES ON MOSHIACH (SEE YESHAYAH 51:8 "MIPESHA AMMI NEGA LAMO" "FOR THE TRANGRESSION OF MY..."
NOTES

PEOPLE THE PLAGUE STROKE FELL ON HIM (MOSHIACH); WHO AS THE BEN AVRAHAM IS THE CONDUIT OF BERAKHAY TO KOL MISHPOCHOT HAADAMAH

GN 13

AVRAM AND LOT; PROMISE OF HASHEM IS REAFFIRMED BUT ONLY AFTER THE LACK OF EMUNAH CRISIS IN EGYPT IS PAST AND THE SEPARATION FROM WORLDLY QUARRELS AND PURSUITS IS OVER

GN 14

BATTLE OF THE MELACHIM WITH FOUR KINGS OF MESOPOTAMIA AGAINST FIVE KINGS OF THE VALLEY OF SIDDOM IN THE DEAD SEA AREA, INCLUDING THE KING OF SODOM AND THE KING OF GOMORRAH; AVRAM RESCUES LOT FROM THE KINGS OF MESOPOTAMIA AND REFUSES SPOILS OR ALLIANCE WITH SODOM; MALKI-TZEDEK KING OF JERUSALEM (PSALM 76:2) KOHEN EL ELYON IS A TYPE OF MOSHIACH KOHEN L'OLAM AL DIVRATI MALKI-TZEDEK (PSALM 110:4) AND HERE WE SEE AN ANTICIPATION OF MOSHIACH'S TISH AND MOSHIACH'S KEHUNAH FOR EFFECTING THE SAVING KAPPORAH HE WILL MAKE FOR YESKIEL AND THE WHOLE WORLD; FIRST MENTION OF MA'ASER

GN 15

AVRAM'S SAVING EMUNAH THROUGH WHICH HASHEM DECLARES HIM TO HAVE RIGHT STANDING THROUGH IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS; THE MATTER OF THE YORESH OF HA ARETZ HAZOT; HASHEM CUTS A BRIT WITH AVRAM

GN 16

DEPARTURE OF HAGAR; HASHEM'S PROMISE OF THE ARAB PEOPLES (SEE GENESIS 17:19-22); HASHEM THE G-D WHO SEES US AND ALL THAT WE DO

GN 17

BRIS MILAH AND LEHAFER BRIT (BREAKING THE COVENANT) OF BRIS MILAH

GN 18

HASHEM'S KEDUSHAH HAMESHULLESHET; DOES S'DOM HAVE A MINYAN OF TZADDIKIM?

GN 19

DESTRUCTION OF SODOM

GN 20

AVRAHAM HANAVI; AVRAHAM DENIES SARAH; AVIMELECH MELECH GERAR RESTRAINED FROM SINNING A CHATA'AH GEDOLAH; THE GIFT OF HEALING EXERCISED BY A NAVI

GN 21


GN 22

MOT (DEATH) OF SARAH; AVRAHAM DECLARES HIM TO HAVE RIGHT STANDING THROUGH IMPUTED RIGHTEOUSNESS; THE MATTER OF THE YORESH OF HA ARETZ HAZOT; HASHEM CUTS A BRIT WITH AVRAM

GN 23

MOT (DEATH) OF SARAH; IN HERBON, DEEDED PROPERTY IS LEGALLY TRANSFERRED IN THE ADMAT KODESH TO THE NASI ELOHIM (PRINCE OF G-D), AVRAHAM, AND THIS POINTS TOWARD THE NASI BEN DOVID (1 KINGS 11:34) AND THE PROPHESIED KEVER MOSHIACH WILL INHERIT (ISAIAH 53:9) WHEN HE IS HANGED ON A TREE BETWEEN TWO THIEVES

GN 24

YITZCHAK AND HIS BASHERTE RIVKAH; THE WORD ALMAH (SEE ISAIAH 7:4 AND VERSE 43 BELOW) AND THE WORD BETULAH (SEE VERSE 16) ARE USED SYNONYMISES IN THIS CHAPTER

GN 25

MOT (DEATH) OF AVRAHAM; THE FATHER OF THE EDOMITES, ESAV, PROFANELY DESPISED HIS BECHORAH AND THE BIRKAT BRIT AVRAHAM

GN 26

MOSHIACH ZERA YITZCHAK WILL BRING THROUGH MOSHIACH'S GREAT COMMISSION (MT 28:19-20) THE BIRKAT YITZCHAK TO KOL GOYEI HA'ARETZ

GN 27

YA'AKOV AND ESAV

GN 28

YA'AKOV'S CHALOM AND NEDER OF THE MA'ASER; MOSHIACH SAYS THAT HE IS THE SULLAM UP TO SHOMAYIM (YOCHANAN 1:51; 14:6)

GN 29

YA'AKOV AND RACHEL; THE DECEIVER YA'AKOV DECEIVED; LEAH THE EM OF REUVEN, SIMEON, LEVI, AND YEHUDAH (FROM YEHUDAH COMES MOSHIACH)

GN 30

BIRTH OF YOSEF THE SAVIOR INCognito WHO IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE (SEE ISA 53:1), WHO REJECT HIM AND GIVE HIM NO HONOR EVEN WHILE HE IS SAVING THE WHOLE WORLD AND BEING ELEVATED TO THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER AND MAJESTY WHERE HE ALSO EVENTUALLY SAVES HIS OWN PEOPLE AS WELL

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GN 31
SHU'EL ERETZ AVOTEICHA!
HASHEM COMMANDS YA'AKOV TO LEAVE THE LAND OF LAVAN THE ARAMEAN

GN 32
YA'AKOV WRESTLES WITH AN "ISH" WHO TURNS OUT TO BE A MANIFESTATION OF "ELOHIM"; VERSES 20 (21) USES THE WORD FOR APPEASING WRATH; NOTICE ALSO DANIEL 9:24-26 WHICH SPEAKS OF MOSHIACH BEING CUT OFF AS WELL AS THE APPEASEMENT SATISFACTION OF HASHEM IN ISAIAH 53:10-11; SO THE MINCHAH (SACRIFICIAL GIFT) OF MOSHIACH'S KAPPORAH GOES BEFORE THE FLOCK OF MOSHIACH TO APPEASE THE WRATH OF HASHEM

GN 33
YA'AKOV AND ESAV MEET

GN 34
SHOULD SHECHEM DEAL WITH AN ACHOTRINU LIKE A ZONAH? HERE WE SEE THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOING "OUT TO SEE THE BANOT HA'ARETZ"

GN 35
THOSE DESCENDED FROM YISROEL TO BE GIVEN ERetz YISROEL (SACRICAL GIFT) BEFÖRE THE FLOCK OF MOSHIACH TO APPEASE THE WRATH OF HASHEM

GN 36
GENERATIONS OF ESAV

GN 37
VAYESHEV

GN 38
YEHUDAH AND THE BIRTH OF PERETZ, WHO ARE BOTH AVOT OF MOSHIACH; BAT SHUA GIVES BIRTH TO ER AND ONAN, BUT MOSHIACH (SHMO TEMACH YEHOBSHUA/YESHUA, ZECHARIYAH 3:8; 6:11-12; EZRA 3:8) DESCENDS NOT FROM THE UNNAMED BAT KENA'ANI SHUA BUT FROM TAMAR THROUGH PERETZ; THIS IS THE STORY OF MOSHIACH BEN YEHUDAH

GN 39
YOSEF THE MOSHI'A FALSELY ACCUSED

NOTES

(SEE YN 19:23 "KETOMET" OJBC); HERE WE GET A FOREGLIMPSE OF THE MESSIANIC SINAS CHINOM (BASELESS HATRED) AND KINA (JEALOUSY, ENVY) ALL TRUE BELIEVERS MUST BEAR WHICH IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MESSIANIC UNIVERSAL DOMINION AND PROPHECY OF MOSHIACH BEN DOVID, MOSHIACH BEN YOSEF, AND WHICH YOSEF HIMSELF WAS EXPOSED TO WHEN YA'AKOV MADE HIM A SHLIACH TO YISROEL (SEE VERSE 13 BELOW IN THE ACTUAL HEBREW); NOTICE THAT THE MESSIANIC FIGURE IS KNOWN ONLY FROM A DISTANCE THE BNEI YISROEL CONSPIRE TO KILL HIM, BUT G-D WILL WORK IT FOR GOOD FOR THEIR ULTIMATE SALVATION AFTER MANY ARE SAVED THROUGH HIS SUFFERINGS; THE EMPTY BOR (FIT, SEE VERSE 24 AND VERSE 29) GIVES US A PROPHETIC FOREGLIMPSE OF THE EMPTY KEVER (GRAVE) OF MOSHIACH IN YN CHAPTER 20 OJBC AS WELL AS THE BLOODY KESONES OF MOSHIACH BEN YOSEF BEN YA'AKOV FOUND HERE IN VERSE 32 AND RECOGNIZED BY YISROEL, JUST AS SOME DAY KOL YISROEL WILL RECOGNIZE IT (SEE RO 11 OJBC)

GN 40
HASHEM WORKING EVERYTHING FOR GOOD FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE

