

15 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;

|2| 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.

|3| 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.

|4| And Cheshbon shall cry, and Elealeh; their voice shall be heard even unto Yachat; therefore the loins of Moav shall shake; his nefesh shall be faint within him.

|5| 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.

|6| 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,

|7| Therefore the possessions they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the Nakhhal HaAravim (Ravine of Willows).

|8| For the cry is gone all around the borders of Moav; the outcry thereof unto Eglayim, and the wailing thereof unto Be'er Elim.

|9| 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).

16 Send ye the lamb to the Moshel-Eretz, from Sela by way of the midbar, unto Har Bat Tziyon.

|2| 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.

|3| 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.

|4| 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.

|5| 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.

|6| 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.

|7| Therefore shall Moav wail for Moav, everyone shall wail; for the raisin cakes of Kir Chareset shall ye mourn; surely as they who grieve.

|8| For the fields of Cheshbon languish, and the gefen of Sivmah; Ba'alei Goyim have broken down the choicest vines thereof, they reached even unto Yazer, they wandered to the midbar; her shoots are stretched out, they are gone over the yam.

|9| Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Yazer the gefen of Sivmah; I will water thee with my tears, O Cheshbon, and Elealeh; for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy katzir has fallen away.

|10| And simchah is taken away, and gladness out of the carmel (fruitful field) and in the kramim (vineyards) there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting; the treaders shall tread out no yayin in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

|11| Therefore my heart shall lament like a kinnor (harp) for Moav, and mine inmost being for Kir Charesh.

|12| 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.

|13| This is the Davar that Hashem hath spoken earlier concerning Moav.

|14| 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.

17 The massa (burden) of Damascus. Hinei, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a heap of ruins.

|2| The cities of Aroer are deserted; they shall be for adarim (flocks), which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

|3| The fortified city also shall cease from