

|20| For long ago I have broken thy ol (yoke), and tore off thy bonds; and thou saidst, I will not serve; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou hast sprawled, playing the zonah.

|21| Yet I had planted thee a choice vine, wholly a zera emes. How then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a gefen nochriyah unto Me?

|22| For though thou wash thee with lye, and take thee much soap, yet thine avon (iniquity) is marked before Me, saith Adonoi Hashem.

|23| How canst thou say, I am not tameh, I have not gone after Ba'alim? See thy derech in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift camel traversing her ways;

|24| A pereh used to the midbar, that sniffs up the ruach in the craving of her nefesh; in her occasion [*of heat*] who can turn her away? All they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.

|25| Withhold thy regel from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst; but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved zarim, and after them will I go.

|26| As the ganav is ashamed when he is caught, so is the Bais Yisroel ashamed; they, their melachim, their sarim, and their kohanim, and their nevi'im.

|27| Saying to Etz (wood), Thou art Avi; and to Even (stone), Thou hast brought me forth; for they have turned their back unto Me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and hoshi'einu (save us).

|28| But where are thy elohim that thou hast made for thee? Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble; for as many as are the

mispar (number) of thy towns are thy elohim, O Yehudah.

|29| Why will ye bring lawsuit against Me? Ye all have rebelled against Me, saith Hashem.

|30| In vain have I struck your banim; they received no musar [*cf Isa 53:5*]; your own cherev hath devoured your nevi'im, like a destroying lion.

|31| O HaDor (Generation), heed ye the Devar Hashem. Have I been a midbar unto Yisroel? An eretz of great darkness? Madu'a (why) say Ami, We are free; we will come no more unto Thee?

|32| Can a betulah forget her jewelry, or a kallah her adornments? Yet My people have forgotten Me yamim ein mispar (days without number).

|33| How well thou direct thy derech to seek ahavah? Therefore hast thou also taught hara'ot (the worst women) the darkhei (ways) of thee.

|34| Also in thy skirts is found the dahm of the nefashot of the innocent poor; although you never caught them breaking in. Yet concerning all these

|35| Thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me. Hineni, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, Loh chatati (I have not sinned).

|36| Why doest thou gad about so much to change the course of thy derech? Thou also shalt be ashamed of Mitzrayim, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.

|37| Yea, thou shalt go forth from this [*dependence on religiously entangling and compromising foreign allies*], and thine hands upon thine head; for Hashem hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

3 They say, If an ish put away [*in divorce*] his isha, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? Shall not that eretz be defiled and forbidden? But thou hast played the zonah with re'im rabbim (many lovers); yet shuv (turn) to Me, saith Hashem.

|2| Lift up thine eyes unto the hilltops, and see! Where hast thou not been lain with? In the drakhim (ways, roads) hast thou sat [*waiting*] for them, as the nomad in the midbar; and thou hast defiled the eretz with thy zenut (whoredom, prostitution) and with thy ra'ah (wickedness).

|3| Therefore the revivim (showers) have been withheld, and there hath been no malkosh (latter rain, spring rain); and thou hadst a metzach isha zonah (whore's forehead), and thou refusedst to blush with shame.

|4| Wilt thou not from this time cry unto Me, Avi, Thou art the Alluf (Guide, Friend) of my neurim (youth)?

|5| Will He reserve His anger l'olam? Will He keep it lanetzach? Hinei, this is what you preach, but you practice all hara'ot (the evils) you can.

|6| Hashem said also unto me in the days of Yoshiyah HaMelech, Hast thou seen that which meshuvah Yisroel (backsliding Yisroel) hath done? She is gone up upon every high hill and under every green tree, and there hath played the zonah.

|7| And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto Me. But she returned not. And her treacherous achot Yehudah saw it [*i.e., saw Israel's refusal to renounce*]