

| 11| Zenut (prostitution, whoredom) and yayin and tirosh take away the lev (understanding).

| 12| Ami (My people) consult a piece of wood, and their staff declareth unto them; for the ruach zenunim hath caused them to err, and they have played the zonah, forsaking Eloheihem.

| 13| They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oak and poplar and terebinth, because the shade thereof is tov; therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom, and your daughters-in-law shall commit ni'uf (adultery).

| 14| I will not visit punishment upon your daughters when they commit whoredom, nor your daughters-in-law when they commit ni'uf (adultery); because the men consort with zonot, and they sacrifice with kedeshot (temple prostitutes); thus the Am without binah (understanding) shall come to ruin.

| 15| Though thou, Yisroel, play the zonah, yet let not Yehudah become guilty; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beit-Aven (House of Iniquity, *pejorative name for Bethel*), nor swear, Chai Hashem (As the L-rd lives).

| 16| For Yisroel slideth back (*i.e., is stubborn, rebellious, unmanageable*) like a backsliding parah (stubborn, rebellious cow); now Hashem will feed them like a lamb in a wide field.

| 17| Ephrayim [*i.e., the Northern Kingdom, Israel*] is joined to atzabim (idols); leave him alone.

| 18| When their drink is sour [*i.e., when intoxicated*], they have committed whoredom; her mogenim (shields, rulers)

deeply love kalon (ignominy, shame).

| 19| The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and their zevakhot (sacrifices) shall bring them bushah (shame).

5 Hear ye this, O kohanim; and pay heed, ye Bais Yisroel; and give ye ear, O Bais HaMelech; for hamishpat (the judgment) is against you, because ye have been a pach (snare, bird trap) at Mitzpah, and a reshet (net) spread upon Tavor.

| 2| And the revolvers have deepened their slaughter, and I will be musar (punishment; *see regarding Moshiach, Isa.53:5*) of them all.

| 3| I know Ephrayim, and Yisroel is not hid from Me; for now, O Ephrayim, thou committest whoredom, and Yisroel is tameh (unclean, defiled).

| 4| Their doings do not permit them to turn unto Eloheihem; for the ruach zenunim is in the midst of them, and they have not known Hashem.

| 5| And the ga'on Yisroel (pride of Yisroel) doth testify to his face; therefore shall Yisroel and Ephrayim stumble and fall in their avon (iniquity); Yehudah also shall fall with them.

| 6| They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Hashem; but they shall not find Him; He hath withdrawn Himself from them.

| 7| They have dealt treacherously against Hashem; for they have begotten banim zarim (strange, illegitimate children); now shall a [Rosh] Chodesh devour them with their fields.

| 8| Blow ye the shofar in Giveah, and the trumpet in Ramah; cry aloud at Beit-Aven; after thee, O Binyamin!

| 9| Ephrayim shall be desolate in the Yom Tokheichah (Day of Rebuke); among the Shivtei Yisroel have I made known that which is certain.

| 10| The sarim (princes) of Yehudah were like them that remove the gevu (boundary stone); therefore I will pour out My wrath upon them like mayim.

| 11| Ephrayim is oppressed and crushed in mishpat (judgment), because he willingly walked after tzav (human statute [*Isa 28:10,13*]).

| 12| Therefore will I be unto Ephrayim like maggots, and to the Bais Yehudah like rottenness.

| 13| When Ephrayim saw his sickness, and Yehudah saw his sores, then went Ephrayim to the Assyrian, and sent to the great king; yet he was not able to heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

| 14| For I will be unto Ephrayim like a lion, and as a great lion to the Bais Yehudah; I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there will be no one rescuing.

| 15| I will go and return to My place, till they acknowledge their guilt, and seek My face; in their tzar (affliction, distress) they will beg My favor.

6 Come, and let us return unto Hashem; for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath struck, and He will bind us up.

| 2| After two days He will revive us; in the Yom HaShelishi He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

| 3| Then shall we know, if we follow on to know Hashem; His going forth is prepared as the shachar (dawn); and He shall come unto us as