

they have conspired themselves together against me.

| 11| El hath delivered me to evil men, and turned me over into the hands of the resha'im.

| 12| I was at ease, but He hath shattered me; He hath also taken me by my neck, and shaken me to pieces, and set me up for His mattarah (object of attack, target).

| 13| His archers surround me, He pierces my klayot (kidneys), and doth not show mercy; He poureth out my gall upon the ground.

| 14| He bursteth upon me again and again; He runneth upon me like a gibbor (warrior).

| 15| I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin, and laid my keren (horn, strength) in the apha (dust).

| 16| My face is red with weeping, and on my eyelids is the tzalmavet;

| 17| Not for any chamas in mine hands; also my tefillah is pure.

| 18| O earth, cover not thou my dahm, and let my outcry have no makom (place of rest).

| 19| Also now, hinei, my Ed is in Shomayim, and my Sahed (witness, one who vouches for me) is on high [MJ 4:15].

| 20| My friends scorn me; but mine eye poureth out tears unto Eloah.

| 21| O that one might plead for a man with Eloah, as a man pleadeth for his neighbor!

| 22| When a few shanot are come, then I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17 My ruach is broken, my yamim are extinct, the kevarim are ready for me.

| 2| Does not hatulim (mockery) surround me? And doth not mine eye continue in their provocation?

| 3| Lay down an eravon (pledge) with Thee; who is he that will put up security for me?

| 4| For Thou hast hid their lev from seichel; therefore shalt Thou not exalt them.

| 5| He that informs on re'im for chelek, even the eyes of his banim shall fail.

| 6| He hath made me also a mashal (byword) of the peoples; and I am one in whose face they spit.

| 7| Mine eye also is dim by reason of ka'as, and all my members are like a tzel (shadow).

| 8| Yesharim shall be appalled at this and the naki (pure, innocent) shall stir up himself against the chanef (profane, irreligious).

| 9| The tzaddik also shall hold to his derech, and he whose yadayim are tahor shall grow stronger and stronger.

| 10| But as for all you, do ye return, and come back now; for I cannot find one chacham among you.

| 11| My yamim are past, my plans are broken, even the morashot (possessions, desires) of my lev.

| 12| They change the lailah into yom; the ohr is near to choshech, say they.

| 13| If I wait, Sheol is mine bais; I have made my bed in the choshech.

| 14| I have said to Shachat, thou art avi; to the worm, thou art immi, and achoti.

| 15| And where is now my tikveh? As for my tikveh, who regards it?

| 16| Will it go down to the gates of Sheol? Shall we go down together into the dust?

18 Then answered Bildad the Shuchi, and said,

| 2| Ad anah (Until when, how long) will it be ere ye make an

end of words? Gain binah, and afterwards we will speak.

| 3| Why are we counted as behemah (cattle), and reputed stupid in your sight?

| 4| Thou art he who teareth his nefesh in his anger; shall eretz (earth) be forsaken for thee? And shall the tzur be removed out of its place?

| 5| Yea, the ohr of the resha'im shall be put out, and the flame of his eish shall not burn.

| 6| The ohr shall be choshech in his ohel, and his ner (lamp) above him is extinguished.

| 7| The steps of his vigor shall be shortened, and his own etzah (counsel, scheme) shall cast him down.

| 8| For he is cast into a reshet by his own raglayim, and he walketh into a pitfall.

| 9| The pach (trap) shall take him by the akev (heel), and the snare shall prevail against him.

| 10| The noose is laid for him ba'aretz (on the ground), and a trap for him in the path.

| 11| Ballahot (terrors, terrible thoughts) shall make him afraid on every side, and shall dog him behind his feet.

| 12| Calamity is ra'ev (hungry) for him, and destruction shall be ready for his fall.

| 13| It shall devour the limbs of his ohr (skin); even the bechor mavet (plague) shall devour his members.

| 14| That in which he trusted is rooted out of his ohel, and it shall march him to Melech Ballahot (King of Terrors).

| 15| In his ohel nothing dwells; gofrit (brimstone) is scattered upon his habitation.

| 16| His shorashim shall be dried up beneath, and above his branch shall wither.

| 17| His memory shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no shem in the land.