

Of Visitation, Reckoning) and in the desolation which shall come from afar? To whom will ye flee for ezrah (help)? And where will ye leave your kavod (glory, riches)?

|4| Without Me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His yad is upraised still.

|5| O Ashur, the rod of Mine anger, in whose yad is the match of My wrath.

|6| I will send him against a Goy Chanef, and against the people of My wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the plunder, and to tread them down like the chomer chutzot (mire of the streets).

|7| But he intendeth not so, neither doth his mind so consider; but it is in his lev to make an end of Goyim not a few.

|8| For he saith, Are not my sarim altogether melachim?

|9| Is not Calno like Carkemish? Is not Chatat like Arpad? Is not Shomron like Damascus?

|10| Just as my yad hath found the mamlechet haelil, whose pesilim (molten images) did excel them of Yerushalayim and of Shomron;

|11| Shall I not, as I have done unto Shomron and her elilim, so do to Yerushalayim and her atzabim (images)?

|12| Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when Adonoi hath performed His whole work upon Mt Tziyon and on Yerushalayim, I will punish the fruit of the proud lev of Melech Ashur, and the tiferet of his haughty eyes.

|13| For he saith, By the ko'ach of my yad I have done it, and by my chochmah; for I have binah; and I have removed the boundaries of the nations, and have plundered

their treasures, and like the mighty I have subdued those on thrones;

|14| And my yad hath found like a ken (nest) the riches of the nations; and like one gathereth beitzim (eggs) that are left, have I gathered kol ha'arezt; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the beak, or peeped.

|15| Shall the garzen (axe) boast itself against Him that cuts therewith? Or shall the masor (saw) magnify itself against Him that useth it? As if the shevet (rod) should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the matteh (staff) should lift up itself, as if it were not etz.

|16| Therefore shall HaAdon Hashem Tzva'os send among his fat ones leanness; and instead of his kavod there will be kindled a burning like the blazing of eish.

|17| And the Ohr Yisroel shall become an eish, and His Kadosh a flame; and shall burn and consume its thistles and its thorns in Yom Echad;

|18| And shall consume the kavod of his forest and his fertile land, even to nefesh and basar; and shall be as a sick man wasting away.

|19| And the remnant of the etz of his forest shall be few, that a na'ar could record them.

|20| And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that the remnant of Yisroel, and such as are escaped of Bais Ya'akov, shall no longer lean upon him that smote them; but shall lean upon Hashem Kadosh Yisroel be'emes.

|21| The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Ya'akov, unto El Gibbor [See *Isaiah 9:5(6)*].

|22| For though thy people Yisroel be like the chol hayam, only a remnant of them shall

return; destruction is decreed, overwhelming tzedakah.

|23| For Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os shall carry out kalah (destruction) decreed, even upon the kol ha'arezt.

|24| Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os, O My people that dwellest in Tziyon, be not afraid of Ashur; if he strike thee with the shevet, and lift his matteh against thee, in the manner of Mitzrayim.

|25| For yet a very little while, and the za'am (anger, indignation) shall pass, and Mine wrath turn for their destruction.

|26| And Hashem Tzva'os shall stir up a shot (whip) for him as when He struck down Midyan at the Tzur Orev; and as His matteh was over the yam, so shall He raise it after the manner of Mitzrayim.

|27| And it shall come to pass in Yom Hahu, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his ol from off thy neck, and the ol shall be broken from fatness.

|28| He comes to Ayat, passes through Migron; at Michmash he hath left his supplies;

|29| They are crossing the pass; they have taken up their lodging at Geva; Ramah is afraid; Givat-Sha'ul has fled.

|30| Lift up thy voice, O Bat-Gallim; Listen O Layish, O poor Anatot.

|31| Madmenah hurries away; the inhabitants of Gevim gather themselves to flee.

|32| As yet shall he remain at Nov this very day; he shall shake his fist against the Har Bat Tziyon, the Givat Yerushalayim.

|33| Hinei, HaAdon Hashem Tzva'os, shall chop the bough with great power; and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down; the haughty shall be