

CHABAKUK

Tzva'os; and I will lift thy skirts over thy faces, and I will show the Goyim thy nakedness, and the mamlachot thy shame.

[6] And I (Hashem) will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee contemptibly vile, and will make thee a spectacle.

[7] And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is in ruins; who will bemoan her? From where shall I seek menachamim (comforters) for thee?

[8] Art thou better than No Amon (Thebes), that was situated on the Nile, that had the mayim round about it, whose rampart was the yam, and her waters were her chomah?

[9] Ethiopia and Mitzrayim were her strength, and it was boundless; Put and Luvim (Libya) were her allies.

[10] Yet she went into golus, she went into captivity; her olalim also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast goral (lots) for her honorable men, and all her gedolim were bound in chains.

[11] Thou also shalt be drunken, thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek maaz from the enemy.

[12] All thy strongholds shall be like te'anim (fig trees) with the first ripe figs; if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the peh (mouth) of the ochel (eater).

[13] Hinei, thy troops in the midst of thee are nashim (women); the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies; the eish shall devour thy (gate) bars.

[14] Draw thee water for the matzor (siege), fortify thy strongholds, go unto clay, and tread the mortar, repair the brickwork.

[15] There shall the eish devour thee, the cherev shall consume thee, it shall eat thee up like the grasshopper.

Make thyself many as the grasshopper, make thyself many as the arbeh (locust).

[16] Thou hast multiplied thy merchants more than the kokhavim of HaShomayim; but, like the locust, they strip the land, then fly away.

[17] Thy commanders are as the swarming locusts, and thy officials as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges on a cold day, but when the shemesh ariseth they flee away, and their place is whereabouts unknown.

[18] Thy ro'im (shepherds) slumber, O melech of Asshur (Assyria); thy nobles shall dwell in the dust; thy people are scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

[19] There is no healing of thy shever (fracture, injury); thy wound is grievous; all that hear the news of thee shall clap their hands over thy fall; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed tamid (continually)?

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1 The burden which Chabakuk HaNavi did see.

[2] Until when, Hashem, must I cry for help, and Thou wilt not hear? Even cry out unto Thee, Chamas (violence!), and Thou wilt not save?

[3] Why dost Thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold trouble? For plundering and chamas are before me; and there are those that raise up strife and contention.

[4] Therefore the torah is slacked, and mishpat (judgment) doth never prevail; for the rasha doth hem in the tzadik;

therefore mishpat (justice) proceedeth perverted.

[5] [*Hashem says:*] Behold ye the Goyim, and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your yamim which, though it be told you, of it ye will have no emunah (faith).

[6] For, hineni, I raise up the Kasdim (Chaldeans), that Goy bitter and impetuous, which shall march far and wide over the earth, to confiscate the mishkanot (dwelling places) that are not their own.

[7] They are terrible and dreadful; their mishpat and their dignity shall proceed from themselves.

[8] Their susim also are swifter than the leopards, keener than the evening wolves; and their parash (cavalry) shall charge ahead, and their parash shall come from afar; they shall fly as the nesher (eagle), swooping to devour.

[9] They shall come all for chamas; the swarm of their faces is directed forward, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand.

[10] And they shall scoff at the melachim, and the roznim (dignitaries) shall be a scorn unto them; they shall laugh at every stronghold; for they shall heap dirt (earthen ramps), and take it.

[11] Then they sweep on like the ruach (wind), guilty men whose g-d is his own koach.

[12] Art thou not mikedem (from everlasting, [*T.N. Also said of Moshiach, indicating Moshiach's coeternal divine nature: see Michoh 5:1[2]; see Dan 7:13-14; 3:12*]), Hashem Elohai (my G-d) Kedoshi (my Holy One)? We shall not die. Hashem, Thou hast appointed them for mishpat; O Tzur, Thou hast ordained them for reproof.