

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?

21 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 erez 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.

|7| 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.

22 The massa (burden) of the Gey Chizayon (Valley of Vision). What is it to thee now, that thou art all gone up to the rooftops?

|2| Thou that art full of noise, a tumultuous city, exultant city; thy slain men are not slain with the cherev, nor dead in milchamah.

|3| All thy rulers are fled together, they are captured by the keshet (bow); all that are found in thee are captured together, which have fled far away.

|4| Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labor not to comfort me, because of the shod (catastrophe) of Bat Ami.

|5| For it is a day of tumult, and of treading down, and of confusion by Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os in the Gey Chizayon (valley of vision), battering down the walls, and of crying to the har.

|6| And Elam bore the ashpah (quiver) with chariots of adam and parashim, and Kir uncovered the mogen (shield).

|7| And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the parashim shall set themselves in array at the sha'ar.

|8| And He removed the masakh Yehudah (covering of Yehudah, defense, protection) and thou didst look in that day to the armor of the bais of the forest [the King's armory].

|9| Ye have seen also the damage of Ir Dovid, that they are many; and ye gathered together the waters of the Lower Pool.

|10| And ye have numbered the batim (buildings) of Yerushalayim, and the batim (houses) have ye torn down to fortify the chomah (wall).