

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.

35 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 and 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 ivvrim (blind people) shall be opened, and the ears of the chereshim

(deaf ones) shall be unstopped.

|6| Then shall the pisei'ach (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 arye (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.

36 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. And he stood by the te'alat haberekhah haelyonah (aqueduct of the Upper Pool) on the highway of the sadeh of the launderer.

|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 devar sefatayim [words of the lips, empty words]; now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me?

|6| Hinei, thou trustest in the mishenet (staff) of this broken reed, on Mitzrayim; whereon if an ish lean, it will go into his palm, and pierce it; so is Pharaoh Melech Mitzrayim to all that trust in him.

|7| 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