GN 41
YOSEF IS PICTURED AS THE SUFFERING SERVANT OF G-D WHO IS AFTERWARDS EXALTED (SEE VERSE 52) AND HE IS THE MOSHI'A KOL HAOLAM; THE WORD TZEMACH WHICH IS A NAME FOR MOSHIACH IN ZECHARYAH 6:11-12 IS FOUND IN ONE OF ITS FORMS IN VERSE 6 BELOW AND ALSO 23; NOTICE PHARAOH'S TWO DREAMS ARE ECHAD (see 41:25) THOUGH TWO, JUST AS HASHEM AND HIS DEVAR AND RUACH ARE ECHAD THOUGH THREE

GN 42
ACHEI YOSEF IN MITZRAYIM; YOSEF A FORESHADOW OF MOSHIACH IS THE SHALIT AL HA'ARETZ (RULED OVER THE WORLD) SEE VERSE 5, WHICH IS A PICTURE OF BNEI YISROEL PROSTRATING THEMSELVES BEFORE MOSHIACH (YOSEF IS CALLED ADONI-VERSE 10,30,33) BUT NOT RECOGNIZING HIM (SEE VERSE 8 AND ISAIAH CHAPTER 53) AND ASSUMING WRONGLY THAT HE IS DEAD (SEE VERSE 13) AND ARE PUT TO THE TEST FOR THREE DAYS (VERSE 17) JUST AS MOSHIACH'S TALMIDIM ASSUMED MOSHIACH WAS DEAD AND NEVER TO BE SEEN AGAIN AS THEY TOO WERE PUT TO THE TEST FOR THREE DAYS

GN 43 (VERSE 8)
COMING TO MOSHI'A IS NECESSARY TO LIVE AND NOT DIE

GN 43 (VERSE 13)
REPENTANCE; THIS CHAPTER IS ABOUT YOSEF'S BRETREN AND THEIR MOSHI'A UNAWARES
MOSHI’A WITH HIS BRETHREN AND THE IRONY OF HIS DEALING WITH THEM IN RACHAMIM, EVEN WHILE THEY TELL HIM HE IS DEAD (SEE VERSE 20); YEHIDAH THE EVED ADONI ANCESTOR OF MOSHIACH AND YOSEF THE UNRECOGNIZED MOSHI’A

AFTER HE SAVES THE GOYIM, AT LAST MOSHI’A REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIS BRETHREN; THE SLAIN MOSHIACH BEN YOSEF IS HERE FORESHADOWED BY YOSEF ADON AND MOSHEL KOL HA’ARETZ (SEE MALACHI 3:1 ON MOSHIACH HAADON ASHER ATEM M’VAKSHEM—THE L-RD WHOM YOU SEEK); MOSHIACH BEN YISROEL CHAI!

ISRAEL GOES TO MITZRAYIM

FROM THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, MOSHI’A ADON PRESENTS HIS BRETHREN THE BNEI YISROEL; THE PEOPLE MUST BE PURCHASED BY THEIR MOSHI’A ADON IN ORDER TO HAVE REDEMPTION FROM DEATH AND MUST ALSO BECOME HIS AVADIM

YOSEF GOES TO YA’AKOV HIS AV

YA’AKOV MAKES A BERAKHAH OVER HIS BANIM

MOSHIACH IS PROPHESED

MOURNING FOR YA’AKOV AND THE MOT OF YOSEF

BNEI YISROEL OPRESSED; A BLESSING FOR SAVING THE AM HASHEM

BIRTH OF MOSHE

NOTICE THE WORD ALMAH; THE CLEAR IMPLICATION OF VIRGINITY (SEE YESHAYAH 7:14; SHIR HASHIRIM 6:8)

THE BURNING BUS

HASHEM’S MESSAGE TO PHARAOH; A CHOSON DAMIM

THE BONDAGE OF BNEI YISROEL

HASHEM’S PROMISE RENEWED

MOSHE GOES TO PHARAOH; AS IN THE PESACH HAGGADAH, FIRST DAHM,

AS IN THE PESACH HAGGADAH, MORE EXODUS MAKKOT: FROGS (TZEFARDAYA), THEN KINIM, THEN AROV

EXODUS MAKKOT CONTINUED AS IN THE PESACH HAGGADAH: DEVER, SH’KHIN, BARAD; SEE VERSE 20 BELOW: ONLY THOSE WHO FEAR THE DEVAR HASHEM WILL ESCAPE THE PLAGUES OF G-D’S WRATH

EXODUS MAKKOT CONTINUED AS IN THE PESACH HAGGADAH: ARBEH, CHOSHECH

EXODUS MAKKOT CONTINUED AS IN THE PESACH HAGGADAH: ARBEH, CHOSHECH

THE BNEI YISROEL PLUNDER THEIR ENEMIES; LAST COMES, AS IN THE PESACH HAGGADAH, THE BECHOR (FIRST-BORN); Ki NIGZAR MEYERETZ CHAYIM MIPESHA


(SEE MJ 13:17 AND COMPARE VERSE 22 BELOW); THIS IS TRUE EVEN THOUGH CULTS PROVIDE A DEMONIC PARODY AND TRAVESTY OF THIS DISCIPLESHIP "COVERING" AND SCRIPTURAL MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY AMONG KADOSHIM; VERSE 27 SHOWS US THAT THE YESHAYAH 53:7 SEH’S HAGbah AND HISTALKUS ON MOSHIACH’S ETZ (TREE) IS THE FINAL ZEVAch (Sacrifice) OF HASHEM’S PESACH (SEE YOCHANAN CHP 19 IN OJBC); IN EX 12 AT LAST HASHEM KEEPS HIS PROMISE TO AVRAHAM IN GENESIS CHAPTER 15 AND WHEN THE MOSHAV (TIME PERIOD OF RESIDENCE IN EGYPT) IS COMPLETED, RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, LIKE A TRAIN CONDUCTOR WHO ALWAYS HAS THE TRAIN LEAVE THE STATION EXACTLY ON TIME, HASHEM LEADS HIS PEOPLE OUT, EXITING EGYPT EXACTLY FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY YEARS AFTER THEY HAD ARRIVED, TO THE DAY! THIS IS ONE OF THE RICHES CHAPTERS IN THE BIBLE AND SHOULD BE READ ALONGSIDE 1C 5:6-8 IN THE OJBC

Ex 13
DEPARTURE OF THE BNEI YISROEL

Ex 14
HASHEM DEFEATS PHARAOH AND IS GLORIFIED OVER HIM AND THROUGH HIM IN SPITE OF HIM

Ex 15
THE SONG OF MOSHE; THE ZEMIROS OF YESHUAH; ONLY MOSHIACH'S ETZ CAN MAKE THE BITTER WATERS OF YOUR LIFE POTABLE AND THIS IS THE TEST WITH WHICH HASHEM IS PUTTING YOU TO THE TEST

Ex 16
MANNA AND QUAILS FROM HASHEM; MOSHIACH IS THE MANNAH FROM SHOMAYIM (SEE YN 6:31-35)

Ex 17
MOSHIACH IS THE TZUR WHO SAYS, "IF ANYONE IS THIRSTY, LET HIM COME TO ME AND DRINK" (YN 7:37; 1C 10:4); WHERE THERE IS FAITHFUL PREVAILING UPRaised HANDS IN PRAYER, THERE IS SPIRITUAL VICTORY; THIS CHAPTER SHOWS THE PRAYER SUPPORT AND FAITHFUL STEADFASTNESS THE MESSIANIC RO’EH NEEDS IN EVERY MESSIANIC KEHILLAH; MOSHE BUILDS A MIZBE’ACH

Ex 18
HASHEM’S MESSAGE FROM SINAI

Ex 19
ASERES HADIBROS (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS)

Ex 20
IN ORDER THAT MOSHIACH’S KEHILLAH, IN BONDAGE TO WORLDLY DECEITS, MIGHT BE REDEEMED AND PURCHASED TO FREEDOM, MOSHIACH ADONEINU WAS PIERCED THROUGH AS THE EVED HASHEM (COMPARE VERSES 6-8 TO YESHAYAH 53:5,10; ZECHARYAH 3:8; 12:10; RO.7:1-6 OJBC)

Ex 21
TORAH AND THE GANAV, ETC

Ex 22
TORAH AND ED SHEKER (FALSE WITNESS), ETC; SHEMITTAH (SABBATICAL YEAR); CHAG HAMATZOT, SHAVUOS; SUKKOT; THE MALACH HASHEM (SEE LK 5:21; YESHAYAH 63:9; MALACHI 3:1)

