

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 Mashkhit Goyim (Destroyer of the Nations, *i.e.*, *Babylon*) is on his way, he is gone forth from his place to make thy erez desolate; and thy cities shall be made to lie in ruins, without an inhabitant.

|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 hasarim; and the kohanim shall be horror-struck, and the nevi'im dumbfounded.

|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.*, *Yisroel*], 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, spread the news to Yerushalayim, that notzrim (besiegers) come from a far country, and raise their voice against the cities of Yehudah.

|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 ohalim 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'aretz, 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.

|29| 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 kefim (rocks); every city shall be deserted, and not an ish dwell therein.

|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 paintest thy eyes with cosmetics, in vain 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 wailleth, that stretcheth out her