

|21| But the Governor answered, saying to them, Which of the two do you want me to release for you? And they said, Bar-Abba.

|22| In reply, Pilate says to them, What, therefore, may I do with Yehoshua, the one called the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach? Everyone says, Let him be made TALUI AL HAETZ (being hanged on the Tree!) Be hanged on HAETZ! [DEVARIM 21:23]

|23| But Pilate said, Why? What rah (evil) has he done? But they kept shouting all the more, saying, Let him be hanged on HAETZ!

|24| And when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the multitude, saying, I am innocent of this man's blood; see to that yourselves.

|25| And, in reply, all the people said, His dahm be on us and on our yeladim.

|26| Then Pilate released Bar-Abba to them. But after having Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach scourged, he handed him over to be hanged on HAETZ [DEVARIM 21:23].

|27| Then the soldiers of the Governor took him into the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort against Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach. [TEHILLIM 2:1]

|28| And they stripped him and put a royal scarlet robe on him, and,

|29| After weaving a keter of thorns, they placed it on his head and put a reed in his right hand, and they fell down before him and mocked him saying, Hail, Melech HaYehudim!

|30| And they spat on Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach and took the reed and began to beat him on the head.

|31| And after they had made

leitzonus (mockery) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, they took off his robe and put his garments on him, and led him away to hang him on HAETZ.

|32| And as they were coming out, they found a man from Cyrene named Shimon, whom they pressed into service to bear Moshiach's Etz.

|33| And when they had come to a place called Gulgolta, which means place of a skull,

|34| They gave him wine to drink mingled with gall. And, after tasting it, he was unwilling to drink.

|35| When they had hanged Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach on HAETZ, they divided up Moshiach's garments among themselves, casting lots;

|36| And, sitting down, they began to keep watch over him there.

|37| They put up above his head the charge against him which read, THIS IS YEHOSHUA, MELECH HAYEHUDIM.

|38| At that time, two shodedim were each hanged on his own etz with Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, one on the right and one on the left.

|39| And those passing by were hurling insults at Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, wagging their heads,

|40| And saying, You who are going to cause the churban (destruction) of the Beis Hamikdash and rebuild it in shloshah yamim (three days), save yourself! If you are the Ben HaElohim, come down from HAETZ (the Tree).

|41| Likewise, also the Rashei Hakohanim along with the Sofrim and Zekenim, were mocking him, and saying,

|42| He saved others; yet himself he is not able to save. He is Melech Yisroel? Let him now come down from the Etz, and we shall have emunah in him.

|43| He trusts in Hashem; let Hashem be his Moshi'a (Deliverer) and deliver him now, if Hashem takes pleasure in him, for this one said, Ben HaElohim Ani!

|44| And the shodedim (robbers), hanging, each on his etz, with him, were casting similar insults at Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach, reproaching him.

|45| Now, from the sixth hour, choshech fell upon all the land until the ninth hour.

|46| And about the ninth hour, Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out with a kol gadol, saying Eli, Eli, lemah sabachthani! (that is, My G-d, my G-d, why hast thou forsaken me? TEHILLIM 22:2[1]).

|47| And some of those who were standing there, when they heard, began saying, This one calls for Eliyahu HaNavi.

|48| And immediately one of them ran and, taking a sponge, filled it with sour wine and put it on a reed and gave him a drink.

|49| But the rest of them said, Wait. We will see whether Eliyahu HaNavi will come to save him.

|50| And Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach cried out again with a loud voice, and dismissed his ruach.

|51| And hinei! The parochet of the Beis Hamikdash was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,

|52| And the kevarim (graves) were opened, and many gufot (bodies) of the kadoshim who had fallen asleep were made to stand up alive.

|53| And coming out of the kevarim after the Techiyas HaMoshiach, they entered the Ir Hakodesh (Holy City) and appeared to many.

|54| Now when the centurion, and those who