Ex 23
MOSHE CALLED UP UNTO HASHEM; HASHEM REQUIRES THAT THE HAAM HASHEM HAVE THE DAIM HABRIT

S’MICHAH (ORDINATION, SEE SHEMOT 28:41; BAMIDBAR 27:23) WHICH IS CALLED HERE MILLU’IM, THE FILLING OF THE HANDS OF THE KOHANIM BY MOSES WHO ALONE DRESSES THEM IN THEIR BIGDEI KODESH (HOLY GARMENTS), SETTING THEM APART AS KODESH; HERE WE SEE IN VERSE 4 THE BASIS IN TORAH FOR THE MIKVEH MAYIM IMMERSION REQUIRED OF THE KEHILLAH OF MOSHIACH WHICH KEHILLAH IS ITSELF A MAMLECHET KOHANIM (see 1K 2:9 OJBC); THE OHEL MAYIM IS THE PLACE WHERE AN APPOINTMENT WITH HASHEM IS KEPT FOR IT IS THE TENT OF APPOINTED MEETING; MESSIANIC BELIEVERS MEET IN THE MESSIANIC CONGREGATION BY DIVINE APPOINTMENT (SEE VERSE 42) AND THE MESSIANIC RO’EH AND MESSIANIC SHAMMASHIM ARE ORDAINED WITH THEIR HANDS FILLED WITH HOLY RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO CARRY OUT AS DUTIES UNTO HASHEM (ON THIS SEE 1 TI 3:1-15 AND TT 1:5-14 IN THE OJBC)

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THE GOLDEN MIZE’ACH; RANSOM OF NEFASHOT (SOULS)

BEZALEL (HIS NAME MEANS "IN THE SHADOW OF G-D’S PROTECTION"), AND OLOLIAV, SPIRIT-FILLED ARTISTS FOR ISRAEL; A HOLY INVENTORY OF THE MISHKAN; MOSHE AND THE TWO LUCHOT HAEDUT, THE LUCHOT HABRIT

THE EGEL HAZAHAV; THE LUCHOT HABRIT BROKEN; MOSHE, LIKE MOSHIACH, OFFERS HIMSELF IN HIS EFFORT TO SPARE THE PEOPLE FROM THE WRATH OF HASHEM

HASHEM SPEAKS TO MOSHE; THE PROPHETIC SIGN AND NAMESAKE OF MOSHIACH IS MENTIONED (COMPARE VERSE 11 WITH ZECHARYAH 6:12-13; EZRA 3:8; ZECHARYAH 3:9; YESHAYAH 49:8; YEHOShUA (WHOSE ARAMAIC NAME IS YESHUA, AS IT IS GIVEN IN NEHEMIAH 8:17)) ALSO SEE THE ARAMAIC TARGUM ON ZECHARYAH 3:8 WHERE THE NEXT TO THE LAST WORD IS MESSIAH, PROVING THAT IT WAS A JEWISH INTERPRETATION OF THIS TEXT THAT TZE Mach IS A CODE-WORD FOR MOSHIACH; THE TARGUM ALSO SAYS THAT ZECHARYAH 6:12 IS REFERRING TO THE MOSHIACH; THE JERUSALEM TALMUD BERAKHOTH 5A SHOWS THAT THE RABBIS WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE INTERPRETATION THAT SAYS THAT TZE Mach REFERS TO THE MOSHIACH, FOR THAT TALMUDIC PASSAGE DEALS WITH ZECHARYAH 6:12; THE SCRIPTURE SAYS "TZE Mach SHEMO!" TZE Mach (MOSHIACH) IS HIS (YEHOShUA /YESHUA’S) NAME (SEE ZECHARYAH 6:12); THE NAME YEHOShUA IS THE PROPHETIC SIGN AND NAMESAKE OF THE COMING MOSHIACH—ISAIAH 49:8

THE NEDAVAH (FREE-WILLED OFFERING) FOR THE MISHKAN; BEZALEL BEN URI BEN HUR, THE ARTIST FROM THE TRIBE OF YEHUDAH IS A PROPHETIC SIGN OF MOSHIACH BEN YEHUDAH THE ARCHITECT OF THE ETERNAL MISHKAN, THE ULTIMATE BUILDER SENT BY HASHEM FOR THE BEIS HAMIKDASH THAT HAS BEEN RAISED UP NEVER TO BE DESTROYED AGAIN; BEZALEL AND OLOLIAV

ARTISTS FOR ISRAEL RECEIVE THE TERUMAT HAKODESH FOR THE AVODAS HAKODESH; THE MISHKAN IS ECHAD; JUST AS THE DVAR HASHEM TOOK ON GUFANIYUT (CORPOREALITY) AND MADE HIS MISHKAN AMONG US (SEE YEHEZKEL 37:27; YESHAYAH 7:14; YN 1:14), SO HASHEM KNIT TOGETHER THE SINEWS AND RIBS OF HIS DWELLING OF THE KAVOD HASHEM, WHERE HIS SPIRIT DWELLS, ACCORDING TO THE HEAVENLY SPECIFICATIONS GIVEN MOSHE ON HAHAR

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Ex 37

Ex 38
PEKUDEI HAMISHKAN (INVENTORY OF THE Mishkan) FOR THE AVODAT HALEVI'IM

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MISHKAN OHEL MO'ED ANOINTED; JUST AS THE DVAR HASHEM TOOK ON GUFANIYUT (CORPOREALITY) AND MADE HIS MISHKAN AMONG US (SEE YECHEZKEL 37:27; YESHAYAH 7:14), SO HASHEM KNOTS TOGETHER THE SINEWS AND RIBS OF HIS DWELLING OF THE KAVOD HASHEM ACCORDING TO THE HEAVENLY SPECIFICATIONS GIVEN TO MOSHE ON HAHAR

Lv 1
OLAH (WHOLE BURNT OFFERING); MOSHIACH IS OUR OLAH, HAVING OFFERED HIS ENTIRE PERSON TO BE ACCEPTED INSTEAD OF US AS OUR WHOLE BURNT OFFERING Utterly Consumed; SEE YESHAYAH 53:8-11:12; IN HIM WE ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE HASHEM (SEE VERSE 1:3) AND HAVE OUR KAPPORAH (1:4) "THE WORLD WAS ONLY CREATED FOR THE MOSHIACH " (SANHEDRIN 98B) "ALL THE PROPHETS PROPHESED OF NOTHING BUT THE DAYS OF THE MOSHIACH" (SANHEDRIN 99A); MOSHIACH OFFERED HIMSELF TO HASHEM AS A RE'ACH HANNICHOACH (SEE EP 5:1 OJBC)

Lv 2
KORBAN MINCHAH (GRAIN OFFERING OR MEAL OFFERING); MOSHIACH WILL MAKE MINCHAH TO CEASE BY BEING HIMSELF CUT OFF (SEE DANIEL 9:26-27); BECAUSE OF THE DOCTRINE OF THE KEHUNAH OF KOL MA'AMINIM THE KORBAN MINCHAH IS A PROPHETIC PICTURE OF MOSHIACH'S TISH (SEE 2:3, WHERE THE KOHANIM ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN EAT THIS PORTION, MJ 13:10)

Lv 3
SHELAMIM (PEACE OFFERINGS); THE CHELEV THAT GOES UP IN SMOKE PERHAPS REPRESENTS THE GOOD PORTION THAT BELONGS TO HASHEM AND IS GIVEN BACK TO HIM OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN BESTOWED ON THE MA'AMINIM HAMESHICHIYIM; NOTICE THE LAYING ON OF HANDS IS TO TRANSFER THE SIN FROM THE GUILTY TO THE INNOCENT VICTIM WHO IS THE SUBSTITUTION FOR VICARIOUS ATONEMENT AND COMPARE 3:7 TO YESHAYAH 53:7 (SANHEDRIN 98B) REGARDING MOSHIACH

Lv 4
CHATAT (SIN OFFERING); WHO CAN UNDERSTAND HIS ERRORS? BUT IF ANYONE SIN WE HAVE A MELITZ YOSHER, MOSHIACH THE TZADDIK, WHOSE KORBAN IS EFFICACIOUS FOR THE SINS WHICH ARE COMMITTED UNKNOWINGLY AND THEREFORE UNCONFESSED; HE IS THE KOREN MOSHIACH WHO IS AFTER THE ORDER OF MELKI-TZEDEK AND IS WITHOUT MIRMAH; HE WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE LAND OF THE LIVING MIVEYSHA AMMI (FOR THE TRANSGRESSION OF MY PEOPLE); HE IS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WHO BY KNOWLEDGE OF HIM MAKES MANY RIGHTEOUS BECAUSE HE SPRINKLES MANY NATIONS (COMPARE YESHAYAH 52:15 AND VAYIKRA 4:6)

Lv 5
ASHAM (TRESPASS OFFERING) (SEE YESHAYAH 53:8-10 WHERE MOSHIACH'S NEFESH BECOMES AN ASHAM MIPEYSHA AMMI (TRESPASS OFFERING FOR THE TRANSGRESSIONS OF MY PEOPLE)); THE HOLY THINGS (SACRIFICES, TITHES, FIRSTFRUITS) AND DEFRAUDING HASHEM IN A FORGETFUL OR NEGLIGENT MANNER REGARDING THESE

Lv 6 [verse 8] [6:1]
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ASHAM (TRESPASS OFFERING) (SEE VAYIKRA 14:21-24; YESHAYAH 53:7-10 ON MOSHIACH AND THE LAMB OF THE ASHAM TRESPASS OFFERING)

Lv 7
TORAT HAASHAM; FOLLOWERS OF MOSHIACH MUST KNOW WHAT IS TAMEI AND WHAT IS TAHER AND WHAT IS KODESH KODASHIM

Lv 8

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THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY OF HAVING ONE’S HANDS FILLED AND BEING CALLED AND CHOSEN TO BE FAITHFUL AND ACCOUNTABLE AND AUTHORIZED AND APPOINTED UNTO MINISTRY

