

Hashem; but if we did have a Melech, what could he do for us?

|4| They have spoken words, swearing falsely in cutting brit (covenant); thus mishpat springeth up as poisonous herb in the furrows of the sadeh.

|5| The inhabitants of Shomron tremble because of the eglot (calf-idols) of Beit-Aven; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, likewise the komer (idolatrous priests) over it, who shout for joy over its kavod, for it has gone into the Golus for them.

|6| It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a minchah (present) to the great king; Ephrayim shall receive disgrace, and Yisroel shall be ashamed of his own counsel.

|7| As for Shomron, her melech will float off like a twig upon the surface of the mayim.

|8| The high places also of Aven, the chattat Yisroel, shall be made shmad; the kotz (thorn) and the dardar (thistle) shall come up on their mizbechot; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.

|9| O Yisroel, thou hast sinned from the yamei Giveah; there they have continued. Did not milchamah (war) overtake the bnei alvah (children of unruliness) in Giveah?

|10| When I please, I will chastise them; amim shall be gathered against them, when they are punished for their shtei avon (double iniquity).

|11| And Ephrayim is an eglah melummadah (a trained heifer), and loveth to tread out the grain; but I will put a yoke on her fair neck; I will drive Ephrayim; Yehudah shall plow, and Ya'akov shall break his clods.

|12| Sow to yourselves in tzedakah, reap in chesed; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Hashem, till He come and rain tzedek upon you.

|13| Ye have plowed resha, ye have reaped avlah; ye have eaten the pri kachash (fruit of lies); because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy gibborim (mighty men).

|14| Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be devastated, as Shalman devastated Beit-Arbel on the yom milchamah; the em were dashed in pieces with their banim.

|15| So shall Beit-El do unto you because of your great wickedness; in the shachar (dawn) shall the Melech Yisroel utterly be cut off [*Isa 53:8*].

**11** When Yisroel was a na'ar (child), I loved him, and called Beni (My son) out of Mitzrayim [*Mt 2:15*].

|2| The more I called them, the more they went from Me; they sacrificed unto Ba'alim, and burned incense to peselim (graven images).

|3| Yet it was I who taught Ephrayim to walk, taking them by their zero'ot; but they knew not that it was I who healed them.

|4| I drew them with cords of man, with bands of ahavah; and I was to them as they that ease the ol (yoke) on their jaws, and I bent down to feed them.

|5| Will they not return into Eretz Mitzrayim? And will not the Assyrian be his melech, because they refused to make teshuvah.

|6| And the cherev shall flash in his towns, and shall destroy his gate bars, and devour them, because of their own counsels.

|7| And Ami are bent to backsliding from Me; though they called to the Most High, none at all would exalt Him.

|8| How shall I give thee up, Ephrayim? How shall I hand thee over, Yisroel? How shall I make thee as Admah? How shall I make thee as Tzvoyim? Mine lev is turned within Me, My relentings are kindled together.

|9| I will not execute Mine charon af, I will not return to destroy Ephrayim; for El ani, and not ish; the Kadosh (Holy One) in the midst of thee; and I will not come in wrath.

|10| They shall walk after Hashem; He shall roar like an aryeh; when He shall roar, then the banim shall come trembling from the west.

|11| They shall come trembling as a bird out of Mitzrayim, and as a yonah out of Eretz Assyria; and I will place them in their batim (houses), saith Hashem.

|12 [12:1]| Ephrayim compasseth Me about with kachash (lies), and Bais Yisroel with mirmar (deceit; T.N. See *Isa 53:9* which says *Moshiach will have no mirmar*); but Yehudah still is unbridled with El, and against Kadoshim (Holy One; see *Prov 9:10*) Who is ne'eman.

**12** [12:2] Ephrayim feedeth on wind, and chasing after the east wind; he daily increaseth kazav (lies) and sod (desolation); and cuts brit with the Assyrians, and shemen is sent to Mitzrayim.

|2 [3]| Hashem hath also a charge against Yehudah, and will visit punishment on Ya'akov according to his ways; according to his doings will He repay him.

|3 [4]| In the beten (womb) he (Ya'akov) akav (took at the heel [of]) his brother