

|23| I will also break in pieces with thee the ro'eh and his eder; and with thee will I break in pieces the ikkar (farmer) and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces pachot (rulers) and seganim (officials).

|24| And I will render unto Bavel and to all the inhabitants of Kasdim all their ra'ah that they have done in Tziyon in your sight, saith Hashem.

|25| Hineni, I am against thee, O Har HaMashchit (Destroying Mountain), saith Hashem, which destroyest kol ha'aretz; and I will stretch out Mine Yad upon thee, and roll thee down from the cliffs, and will make thee a har serefah (burned out mountain).

|26| And they shall not take of thee an even (stone) for a pinnah (cornerstone), nor an even (stone) for mosadot (foundations); but thou shalt be desolate forever, saith Hashem.

|27| Lift ye up a nes (banner) in ha'aretz, blow the shofar among the Goyim, prepare the Goyim against her, call together against her the mamlechet of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkhenaz; appoint a commander against her; cause the sus to come up like the swarming locusts.

|28| Prepare against her the Goyim with the melachim (kings) of the Medes, the pachot (rulers) thereof, and all the seganim (officials) thereof, and all the countries ruled thereof.

|29| And ha'aretz shall shake and tremble; for every purpose of Hashem shall be performed against Bavel, to make erez Bavel a desolation without an inhabitant.

|30| The Gibborim of Bavel have ceased to fight, they have remained in their metzadot (strongholds); their gevurah

(might) hath failed; they became as nashim; they have burned her mishkenot (dwelling places); her bars are broken.

|31| One runner shall run to meet another, and one maggid (messenger) to meet another maggid, to show Melech Bavel that his city is captured on all sides,

|32| And that the ma'abarot (fords, river-crossings) have been seized, and the marshes burned with eish, and the anshei hamilchamah are terrified.

|33| For thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Bat Bavel is like a goren (threshing floor), when it is time to trample her; yet a little while, and the time of her katzir shall come.

|34| Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like Tannin (Monster), he hath filled his belly with delicacies of me, he hath vomited me out.

|35| The chamas done to me and to my flesh be upon Bavel, shall the inhabitant of Tziyon say; my dahm upon the inhabitants of Kasdim, shall Yerushalayim say.

|36| Therefore thus saith Hashem; Hineni, I will defend thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her yam, and make her makor (spring) dry.

|37| And Bavel shall become heaps of ruin, a ma'on for jackals, a horror to behold, astonishment, and a hissing, without an inhabitant.

|38| They shall roar together like lions; they shall growl as cubs of arayot (lions).

|39| In their excitement I will prepare their mishtim (feasts), and I will make them shikkor, that they may rejoice, and

sleep shenat olam (a perpetual sleep), and never awake, saith Hashem.

|40| I will bring them down like lambs litvo'ach (to the slaughter, *see Isaiah 53:7*), like rams with male goats.

|41| How is Sheshach [*Babylon*] taken! And how is the tehilat kol ha'aretz seized! How is Bavel become a horror to behold among the Goyim!  
|42| The yam (sea) will arise over Bavel; she is covered with the tumult of the waves thereof.

|43| Her towns are a horror to behold, a dry land, and an aravah, a land wherein no ish dwelleth, neither doth any ben adam pass thereby.

|44| And I will punish Bel [*Marduk*] in Bavel, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath gulped down; and the Goyim shall not stream together any more unto him; indeed, the chomat Bavel shall fall.

|45| My people, come ye out of the midst of her, and save ye every ish his nefesh from the charon af Hashem.

|46| And lest your lev faint, and ye fear at the rumor that shall be heard in ha'aretz; a rumor shall both come one year, and after that in another year shall come a rumor, rumors of chamas in ha'aretz, moshel (ruler) against moshel.

|47| Therefore, hinei, the days are coming when I will visit [*in punishment*] the pesalim of Bavel; and her whole land shall be shamed, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her.

|48| Then the Shomayim and ha'aretz, and all that is therein, shall sing joyously over Bavel; for the plunderers shall come unto her from the tzafon (north), saith Hashem.

|49| Bavel must fall because of the slain of Yisroel as the slain of