Lv 9
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Lv 10
NADAV AND AVIHU, THE SLAIN KOHANIM; RESTRICTIONS FOR THE KOHANIM; THE CHOK OF THE KOHANIM TO BE EATEN

Lv 11
HASHEM MAKES A DISTINCTION AND A SEPARATION BETWEEN THE TAMH (UNCLEAN) AND THE TAHOR (CLEAN); MOSHIACH’S KORBAN (YESHAYAH 53:11) MAKES THE MA’AMINIM TZADDIKIM AND EMUNAH EXPRESSED IN MOSHIACH’S MKEVER MAIM (SEE 11:36 BELOW) IS A PICTURE OF THESE TZADDIKIM AS TAHOR AND DELIVERED FROM ETERNAL UNCLEANNESS (SEE YESHAYAH 66:24 WHICH SPEAKS OF THE “WORM” OF GEHINNOM AND 11:42 BELOW, WHICH REFERS TO UNCLEAN SNAKES AND WORMS WHICH CRAWL UPON THE BELLY); YE SHALL BE KADOSH FOR KADOSH AM I, SAYS HASHEM; IN REGARD TO 11:32, IF ANYONE MAKES HIMSELF TAHOR FROM SHEKETZ HE WILL BE A KELI KODESH VESSEL FOR HONORABLE USE, HAVING BEEN SET APART AS KODESH, USEFUL TO HASHEM, READY FOR EVERY MA’ASEH TOV

SPRITUAL OUTBREAK OF BITTERNESS OR SOME OTHER PLAGUE THAT CAN SUDDENLY APPEAR ON BELIEVERS WHO NEED IN THE BRIT CHADASHA KERILLAH THE ROACH HAKODESH TO PLACE THEM UNDER MASHCHIM RUCHANIYIM WHO EXAMINE THEM WITH COUNSEL AND PRAYER AS THOSE WHO MUST RENDER AN ACCOUNT TO HASHEM

Lv 12
THE RESTORATION OF THE KALLAH TO HASHEM AND TO THE BEIS HAMIKDASH AFTER THE DAYS OF HER TOHORAH REQUIRES THE KOHEN MAKING KAPORAH FOR HER (SEE LK 2:22-24 OJBC); REGARDING THE ZAKHAR, IN MOSHIACH ALSO YOU WERE CIRCUMCISED WITH A BRIS MILAH (BERESHIS 17:9-14) NOT MADE BY HUMAN HANDS (CO 2:11) FOR IN THE BRIS MILAH OF MOSHIACH, THE OLD UNREGENERATE NATURE IS LIKE SPIRITUAL UNCIRCUMCISION THAT HASHEM REMOVES IN THE NEW BIRTH RENEWING OF THE RUACH HAKODESH

Lv 13

Lv 14

Lv 15
WHAT IS PROPER TO KADOSHIM: MAKE TESHUVA IN MOSHIACH FROM TUM’A (UNCLEANNESS); THE UNDERPINNINGS IN THE TORAH OF THE TOTAL IMERSION TEVILAH OF THE MESSIANIC MIKEVH

Lv 16
CHATTAT (SIN OFFERING); COMPARE VERSE 15 WITH YESHAYAH 53:8 WHERE THE SAME WORD “AM (PEOPLE)” OCCURS; ALSO VERSE 16

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WITH ISAIAH 53:8; ALSO YAZZEH (“SPRINKLE” IN VERSE 14) WITH ISAIAH 52:15; ALSO VERSE 22 WITH ISAIAH 53:12 WHERE MOSHIACH SHALL CARRY AWAY THE SIN OF MANY; SEE SANHEDRIN 98B ON MOSHIACH BEING THE SUBJECT OF ISAIAH 53, NOT THE NATION OF ISRAEL; THIS ENTIRE CHAPTER MUST BE READ IN HEBREW IN ORDER TO PROPERLY EXEGETE ISAIAH CHAPTER 53; VERSES 21 AND 22 SHOW THE YOM KIPPUR THEME IN ISAIAH 53 AND OUR NEED FOR THE KAPPORAH WE HAVE IN OUR SUBSTITUTE UPON WHOSE HEAD HAS BEEN CONFESSIONED AND PLACED ALL OUR PEYSHA’IM.

Lv 17
DAHM REQUIRED FOR JUDAISM; TORAH POINTS TO MOSHIACH WHO WILL BEAR OUR INIQUITIES (YESHAYAH 53:6,11)

Lv 18
THE ZONIM (SEXUALLY IMMORAL); UNLAWFUL (ILLEGAL) MARRIAGES WHICH THE TORAH ANNULS; ALSO WHAT HASHEM DECLARES TO BE EZIMAH AND TO’EVAH: TORAH OF INCEST, PERVERSION, ABORTION, HOMOSEXUALITY AND HASHEM’S JUDGMENT ON ANY NATION THAT CONDONES THESE CHATTOT (SEE VERSE 24); EXPULSIONS FROM HAARETZ VIEWED AS PROPHETIC OBJECT LESSONS FOR ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS REGARDING HASHEM’S JUDGMENTS ON THESE CHATTOT.

Lv 19
YE SHALL NOT LIE: (WHO IS A BIGGER SHAKRAN THAN THE MAN WHO SAYS THAT YEHOSHUA BEN DOVID IS NOT THE MOSHIACH?) MOSHIACH’S ASHAM (SEE YESHAYAH 53:10) SHALL MAKE KAPPORAH FOR FORGIVENESS (COMPARE BELOW 19:22)

Lv 20
DENUNCIATIONS FOR CHATTAIM (SINS): WHAT HASHEM ABHORS AND THE RAMPIFICATIONS OF THAT ABHORRENCE FOR ANY NATION

Lv 21
QUALIFICATIONS OF KOHANIM WITH ATTENDANT LESSONS REGARDING GROSS SPIRITUAL MALFORMATIONS THAT IMPEDE MINISTRY IN THE KEHILLAH OF MOSHIACH

Lv 22
NATURE OF ZEVAKHIM (SACRIFICES): ONLY MOSHIACH’S KORBAN IS ACCEPTABLE TO HASHEM ON OUR BEHALF (SEE 22:21); MOSHIACH WAS OFFERED LIREZONECHEM (THAT HIS OFFERING MAY BE ACCEPTED [BY HASHEM] ON YOUR BEHALF); VERSE 25 SAYS THE NON-JEW ALSO NEEDS A PERFECT SACRIFICE (WHICH HE TOO FINDS ONLY IN MOSHIACH); WITH MOSHIACH THERE IS NO MIMAR IN HIS MOUTH (ISAIAH 53:9) AND NO MUM.

Lv 23
MO’ADIM OF HASHEM: SHABBOS; PESACH; CHAG HAMATZOT; YOM KORBAN OMER; HABIKKURIM (TYPE OF MOSHIACH’S YOM HATECHIYAH MIN HAMESIM L’RESHIT, BIKKUREI KOL YESHENEI APHAR, DAY OF RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD ONES, THE FIRSTFRUITS, BIKKUREI OF ALL THE ONES SLEEPING IN THE DUST OF THE EARTH) BERESHIS 1:11-13; TEHILLIM 16:10; YESHAYAH 53:7, SANHEDRIN 98B); COUNTERING THE OMER; SHAVUOS; ROSH HASHANAH; YOM KIPPUR; SUKKOT; SHEMINI ATZERES.

Lv 24
SHLOMIT’S SON; ACCORDING TO 2C CHAPTER 4, RAV SHA’UL WAS GIVEN HIS MINISTRY NOT IN MERIT BUT IN MERCY. SINCE RAV SHA’UL WAS GUILTY OF THE DEATH OF MA’AMINIM HAMESHICHIYIM (SEE Verses 17 AND 21 BELOW) THIS IS A PROPHETIC PICTURE OF MOSHIACH’S TISH.

Lv 25
HASHEM’S SINAT HAYOVEL; THE LAWS OF SHEMITTAH (SABBATICAL YEAR, FALLOW YEAR); MOSHIACH IS OUR GEULAH; HE IS ONE OF THE JEWISH BRETHREN WHO REDEEMS US; YOUR GEULAH IS COSTLY AND WAS PURCHASED AT GREAT PRICE BY YOUR GO’EL HAKAROV, MOSHIACH; EVEN THOUGH WE WERE SOLD INTO CHET, OUR GEULAH IN MOSHIACH REMAINS THE PROMISE WE CAN CLING TO (SEE VERSE 48)

Lv 26
MISHMA’AT (OBEDIENCE) REQUIRED; SEE OUR SPIRITUAL PROBLEM VERSES 19, 23, AND 24; GOLUS PROPHESIED; HASHEM SHOWS HIMSELF THE G-D OF ISRAEL, MAKING HA’ARETZ ITSELF SUFFER OR PROSPER ACCORDING TO THE PEOPLE’S HEEDING OF HIM.

