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die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

|9| And Elohim said to Yonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the climbing gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto mot (death).

|10| Then said Hashem, Thou hast had pity on the climbing gourd, though thou hast not labored for it, neither madest it grow; which came up a ben lailah, and perished a ben lailah;

|11| And should not I spare Nineveh, that ir hagedolah, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their yamin (right hand) and their semol (left hand); and also much cattle?

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1 The Devar Hashem that came to Michah HaMorashti in the yamim of Yotam, Achaz, and Yechizkiyah, melachim of Yehudah, which he saw concerning Shomron and Yerushalayim:

|2| Hear, all ye peoples; hearken, O Eretz (earth), and all that is therein; and let Adonoi Hashem be witness against you, Adonoi from His Heikhal Kodesh.

|3| For, hinei, Hashem cometh forth out of His dwelling place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of ha'aretz.

|4| And the mountains shall melt under Him, and the valleys shall be split apart, like wax before the eish, and like mayim that are poured down a steep place.

|5| Because of the peysha (transgression) of Ya'akov is all this, and because of the

chattot Bais Yisroel. What is the peysha of Ya'akov? Is it not Shomron? And what are the high places of Yehudah? Are they not Yerushalayim?

|6| Therefore I will make Shomron like a rubble heap of the sadeh, and like a place for planting a kerem (vineyard); and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will lay bare her foundations.

|7| And all the pesilim thereof shall be beaten to pieces, and all the etnan (temple proceeds of cult prostitution) shall be burned with the eish, and all the idols thereof will I lay desolate; for she [*i.e.*, *Shomron*] gathered of the etnan (wage) of a zonah, and they shall revert to the etnan (wage) of a zonah.

|8| Therefore I will weep and wail, I will go barefoot and arom (half-naked); I will wail like the jackals, and mourn like the ostriches.

|9| For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Yehudah; it is come unto the sha'ar ami (gate of my people) even to Yerushalayim.

|10| Declare ye it not at Gat, weep ye not at all; at Beit L'aphrah (House of Dust) roll thyself in the apha (dust).

|11| Pass ye on your way, thou inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame; the inhabitants of Tza'anani dare not come out. Beit-Ha'etzal is in mourning; it withdraws from you its support.

|12| For the inhabitant of Marot waited anxiously for relief; but rah (evil) came down from Hashem unto the sha'ar Yerushalayim.

|13| O thou inhabitant of Lachish, harness the merkavah to the swift horses; it was the reshit chattat (beginning of sin) to Bat Tziyon; for the

transgressions of Yisroel were found in thee.

|14| Therefore shalt thou give shilluchim (parting gifts) to Moreshet-Gat; the batim (houses) of Achziv shall be a deception to the melachim of Yisroel.

|15| Yet will I bring HaYoresh (The Heir, the one who takes possession) unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah; the kavod Yisroel shall come unto Adullam.

|16| Shave your head in mourning for the children who were your delight; make yourselves as bald as the neshar (vulture); for they are gone into the golus from thee.

2 Hoy (Woe) to them that devise aven (iniquity), and plot rah (evil) upon their mishkavim (beds)! At ohr haboker they carry it out, because it is in the power of their hand.

|2| And they covet sadot, and seize them; and batim (houses), and take them away; so they oppress a man and his bais, even a man and his nachalah (inheritance).

|3| Therefore thus saith Hashem: Hineni, against this mishpochah do I plan a ra'ah, from which ye shall not remove your tzavarot (necks); neither shall ye walk haughtily; for an et ra'ah (time of evil) it is.

|4| In Yom HaHu shall one take up a mashal against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly ruined; He (Hashem) hath changed the chelek of Ami (my People); how hath He (Hashem) removed it from me! To the shovev (faithless, apostate) He (Hashem) apportions our sadot.

|5| Therefore thou shalt have none that shall divide for you the land by lot in the Kahal Hashem.