

|9| Whatever plot ye against Hashem, Hashem will make an utter end of anyone doing it; tzarah (affliction) will not arise a second time.

|10| For while they be twisted together as sirim (thorns), and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.

|11| There is one come out of thee [see 1:1], that imagineth evil against Hashem, a yo'etz Beliya'al (a counselor of Beliya'al [*i.e.*, *Sennacherib*]).

|12| Thus saith Hashem: Though they are strong, and likewise rabbim, yet shall they thus be cut down, and he [*the Assyrian*] shall pass away. Though I have afflicted thee [*O Yehudah*], I will afflict thee no more.

|13| For now will I break his motah (yoke) from off thee, and will break thy fetters in pieces.

|14| And Hashem hath given a command concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown [*i.e.*, *to perpetuate his name*]; out of the bais of thy g-ds will I cut off the pesel (graven image) and the molten image; I prepare thy kever (grave); for thou art vile.

|15 (2:1)| Hinei, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth Besorah (Good News), that publisheth Shalom! O Yehudah, keep thy chagim, fulfill thy nedarim; for the Beliya'al shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

2 (2:2) A shatterer [*Nineveh's overpowering enemy*] is come up before thy face, [*O Nineveh*]; guard thy fortress, watch the derech, fortify thy loins, marshal all thy koach (power).

|2 (2:3)| For Hashem is about to restore the eminence of Ya'akov, like the eminence of Yisroel; for plunderers have plundered them, and made their vine branches as shachat.

|3 (2:4)| The mogen (shield) of his gibborim is made red, the anshei chayil (valiant men) are in scarlet; the chariot shall flash like fire in the day of its array, and the spears shall be brandished.

|4 (2:5)| The chariot shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the rechovot, they shall seem like flaming torches, they shall dart about like the lightnings.

|5 (2:6)| He [*the Assyrian king*] shall remember his mighty ones; they stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the chomah (wall) of it [*Nineveh*], and the defense shall be prepared.

|6| (2:7) The sha'arei hancharot (the gates of the rivers) shall be thrown open, and the heikhal (palace) reels. |7 (2:8)| Her [*Nineveh's*] golus (exile) is decreed, she shall be carried away, her slave girls moaning like the kol yonim (voice of doves), beating their breasts.

|8 (2:9)| But Nineveh is like a pool of mayim; and her mayim is draining away. Stop, stop, shall they cry; but no one turns back.

|9 (2:10)| Take ye the plunder of kesef, take the plunder of zahav; for there is no end of the treasures, heaps of kol keli chemdah (every delightful vessel).

|10 (2:11)| She is empty, and void, and stripped; and the lev melteth, and the knees give way, bodies tremble, and the faces of them all grow pale.

|11 (2:12)| Where is the ma'on arayot (den of lions), and the feeding place of the young lions, where the aryeh,

even the lioness, walked with their cubs, and none made them afraid?

|12 (2:13)| The aryeh did tear in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his lairs with prey, and his dens with torn flesh.

|13 (2:14)| Hineni, I am against thee [*O Nineveh*], saith Hashem Tzva'os, and I will burn your chariots in the smoke, and the cherev shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey from ha'aretz, and the voice of thy malachim (messengers) shall no more be heard.

3 Hoy (woe) to the ir damim (bloody city)! It is all full of lies and booty; no end to the plunder; |2| The crack of the shot (whip), and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing susim, and of the jolting merkavah (chariot); |3| The parash (horsemen, cavalry) charging, the flash of the cherev and the glittering spear; and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of dead bodies; and there is no end of their geviyot (corpses); they stumble over their geviyot;

|4| Because of the multitude of the harlotries of the alluring zonah, the ba'alat keshafim (the mistress of sorceries), that enslaveth Goyim through her prostitutions, and mishpochot through her keshafim;

|5| Hineni, I am against thee, saith Hashem