Lv 27
NATURE OF NEDERIM (VOWS); YOU ARE NOT YOUR OWN; FOR THE GEULAH REDEMPTION OF YOU FROM THE GOLUS OF CHET WAS PURCHASED WITH A PRICE, THEREFORE GIVE KAVOD TO HASHEM WITH YOUR GUFOF FOR MOSHIACH WHO PURCHASED YOU AT GREAT PRICE; FOR IN THE SHNAT HAYOVEL OF MOSHIACH YOU WERE RELEASED AND ARE NOW KODESH UNTO HASHEM THROUGH THE BESURAS HAGEULAH; THE MA’ASER (TITHE) IS KODESH UNTO HASHEM.

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Vayikra

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Num 1
SHEVATIM (TRIBES) OF YISROEL NUMBERED; A CENSUS THAT TURNS OUT LATER TO BE A BODY COUNT BECAUSE OF REBELLION AND DISOBEDIENCE AND UNBELIEF; ONLY THE LEVI’IM ARE AUTHORIZED TO COME NEAR THE MISHKAN AND TO ENCAMP AROUND IT AND GUARD IT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WRATH OF HASHEM FROM FALLING ON THE UNAUTHORIZED

Num 2
MARCHING ORDER OF THE SHEVATIM (TRIBES) OF YISROEL AND PLAN OF THE MACHANEH (CAMP); MOSHIACH’S TRIBE MOVES OUT FIRST TOWARD THE DAWN, WITH THE OPENING OF THE MISHKAN ORIENTED THE SAME DIRECTION (EAST) AND LEVITES ON THE NORTH, WEST, AND SOUTH SIDES, AND THE KOHANIM ON THE EAST SIDE; EVERY MAN IN ORDER; THE TSEVOS HASHEM ON THE MOVE, THEIR BANNERS FLYING HIGH, THEIR HOLY MINISTERS GUARDING HAKODESH WITH THE MISHKAN CORDONED OFF BY THE LEVI’IM AND THEIR TSEVOS

Num 3
TOLDOT OF AHARON AND MOSHE; LEVI’IM APPOINTED AS KOHANIM AND ASSISTANTS TO THE KOHANIM; LEVI’IM TAKEN IN PLACE OF THE BNEI YISROEL JUST AS MOSHIACH WAS TAKEN IN PLACE OF HIS PEOPLE (SEE YESHAYAH 53)

Num 4
CENSUS OF THE LEVI’IM; THEIR AVODAS KODESH DUTIES DELINEATED FOR THE VARIOUS MISHPEKHOT OF THE LEVI’IM; THE COUNT COMPLETED; EVERYTHING IS DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER, EACH MAN IN HIS PLACE, NO MAN PRESUMPTUOUSLY GETTING OUT OF HIS DEPTH; EACH IS ASSIGNED TO HOLY LABOR AND GUARD DUTY IN HASHEM’S HOLY MILITIA BY NAME AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO A SUPERVISOR; THE HOLY FURNISHINGS OF THE MISHKAN ARE NAMED AND THOSE ASSIGNED TO THEIR MINISTRY ARE TO BE SPECIFIED BY NAME THAT THE WORSHIP BE ACCEPTABLE AND THE WRATH BE ABATED; EACH MUST CARRY HIS OWN BURDEN

Num 5
TRIAL OF JEALOUSY; MACHANEH YISROEL CONSECRATION

Num 6
TORAH OF THE NAZIR; CALLED OUT AS DEDICATED TO HASHEM IN THE MIDST OF A DYING UNCLEAN WORLD; BIRKAS KOHANIM

Num 7
THE OFFERINGS OF THE NASI’EI YISROEL; THE MISHKAN CONSECRATED

Num 8
THE SHIVAH NEROT; LEVI’IM CONSECRATED; LEVI’IM TAKEN IN PLACE OF THE BNEI YISROEL JUST AS MOSHIACH WAS TAKEN IN PLACE OF HIS PEOPLE (SEE YESHAYAH 53)

Num 9
PESACH COMMANDED; MOSHIACH OUR KORBAN PESACH DID BEAR THE SIN OF MANY ACCORDING TO YESHAYAH CHP 53 (SEE NUM 9:13); THE ANAN

Num 10
THE SILVER TRUMPETS; THE MARCH OF THE BNEI YISROEL FROM SINAI; CONCLUSION

Num 11
JOURNEYING TO HA’ARETZ HAAVATACHA (THE PROMISED LAND); GRUMBLING; THE BNEI YISROEL AND THE MANNA; THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ZEKENIM AND THE PROVISION OF MEAT

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Num 12
MIRIAM AND AHARON FORM A FACTION AGAINST MOSHE (SEE TI 3:10; AC 20:29-30 OJBC); MIRIAM'S TZARA'AT

Num 13
SPYING OUT HA'ARETZ; YISROEL REJECTS HA'ARETZ HAHAVTACHA; AREA'IM YOM OF EXPLORATION; AN EVIL REPORT LACKING EMUNAH

Num 14
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Num 15
MORE TORAH GIVEN; TORAH FOR HA'ARETZ: MEAL-OFFERING AND LIBATIONS; OFFERINGS AND FORGIVENESS; ERRORS AND DELIBERATE SIN; FAILING TO BE SHOMER SHABBOS; TZITZIS

Num 15 (verse 37)
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Num 17
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Num 18
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Num 19
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Num 20
MAVET OF MIRYAM; COMPLAINING AT MERIVAH; MOSHE RABBEINU SMITING THE ROCK; EDOM REFUSES TO LET YISROEL PASS; MAVET OF AHARON

Num 21
ARAD DESTROYED; LOOK AT THE NACHASH MECHESHET (BRONZE SERPENT) ON THE NES (POLE) AND LIVE; YN 3:14-15; MOSHIACH WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR SERPENTINE REBELLIONS (YESHAYAH 53:5) WHICH WE NAILED UP ON THE POLE THAT WE MIGHT LOOK WITH SAVING FAITH AND LIVE; JOURNEY TO MOAV; DEFEAT OF SICHON AND OG

Num 22
BALAK SENDS FOR BALAAM; BALAAM COMMANDED TO SPEAK ONLY G-D'S WORD, NOT GOING BEYOND THE DEVAR HASHEM ELOHAI [1 C 4:6 OJBC]

Num 23
BALAAM'S ZEVAKHIM (SACRIFICES); YISROEL TO RECEIVE A BERAKHAH FROM BALAAM; HAELOHIM IS IN THEIR MIDST

Num 24
BALAAM'S NEVU'AH (PROPHECY) REGARDING MOSHIACH

Num 25
YISROEL SEDUCED BY MOAV; ZIMRI AND KOZBI SLAIN; PINCHAS A TYPE OF KOHEN MOSHIACH (TEHILLIM 110:4) BECAUSE LIKE MOSHIACH HE TURNS AWAY HASHEM'S WRATH FROM THE BNEI YISROEL (SEE YESHAYAH 53:5 "HE WAS PIERCED THROUGH FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS; HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE CHASTISEMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE WAS UPON HIM AND BY HIS SCOURGING WE ARE HEALED" I.E. HEALED FROM THE GUILT THAT BRINGS THE SOURCER OF HASHEM'S WRATH BECAUSE, AS IT SAYS IN YESHAYAH CHAPTER 53, VERSES 5 AND 8, MOSHIACH WILL BE "THRUST THROUGH" IN THE PLACE OF THE BNEI YISROEL (SEE ZECHARYAH 12:10 WHICH HAS THE SAME HEbrew WORD "DAKAR" FOR "THRUST THROUGH" IN REFERENCE TO MOSHIACH AS IS FOUND IN NUMBERS 25:8); FOR THE KOHEN MOSHIACH (HIS KEHUNAH IS FOREVER, TEHILLIM 110:4) WILL BE HANGED ON A TREE IN PLACE OF THE PEOPLE (SEE VERSE NUM 25:4, SEE ALSO TEHILLIM 22), THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST, TO MAKE KAPPORAH FOR THEM AND BRING THEM TO HASHEM, SINCE HIS IS THE KEHUNAT OLAM (COMPARE TEHILLIM 110:4 AND VERSE 25:13)

Num 26
NEW PREPARATIONS TO INHERIT HA'ARETZ HAHAVTACHA; BNEI YISROEL NUMBERED AND HA'ARETZ IS TO BE ALLOTTED; THE LEVI'IM COUNTED; NOT ONE OF THE FIRST GENERATION REMAINED EXCEPT THE DOUBLE SIGN OF THE COMING MOSHIACH: KALEV OF YEHUDAH AND YEHOSHUA/YEHUDAH

Num 27
THE BANOT OF ZELOPHECHAD AND THEIR NACHALAH; MOT (DEATH) OF MOSHE RABBEINU FORETOLD WHO LIKE MOSHIACH DIES IN THE MIDST OF HIS REDEMPTIVE MISSION; YEHOSHUA APPOINTED TO SUCCEED MOSHE AND GIVEN S'MICHAH; YEHOSHUA SEEN AS A TYPE OF MOSHIACH YEHOSHUA (SEE YESHAYAH 49:8 WHERE MOSHIACH IS PRESENTED AS A NEW YEHOSHUA AND ZECHARYAH 6:11-12 WHERE THE NAME YEHOSHUA IS THE NAMESAKE OF THE COMING MOSHIACH)

