

whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his p'ri from above, and his shorashim from beneath.

| 10| Also I brought you up from Eretz Mitzrayim, and led you arba'im shanah through the midbar, to possess the Eretz HaEmori (land of the Amorite).

| 11| And I raised up of your banim for nevi'im, and of your bochurim for Nezirim. Is it not even thus, O ye Bnei Yisroel? saith Hashem.

| 12| But ye gave the Nezirim yayin to drink; and commanded the nevi'im, saying, Prophecy not.

| 13| Hinei, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.

| 14| Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, and the chazak shall not strengthen his ko'ach, neither shall the gibbor deliver his own nefesh;

| 15| Neither shall he stand that handleth the keshet; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver his own nefesh; neither shall he that rideth the sus deliver himself.

| 16| And he that is courageous among the gibborim shall flee away naked in that Yom, saith Hashem.

3 Hear this word that Hashem hath spoken against you, O Bnei Yisroel, against the kol hamishpochoh which I brought up from Eretz Mitzrayim, saying,

| 2| You only have I known of all the mishpechot

ha'adamah: therefore I will punish you for kol avonotechem.

| 3| Can shnayim walk together, except they be agreed?

| 4| Will an aryeh roar in the thicket, when he hath no prey? Will a lion roar from his den, if he has taken nothing?

| 5| Can a bird fall in a pach ha'aretz (trap on the ground), when his snare is not set? Can a pach spring up from ha'aretz without making a capture?

| 6| Shall a shofar be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be disaster in a city, and Hashem hath not caused it?

| 7| Surely Adonoi Hashem will do nothing, but He revealeth His sod (secret) unto His avadim hanevi'im.

| 8| The aryeh hath roared, who will not fear? Adonoi Hashem hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

| 9| Publish in the fortresses at Ashdod, and in the fortresses in Eretz Mitzrayim, and say, Assemble yourselves upon harei Shomron, and behold the great tumults in the midst thereof, and the oppression in the midst thereof.

| 10| For they have no da'as to do right, saith Hashem, who store up chamas and shod in their fortresses.

| 11| Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem: An adversary shall surround the land; and he shall bring down thy strongholds from thee, and thy fortresses shall be plundered.

| 12| Thus saith Hashem: As the ro'eh taketh out of the mouth of the aryeh two legs, or a piece of an ozen; so shall the Bnei Yisroel be saved that dwell in Shomron—with the corner of a mittah (bed), and the edge of a couch.

| 13| Hear ye, and testify in Bais Ya'akov, saith Adonoi Hashem Elohei HaTzva'os,

| 14| On the Yom that I visit her to punish the peysha'im of Yisroel, I will also visit to punish the mizbechot of Beit-El; and the horns of the mizbe'ach shall be cut off, and fall to ha'aretz.

| 15| And I will strike the bais hachoref with the bais hakayitz; and the batim (houses) of ivory shall perish, and the batim rabbim (great houses) shall have an end, saith Hashem.

4 Hear this word, ye cows of Bashan, that are on Mt Shomron, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their adonim, Bring, and let us drink.

| 2| Adonoi Hashem hath sworn by His Kodesh, that, hinei, the yamim shall come upon you, that He will take you away with hooks, and the last of you with fishhooks.

| 3| And ye shall go out of the breaks in the wall, every cow right behind the next; and ye shall be cast out toward Harmonah, saith Hashem.

| 4| Come to Beit-El, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply peysha'im; and bring your zevakhim every boker, and your ma'asrot (tithes) every third day;

| 5| And offer a todah thank offering with chametz (leavened bread), and proclaim and publish the nedavot (freewill offerings); for this ye love, O Bnei Yisroel, saith Adonoi Hashem.

| 6| And I also have given you cleanness of teeth [*i.e., famine*] in all your towns, and want of lechem in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto Me, saith Hashem.

| 7| And also I have withheld the geshem from