

him, the Keshet Milchamah (battle bow, *Tehillim 45:5*), from him every ruler.

|5| Together they [*Bais Yehudah, (10:3)*] shall be like gibborim, which tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the milchamah; and they shall fight, because Hashem is with them, and they shall overthrow the riders on susim.

|6| And I will strengthen the Bais Yehudah, and I will save the Bais Yosef, and I will restore them; for I have rachamim upon them; and they shall be as though I had not rejected them; for I am Hashem Eloheihem, and I will answer them.

|7| And they of Ephrayim shall be like a gibbor (mighty man), and their lev shall have simcha as through yayin; yea, their banim shall see, and have simcha, and their lev shall rejoice in Hashem.

|8| I will whistle for them, and I will gather them in; for I have redeemed them; and they shall multiply as they have multiplied.

|9| And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember Me in far countries; and they shall survive and live with their banim, and they will return.

|10| I will bring them back again also out of Eretz Mitzrayim, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the Eretz Gil`ad and Levanon; until no more room shall be found for them.

|11| And He [*Hashem*] shall pass through the yam of tzarah, and shall strike the waves in the yam, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up; and the ga'on (pride) of Assyria shall be cast down, and the shevet (scepter, *i.e., power*) of Mitzrayim shall depart.

|12| And I will strengthen them [*Ephrayim (10:7)*] in Hashem; and they shall walk in Shmo (His Name), saith Hashem.

11 Open thy delatot (gates), O Levanon, that the eish (fire) may devour thy cedars.

|2| Wail, O cypress, for the cedar is fallen; the mighty is despoiled; wail, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the dense forest is toppled.

|3| Hear the sound of the wailing of the ro'im (shepherds); for their glory is destroyed; the sound of the roaring of young lions; for the ga'on of the Yarden (Jordan) is laid waste.

|4| Thus Hashem Elohai said: Shepherd the tzon haharegah (the flock marked for slaughter);

|5| Whose buyers slaughter them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Baruch Hashem, I have become rich! And their own ro'im (shepherds) spare them not.

|6| Nor will I any more pity the yoshvei ha'aretz (the inhabitants of the land), saith Hashem; and hinei, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand, and into the power of his melech; and they shall strike ha'aretz, and out of their hand I will not deliver them.

|7| So I did shepherd the tzon haharegah (the flock marked for slaughter), even aniyei hatzon (the poor of the flock). And I took unto me two maklot (staffs); the one I called No'am (gracious care), and the other I called Chovelim (bindings [*of union, cf. 11:14*]); and I did shepherd the tzon (flock).

|8| Shloshet haro'im (three of the shepherds) also I disposed of in one month; and my nefesh wearied of them, and their nefesh also abhorred me.

|9| Then said I, I will not shepherd you; that which dieth, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let those that are left eat every one the basar of another.

|10| And I took my staff, even No'am, and I broke it asunder, breaking off my Brit (covenant) which I had made with kol ha'amim (all the peoples).

|11| And it was broken on that day; and so the aniyei hatzon (poor of the flock), who were the shomrim giving heed to me, perceived that this was the Devar Hashem.

|12| And I said unto them, If ye think tov, give me my sachar (price); and if not, refrain. So they weighed out for my sachar (price) shloshim kesef (thirty pieces of silver).

|13| And Hashem said unto me, Throw it unto the yotzer (potter); the magnificent price that I was priced of them. So I took the shloshim hakesef, and threw them to the yotzer (potter) in the Beis Hashem. [*Shemot 21:32; Mt 26:14-15; 27:3-10; Ac 1:18-19*]

|14| Then I broke my second staff, called Chovelim, breaking off the achavah (brotherhood) between Yehudah and Yisroel.

|15| And Hashem said unto me, Take unto thee yet the keli (implements) of a foolish ro'eh (shepherd).

|16| For, hinei, I will raise up a ro'eh in ha'aretz, which shall not care for the dying, nor look for the na'ar (young one), nor heal that which is injured, nor feed the healthy; but he shall eat the basar of the choice, and