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Num 28
MUSSAF (ADDITIONAL) OFFERINGS TO BE OBSERVED; DAILY OLAH TAMID; SHABBOS MUSSAF; ALSO ROSH CHODESH, PESACH, CHAG HAMATZOT, AND SHAVOUS, WHICH IS HERE CALLED YOM HABIKKURIM, REMINDING US THAT MOSHIACH IS THE BIKKURIM (FIRSTFRUITS) OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP (1C 15:20 OJBC); NOTICE IN THIS CHAPTER HOW MANY TIMES THE PHRASE "TO MAKE KAPPORAH FOR YOU" IS REPEATED, SHOWING ITS INDESPENSIBILITY IN THE TRUE FAITH--HENCE THE IMPERATIVE OF HASHEM'S MOSHIACH'S ASHAM GUILT OFFERING IN ISAIAH 53:10

Num 29
OFFERINGS AT MO'ADIM OF HASHEM; ROSH HASHANAH; YOM KIPPUR; SUKKOT; SHEMINI ATZERES

Num 30
NEDERIM NOT TO BE BROKEN; JUST AS THE HUSBAND BEARS HIS WIFE'S PUNISHMENT FOR EXCEEDING HIS TIME PERIOD TO REVOKE HER VOWS, SO MOSHIACH TOOK THE PLACE OF ISRAEL AND DID BEAR HER PUNISHMENT FOR HER TRANSgression (SEE ISAIAH 53:8-12 AND COMPARE VERSE 30:15(16))

Num 31
MIDYANIM PLUNDERED

Num 32
SETTLEMENT EAST OF THE YARDEN; YE WILL NOT SEE LIFE UNLESS YE FULLY FOLLOW HASHEM (SEE V 11)

Num 33
SUMMARY OF THE JOURNEY OF THE BNEI YISROEL; COMMANDMENT TO DRIVE OUT THE INHABITANTS OF HA'ARETZ AND BE SEPARATE FROM THEM AND HOLY

Num 34
THE MOSHIACH'S NAMESAKE (SEE ZECH 6:11-12 AND PSALM 110:4) ARE TO ALLOT HA'ARETZ WHICH IS APPORTIONED FOR EACH OF THE 12 TRIBES

Num 35
CITIES OF THE LEVI'IM; CITIES OF REFUGE APPOINTED; THE MOT OF OUR KOHEN L'OALAM AL DIVRATI MALKI TZEDEK RELEASES US FROM DEATH SO THAT WE MIGHT DWELL IN THE MAKOM HACHAYYEI OLAM BECAUSE THIS KOHEN IS MOSHIACH (PS 110:4; ISAIAH 53; DANIEL 9:26); AND AFTER THE MOT OF MOSHIACH KOKEN WE RETURN UNTO OUR ERETZ ACHHUZZAT FOR MOSHIACH DIVIDES A PORTION WITH THE MANY HE JUSTIFIES (SEE THE LAST TWO VERSES OF ISAIAH 53 AND COMPARE VERSE 28 BELOW)

Num 36
KEEPING ANCESTRAL LAND FROM BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ONE MATCHO TO ANOTHER

Dt 1
MOSHE RABBEINU REHEARS THE HAVTACHAH (PROMISE) OF HASHEM, THE DEPARTURE FROM MOUNT SINAI, THE PEOPLE'S REFUSAL TO BE MA'AMINIM AT KADESH-BARNEA AND OBEY AND WAGE WAR UNDER LEADERSHIP ORDAINED BY HASHEM; YEHOSHUA THE TYPE OF MOSHIACH YEHOSHUA IS PRESENTED (SEE YESHAYAH 49:8 WHERE MOSHIACH IS PRESENTED AS A NEW YEHOSHUA AND ZECHARYAH 6:11-12 WHERE THE NAME YEHOSHUA IS THE NAMESAKE OF THE COMING MOSHIACH)

Dt 2
THOSE NOT MA'AMINIM CONSUMED FROM MOSHIACH'S MAKHANEH (CAMP), LOSING THE BERAKHAH OF THEIR YERUSHAH

Dt 3
MOSHE'S TECHINNAH (PETITION) TO GO OVER AND SEE HA'ARETZ HAVTACHA (THE PROMISED LAND); YEHOSHUA SEEN AS A TYPE OF MOSHIACH YEHOSHUA (SEE YESHAYAH 49:8 WHERE MOSHIACH IS PRESENTED AS A NEW YEHOSHUA AND ZECHARYAH 6:11-12 WHERE THE NAME YEHOSHUA IS THE NAMESAKE OF THE COMING MOSHIACH)

Dt 4
AN EXHORTATION TO MISHMA'AT (OBEDIENCE); MOSHE, UNLIKE MOSHIACH, WILL NOT DIE IN HA'ARETZ HAVTACHA (THE PROMISED LAND) SEE DANIEL 9:25-26; YESHAYAH 53:8

Dt 5
ASERES HADIBROS (THE TEN COMMANDMENTS); JUST AS NO MAN COMETH UNTO THE TORAH OR THE G-D OF THE TORAH EXCEPT THROUGH MOSHE RABBEINU (SEE 5:22), SO NO MAN COMETH UNTO AVINU SHBASHOMAYIM EXCEPT THROUGH MOSHIACH

Dt 6
MISHMA'AT TO THE TORAH ENJOINED; SCRIPTURE MOSHIACH USED AGAINST HASATAN

Dt 6 (verse 8)
LAYING TEFILLIN

Dt 7
STRANGE DEVEYKUS FORBIDDEN; TRUE DEVEYKUS IS WITH HASHEM ALONE AND ONLY THOUGH MOSHIACH ADONEINU AND IN THE RUACH HAKODESH
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Dt 8
HASHEM'S MERCIES CLAIM OBEIDENCE; SCRIPTURE MOSHIACH USED AGAINST HASATAN

Dt 9
THE REBELLION OF THE BNEI YISROEL REHEARSED; HOASTING IN AND STANDING ON MA'ASIM TOVIM OR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR SALVATION CONDEMNED

Dt 10

Dt 11
AN EXHORTATION TO MISHMA'AT; A FORETASTE OF THE MURAR (CHASTISEMENT) THAT WAS PUT ON MOSHIACH (YESHAYAH 53:5)

Dt 12
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Dt 13
THOSE GUILTY OF AVODAH ZARAH TO BE STONE

Dt 14
OF FOODS, TAMEH (UNLEAF) AND TAHOR (CLEAN)

Dt 15
SHEMITTAH AND THE YEAR OF RELEASE

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Dt 16
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Dt 17
THE DUTY OF HAMELECH

Dt 18

Dt 19
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Dt 20
THE KOHEN'S EXHORTATION BEFORE BATTLE

Dt 21
EXPiation OF UNCERTAIN MURDER; WE RECKONED MOSHIACH KILLAH ELOHIM (YESHAYAH 53:4) BECAUSE HE WAS TALUI AL HAETZ (SEE TEHILLIM 22)

Dt 22
IMPURITY LEADING TO DEATH

Dt 23
VARIOUS CHUKIM (LAWS)

Dt 24
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Dt 25
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Do not drift away from the Hebrew Scriptures:

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ADOSHEM ECHAD BARUCH
SHEM KAVOD ELOKEI
HAKEDUSHAH
HAMESHULLESHET
(ADOSHEM V’ DEVAR
HAKODESH)
UN DER RUACH
HAKODESH, DER RUACH
ADONOI ADOSHEM)
ADOSHEM ECHAD.

Hear O Israel the L-rd our G-d the L-rd is One.
Blessed be the Name of the G-d of Threefold Holiness (Hashem and Devar Hashem [Holy Moshiach] and Spirit of Adonoi Hashem) the L-rd is One.

We have perfect faith in what the Hebrew text of Scripture inerrantly asserts, that Hashem is One in His underlying Being and threefold in the distinctions of His kedushah.
SOME IMPORTANT RABBINIC QUOTATIONS AND SOURCES

(see top URL p.1226) “PINAH MENU MOSHIACH TZIDKENU...Moshiach our Righteousness has turned away from us. We are crushed and there is none to justify us. He loaded on himself our sins and the yoke of our transgressions, and he was thrust through because of our transgressions. He loads up our sins on his shoulders so that he might find forgiveness for our iniquities. There is healing for us in His wounds, O Eternal, it is time to create him anew, make him ascend from the circle of the Earth, bring him up from Se’ir (the world of the Gentiles) to proclaim to us again on Mt Levanan by the Hand of Yinnon (Moshiach; see Ps 72:17)” Moshiach in the Prayer Book supplied to the OJB translator by Rachmiel Frydland in 1980, with notes in his own hand; taken from a Mahzor published long ago but derived from an ancient source.

The Moshiach—what is his name? The Rabbis say, the leprous one; those of the house of Rabbi say, the sick one, as it is said, “Surely he hath borne our sickenesses.” (Sanhedrin 98b, Babylonian Talmud quoting Isaiah chp 53 Messianically.)

