

| 11| And there stood before them seventy ish of the zekenim of the Bais Yisroel, and in the midst of them stood Ya'azanyahu Ben Shaphan, with every ish his mikteret (censer, incense burner) in his yad; and a thick anan (cloud) of ketoret (incense) went up.

| 12| Then said He unto me, Ben adam, hast thou seen what the zekenim of Bais Yisroel do in the choshech (dark), every ish in the cheder (room) of his maskit (image)? For they say, Hashem seeth us not; Hashem hath forsaken ha'aretz.

| 13| He said also unto me, Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see to'evot gedolot (greater abominations) that they do.

| 14| Then He brought me to the petach sha'ar Beis Hashem toward the north; and, hinei, there sat nashim weeping for Tammuz.

| 15| Then said He unto me, Hast thou seen this, O ben adam? Turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see to'evot gedolot (greater abominations) than these.

| 16| And He brought me into the khatzer Beis Hashem hapenimit [*i.e., the Court of the Kohanim*], and, hinei, at the petach (entrance) of the Heikhal Hashem, between the Ulam and the Mizbe'ach, were about five and twenty ish, with their backs toward the Heikhal Hashem, and their faces toward the east; and they bowing down toward the east worshipping the sun.

| 17| Then He said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O ben adam? Is it a trivial thing to Bais Yehudah that they commit the to'evot (abominations) which they commit here? For they have filled ha'aretz with chamas, and yet have returned to

provoke Me to anger; and, behold, they put the branch to their nose.

| 18| Therefore will I also deal in chemah (fury); Mine eye shall not pity, neither will I spare; and though they cry in Mine oznayim with a kol gadol, yet will I not hear them.

9 Then He cried also in mine oznayim with a kol gadol (loud voice), saying, Cause them that have charge over the Ir to draw near, even every ish with his keli mashcheh (destroying weapon) in his yad.

| 2| And, hinei, shishah anashim (six men) came from the derech of the Sha'ar HaElyon, which lieth toward the north, and every ish a keli mapatz (slaughter weapon) of his in his yad; and one ish among them was clothed with linen, with a keset hasofer (writing case) at his side; and they went in, and stood beside the Mizbe'ach HaNechoshet.

| 3| And the Kavod Elohei Yisroel was gone up from the Keruv (Cherub), whereupon it was, to the miftan HaBeis [HaMikdash] (the Threshold of the Beis HaMikdash). And He called to the ish clothed with linen, which had the keset hasofer at his side;

| 4| And Hashem said unto him, Go through the midst of the Ir, through the midst of Yerushalayim, and put a TAV upon the mitzekhot (foreheads) of the anashim that grieve and lament for kol hato'evot that are being done in the midst thereof.

| 5| And to the others He said in mine hearing, Go ye through the Ir after him [*i.e., the man with the scribal kit*], and strike down; let not your eye have pity, and do not spare;

| 6| Slay utterly zaken (old man) and bochur (young man), betulah, little children, and nashim; but come not near any ish upon whom is the TAV; and begin at My Mikdash. Then they began with the anashim hazekenim which were before the Beis [HaMikdash][1K 4:17].

| 7| And He said unto them, Make the Beis [HaMikdash] tameh, and fill the khatzerot (courtyards) with chalalim (slain ones); go ye forth. And they went forth, and slaughtered in the Ir.

| 8| And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried out, and said, Ah, Adonoi Hashem! Wilt Thou destroy kol She'erit Yisroel in Thy pouring out of Thy chemah (wrath, fury) upon Yerushalayim?

| 9| Then He said unto me, The avon Bais Yisroel and Yehudah is exceeding great, and HaAretz is full of damim, and the Ir full of injustice; for they say, Hashem hath forsaken Ha'Aretz, and Hashem seeth not.

| 10| And as for Me, Mine eye shall show no pity, neither will I spare, but I will recompense their derech upon their rosh.

| 11| And, hinei, the ish clothed with linen, which had the keset ([writing] case) at his side, reported, saying, I have done as Thou hast commanded me.

10 Then I looked, and, hinei, above the raki'a that was over the rosh of the Keruvim there appeared over them something like a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the demut (likeness) of a kisse (throne).