Targum attestation of Messianic Interpretation of Tanakh: see Targum Isaiah 42:1-9; 52:13 (Targum Jonathan); 53:10

Pesiqta Rabbati Midrash on Isa 61:10 which quotes Isaiah 53 Messianically

Babylonian Talmud Sukkah 52a which gives a Messianic interpretation to Ps 2 and Ps 21

Ruth Rabbah Midrash 5:6
Zohar 2:212a
Midrash Rabbah XXIII 5:6 on Genesis 3:15
Midrash Rabbah XXX.3 on Genesis chp 2
Targum to Isaiah 9:5(6) interpreting it Messianically
Pesikta Sotarta on Num 24:17 and Moshiach’s star
Midrash Tehelim on Ps 2:7
Jerusalem Talmud Berachoth on Micah 5:1(2)
Midrash on Psalm 18:35(36) interpreting Psalm 110:1 Messianically
Midrash on Lamentations 1, 16 on Jeremiah 23:6
Babylonian Talmud Sanhedrin 98 on Daniel 7:13-15, interpreting it Messianically
Rabbi Moses Abraham Levi on Dan 9:24-26
Genesis Rabbah 98.9 on Zechariah 11:12-13
Targum to Isaiah 43:10 interpreting Isaiah 53 Messianically
Midrash Talpiyot 58a on Moshiach’s new torah: see Jer 31:31 and Isa 42:4
A quote from the disciple of Rabbi Itzchak Luria, Rabbi Chaim Vital: “Moshiach will rise up to Heaven just as Moses ascended to the firmament, and will thereafter return and be completely revealed, for all to see.”
Also see Appendix IX in Alfred Edersheim’s classic work, which gives a long list of passages in the Tanakh which are Messianically applied in rabbinic literature, showing that these Biblical passages in question are not being twisted in a non-Jewish interpretation.

Who is Moshiach?
Moshiach is the Zera Halsha, Seed of the Woman, Bereshis (Genesis) 3:15
Moshiach is the Yitzchak of Israel’s Redemption through his Akedah (Binding)
Moshiach is the Yosef suffering servant Mosha HaOlam (Savior of the World) who is only in the end recognized en masse by his own brothers, Am Yisroel
Moshiach is the Korban Pesach l’Adonoi, Pesach sacrifice to Adonoi, Shemot (Exodus) 12:11; Yeshayah (Isaiah) 53:7
Moshiach is the Kohen HaMoshiach l’olam, eternal anointed Kohen, Vayikra (Leviticus) 4:3; Tehillim (Psalms) 110:4
Moshiach is the Kokhav miYa’akov, Star out of Jacob, Bamidbar (Numbers) 24:17
Moshiach is the Navi kamo Moshe, Prophet like Moses, Devarim (Deuteronomy) 18:15
Moshiach is the Moshi’a liBnei Yisroel, Deliverer to the Children of Israel, Shofetim (Judges) 3:9
Moshiach is Go’aleinu, our Kinsman-Redeemer, Ruth 2:20
Moshiach is Nagid al Ammo, Ruler over his people, Shmuel Alef 13:14
WHO IS MOSHIACH?

•Moshiach is Mogen Yisheinu, the Shield of our Salvation, Shmuel Bais 22:36

•Moshiach is Ben Dovid Melech Gibbor, Son of David the Mighty King, Melachim Alef 2:12

•Moshiach is Melech Hamelachim, Melachim Bais 18:5

•Moshiach is Zera Dovid, the Seed of David, Divrey HaYamim Alef 17:11

•Moshiach is Boneh Beis Hamikdash, the Builder of the Beis Hamikdash, Divrei HaYamim Bais 2:5

•Moshiach is Boneh Chomat Yerushalayim, Builder of the Wall of Jerusalem, Nehemyah 2:17

•Moshiach is revach v’hazalah laYehudim, relief and deliverance for the Jews, Esther 4:14

•Moshiach is Go’ali chai, my living Redeemer, Job 19:25

•Moshiach is dodi nafshi (My Lover of my Soul); Shir Hashirim 1:1

•Moshiach is Sar Shalom, Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9:5; 53:5

•Moshiach is tzemach tzaddik Adonoi tzidekeinu, the Righteous Branch of Dovid, Adonoi our Righteousness, Jeremiah 23:5-6

•Moshiach is hu asher lo al kisse l’olam, he on the throne forever, Ekhah 5:19

•Moshiach is hu asher nasa avonoteinu, he which carried away our iniquities as the sa’ir l’Azazel Yom Kippur kappore who takes the onesh (punishment) for our sins.

•Moshiach yikaret v’ein lo, Moshiach will be cut off and not for himself Daniel 9:26

•Moshiach is hu kam litchiyyih bYom HaShelishi, the one raised to life on the third day, Hoshea 6:2

•Moshiach hu yishpoch Ruach Hakodesh al kol basar–Yoel

•Moshiach meshovev sukkat Dovid hanofelet, the restorer of Dovid’s fallen tent–Amos

•Moshiach hu ba im ha’ananim bYom Adonoi, he who comes with the clouds on the Day of Adonoi, Ovadyah 1:15; Daniel 7:13

•Moshiach hu navi mavet v’yake, the prophet death disgorges, Yonah 2:10

•Moshiach is Moshel miBeit-Lechem, The Ruler from Beit-Lechem–Michoh

•Moshiach is mevaser mashia shalom, the one bringing good news, who proclaims peace, Nachum 2:1

•Moshiach is dat kavod Adonoi yada’ti b’emunah, the knowledge of the glory of Adonoi I know by faith, Chabakuk 2:14

•Moshiach is Adonoi tzaddik Tzefanyah 3:5

•Moshiach is chemdat kol haGoyim, the Desired of all nations, Haggai 2:7

•Moshiach is Yehoshua tzemach shemo, branch (of Dovid), that is Moshiach is his name, Zechariah 6:11-12

•Moshiach is HaAdon asheratem mevakeshim, the L-rd whom you seek, Malachi 3:1, i.e. HaAdon koli HaAretz, the L-rd of All the Earth, Zechariah 4:14

•Moshiach is Yehoshua, Yeshua. Yeshua is the Aramaic form (see Nehemiah 8:17) of the Hebrew name Yehoshua, the Post Exilic Kohen Gadol building the Beis Hamikdash, the Man (Zech 3:8) from Exile’s death springing up alive, who, according to Zechariah 6:11-12 is the prophetic Name Sake of the coming Moshiach

NOTES
The month of Nisan

Nisan 14 Pesach: Shemot (Exodus) 12; Vayikra (Leviticus) 22-23; Shir HaShirim (Song of Songs); Yn 1:29; 13:16; Mt 26:18; Mk 14:14; Lk 22:7; IC 5:5; Rv 4:8; 12:22; Ex 13:1-16; Num 9:2,14; Ex 22:24-23:19; Num 28:19-25; Ex 34:1-26; Num 33:12-34:26; Ex 13:17-15:26; Dt 15:19-16:17; 14:22-16:17; Josh 5:10; 2Kg 23:23; 2Chr 30:7; 35:1; Ezra 6:20; Ezek 45:21; Yn 2:13; 6:4; 11:55; 12:1; 18:28; 19:14; MJ 11:28 and more.

Nisan 15 Bedikat Chametz after dark on the eve of Nisan 14

Nisan 16 Chag HaBikkurim

Nisan 17-21 Chag HaMatzot

Nisan 18 Chag HaBikkurim

Nisan 27 Yom Hashoah (A solemn day initiated in 1950 to remember the Holocaust) see Rev 13, p.1130

The month of Iyar

Iyar 4 Yom Hazikaron (Israel Memorial Day)


Iyar 14 Pesach Sheini

(A month grace period for Pesach)

Iyar 18 Lag B’Omer

(Remember not just the 33rd Day but also the 1st Day when Moshiach stood up as the Bikkurim of those who had fallen asleep): see Lev 23:11

Iyar 28 Yom Yerushalayim (Jerusalem Unification Day, remembering Six Day War of 1967); see The Besuras HaGeulah According to Lukas (Lk) 21:24-31p.928

The month of Sivan

Sivan 6 Shavuos (Pentecost): Lv 23:15-21; Num 28:26-31 Dt 16:9-12; Ex 34:22; Gevurot MeyRuchah Hakodesh (Ac) 2:1-40; Let’s stay up all night and meditate on the Book of Ruth;

The month of Tammuz

Tammuz 17 Fast of Tammuz: Commemorates the Breach in the Jerusalem Wall 586 B.C.E. which became the beginning of the Golus

The month of Av

Av 17 Churban remembered p.486

The month of Elul

Elul variable day

Selichos

(Elul variable day) Ex 34:6-7; Ps 51; prayer p.700

The month of Tishri

Tishri 1, Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:23f; Num 29:2-6; Moshiach’s Letter Through the Shliach Sha’ul to the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in Ephesus (Ep) 5:14; Moshiach’s Letter Through the Shliach Sha’ul to the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in Thessalonika-I (1Th) 4:16; Moshiach’s Letter Through the Shliach Sha’ul to the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in Corinth-I (1C) 15:52; Ezra 3:1-6; see also Neh 7:73-8:13; See Ps 8:5 and Yn 19:2,3,19,22; See Akedah [ah-KAY-dah] in Gen 22:1-18 and Mt 27:2; See Tashlich in Micholi 7:19

Tishri 3, Fast of Gedaliah

See Melachim Bais (II Kings) chp 25; Jer 41:1-3; Zech 8:19

Tishri 10, Yom Kippur (The Day of Atonement); Psalm 51, Lev 23:26-32; Num 29:7-11,16; Ps 51, prayer p.700; Yeshayah (Isaiah) 53:12; Vayikra (Leviticus) 16; Shemot (Exodus) 30:10; Moshiach’s Letter Through the Shliach Sha’ul to the Brit Chadasha Kehillah in Corinth-II (1C) 15:3; Babylonian Talmud: Yoma 5a “Is it not the blood which makes atonement, as it is written, ‘For it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life’ Lk 17:11”; Moshiach’s Letter to the Ma’aminit HaMeshichiyim From Among the Yehudim (MI) 9:11-14, 19-22; 10:1-39; See Vayikra (Leviticus) 25:9 for what was proclaimed on this day; Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:26-32; Num 29:7-11; Yonah 1-4; Isa 57:14-58:14

Tishri 15, Sukkot (Festival of Tabernacles) Vayikra (Leviticus) 23:33-44; Devarim (Deuteronomy) 16:13,16 The Besuras HaGeulah According to Yochanan (Yn) 7:37-38; Zecharyah (Zechariah) 14:16-17; Ex 23:16; 34:22; Neh 8:13-18

Tishri 21 Hoshanah Rabbah (Seventh Day of Sukkot) Tehillim (Psalms) 113-118; The Besuras HaGeulah According to Yochanan (Yn) 7:37

Tishri 22 Shemini Atzeret (The Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly) Bamidbar (Numbers) 29:35

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Tishri 23 Simchat Torah
(Rejoicing in the Torah)
Devarim (Deuteronomy) 33:1-34:12; Bereshis (Genesis) 1:1-2:3; Bamidbar (Numbers) 29:35-30:1; Yehoshua (Joshua) 1:1-18

The month of Cheshvan
Melachim Alef (I Kings) 6:38

The month of Kislev
Kislev 25 Chanukkah: (164 B.C.E. Antiochus Epiphanes and Beis Hamikdash defilement followed by rededication); The Besuras HaGeulah According to Yochanan (Yn) 10:22-23; 8:23-25; Bamidbar (Numbers) chp 7; chp 28:1-15

The month of Tevet
Tevet 10 Fast of Tevet: (Commemorates the beginning of the Siege of Jerusalem) Shemot (Exodus) 32:11-14; 34:1-10; Yeshayah (Isaiah) 55:6-56:8

The month of Shevat
Tu B'Shevat (New Year of the Trees, Jewish Arbor Day) Shevat 15

The month of Adar
Adar 13, Fast of Esther
Adar 14, Purim
Book of Esther

MESSIANIC BAR MITZVAH
(Each one called to the Torah stands to the right of the Spiritual Leader of the Service)

Father of Bar Mitzvah says “I will now say the blessing for those called to read the Torah”

BAR-CHOO ET ADONOI HA-MEH-VO-RACH

(CONGREGATION):
BAROOCH ADONOI HAMEVORACH LEOLAM VAED
BAR-OCH ATAH ADONOI ELOHEINOO MELECH HAOLAM ASHER BACHAR BANOO MEKOL HA-AMIM V’NATAN LANOO ET TORATO BAR-OCH ATAH ADONOI NOTAIN HATORAH

Messianic Bar Mitzvah says “I will now read the Torah portion [check the Jewish Calendar to find out which Torah portion coincides with the Bar Mitzvah’s thirteenth birthday and find it in the Hebrew Tanakh (OT) Transliterated © FJMS 1999 on the afii.org website].

Bar Mitzvah reads it. Bar Mitzvah says, “I will now read the Torah portion in English.”

Spiritual Leader says, “I will now read the blessing after the Torah portion.”

BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM HANE'MAN MELECH B'KHOL HADOROT HANE'MAN HAOMER V'OSEH HAMEDABER OOMEKAYEM SHKOL DEVARAY EMES V'TZEDEK. NE'EMAN ATAH HOO ADONOI ELOHEINU V'NE'EMANIM DEVARECHA V'DAVAR ECHAD MEEDEVARECHACH ACHOR LOH YASHOV REKAM. KEE EL MELECH NE'EMAN V'NE'EMANIM DEVARECHA V'DAVAR ECHAD

Bar Mitzvah says “I will now read the blessing before the Haftorah reading.”

BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI ELOHEINU MELECH HA'OLAM ASHER Natan LANOO TORAT EMES. V'CHAYYEI OLAM NATA BETOKHEINU BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI NOTEIN HATORAH. Bar Mitzvah says “I will now read the blessing before the Haftorah reading.”

BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI ELOHEINU MELECH HAOLAM ASHER BACHAR BEENVEE'EEM TOVIM V' RATZAH BEEDEEVEIHEM HANE'EH-MAREEM BE'EMES. BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI HABOCHAIR BATORAH OOVEMOSHEE AVDOH OO'B'YISROEL AMMO OOVEEVNEE-EI HAEMES V'TZEDEK.

Bar Mitzvah says “I will now read the Haftorah portion [check the Jewish Calendar to find out which portion from the Prophets coincides with the Bar Mitzvah’s thirteenth birthday and find it in the Hebrew Tanakh (OT) Transliterated © FJMS 1999 on the afii.org website].

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Bar Mitzvah says “I will now read the blessing after the Haftorah reading.”

BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI ELOHEINU MELECH HAOLAM TZOOR KOL HANE'EMAN HAOMER ASHER B'KHOL HADOROT HANE'MAN V'OSEH HAMEDABER OOMEKAYEM SHKOL DEVARAY EMES V'TZEDEK. NE'EMAN ATAH HOO ADONOI ELOHEINU V'NE'EMANIM DEVARECHA V'DAVAR ECHAD MEEDEVARECHACH ACHOR LOH YASHOV REKAM. KEE EL MELECH NE'EMAN V'NE'EMANIM DEVARECHA V'DAVAR ECHAD

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BLESSINGS OF THE TORAH

NEESHBA'TA LOH SHE-LOH YEECHEBHEH NERO LOLAM VED. BAROOCH ATAH ADONOI MAGEN DOVID.

Bar Mitzvah preaches from the texts to the assembled Jewish relatives and guests:

I WANT TO THANK ____________ FOR THIS DAY AND ALL THAT PREPARED ME FOR IT.

PROVERBS 22:6 SAYS, 'TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO, AND WHEN HE IS OLD HE WILL NOT DEPART FROM IT.'

TODAY I'M A BAR MITZVAH. I AM NOW IN THE SIGHT OF HASHEM RESPONSIBLE IN THE THINGS OF TORAH. I PRAISE HASHEM FOR GUIDING ME TO THIS DAY AND I ASK HIM TO CONTINUE TO LEAD ME IN HIS WONDERFUL TRUTH BSHEM MOSHIACH ADONEINU.

TODAY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ____________ AND THERE ARE THREE ASPECTS ABOUT IT THAT I WANT TO MENTION.

ASPECT ONE
LOOK AT THE TEXT. IT SAYS ____________________

THIS MEANS ____________________

_____________________

LET ME GIVE AN ILLUSTRATION:__________________

_____________________.

THAT BRINGS ME TO ASPECT NUMBER THREE
LOOK AT THE TEXT IT SAYS ____________________

THIS MEANS ____________________

_____________________

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LET ME GIVE AN ILLUSTRATION:__________________

_____________________.

NOW LET ME PRAY. 'G-d of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thank you that your Word lives in my heart, your Word Moshiach Tzidekeinu who was in the beginning with G-d and comes on the glory clouds and now lives in my heart through faith. Help me always walk according to your Holy Scriptures as a true child of your commandments. I thank you that I have that right because I have received Moshiach Adoneinu (Yn 1:12) as my Oisleizer Go’el Redeemer and Melitz Yosher. Help me always to remember the good things those who raised me have taught me. I thank you, Hashem, for this wonderful day of my life, which I will never forget. BSheM Moshiach Adoneinu my kapporah and Savior. Omein.'

Father of Bar Mitzvah says:

BAROOCH SHE-PETARANI MEANSHO SHEL ZEH—BLESSSED IS HE WHO HAS FREED ME FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS CHILD'S CONDUCT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I NOW PRESENT TO YOU OUR WONDERFUL BAR MITZVAH, (________________hebrew name?)

Everyone applauds.

Mother of Bar Mitzvah stands and says a few words, inviting everyone to partake of the Kiddish refreshments.

(chech list: yahmukahs, aron kodesh, torah, lecurn, Bar Mitzvah cake, tallit, etc)

[T.N. According to the Encyclopaedia Judaica Vol. 4, p. 243 there is a tradition recorded in Talmudic literature [Sof. 18:7, ed. M. Higger 1937] which alludes to the fact that in Jerusalem during the period of the Bayis Sheni [Second “Temple”], it was customary for the sages to bless a child who had succeeded in completing his first fast day at 12 or 13. When our Moshiach is seen with the sages at the age of 12 in Lk 2:46 the resultant picture of life in pre-Churban Bayis Sheni Judaism inspires us to desire for our youth the spiritual education and preparation involved in a Bar Mitzvah service, especially in the context of a Shabbos Torah Service, some of the components of which are given on these last two pages. It is hoped for the youth so prepared that intense Scripture study, especially of the Book of Proverbs, as well as Scripture memorization, would be strongly [Mk 10:14] recommended and tutorial help would be provided by the Messianic Zekenim.]

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