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([most] upright) is sharper than a thorn hedge; the yom of thy watchmen and thy pekuddah (visitation) cometh; now shall their confusion follow.

|5| Trust ye not in a re'a, put ye not confidence in an alluf (confidant); keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy kheyk (bosom).

|6| For the ben dishonoureth the av, the bat riseth up against her em, the kallah against her chamot; a man's enemies are the men of his own bais.

|7| Therefore I will look [*in hope*] for Hashem; I will wait for Elohei Yishi (the G-d of my Salvation); Elohai (my G-d) will hear me.

|8| Don't joyously gloat over me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in choshech, Hashem shall be ohr unto me.

|9| I will bear the wrath of Hashem, because I have sinned against Him, until He plead my case, and execute mishpat for me; He will bring me forth into the ohr, and I shall behold His tzedakah.

|10| Then mine enemy shall see it, and bushah (shame) shall cover her which said unto me, Where is Hashem thy G-d? Mine eyes shall behold her; now shall she be trodden down like the mire of the streets.

|11| In the yom that thy fences are to be built, in Yom HaHu (that Day) shall the chok (prescribed limit, boundary) be far away.

|12| In that yom also it shall come into your possession from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, even from Egypt to the Euphrates, from yam to yam, and from har to har.

|13| Notwithstanding ha'aretz shall be desolate because of them that dwell

therein, for the fruit of their doings.

|14| Tend as a shepherd Thy people with Thy staff, the tzon of Thine nachalah, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed in Bashan and Gil'ad, as in days of old.

|15| According to the days of thy coming out of Eretz Mitzrayim will I show unto it marvellous things.

|16| The Goyim shall see and be ashamed at all their might; they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

|17| They shall lick the apher (dust) like the nachash, like crawlers that crawl on eretz (ground) they will come trembling out of their dens; they shall be afraid of Hashem Eloheinu, and shall turn in fear because of Thee.

|18| Mee El kamocho (Who is a G-d like unto Thee), removing avon, and passing over peysha of the She'erit of His Nechalah? Hashem retaineth not His anger forever, because He delighteth in chesed.

|19| He will turn again; He will have compassion upon us; He will subdue avonoteinu (our iniquities); and tashlich (thou wilt cast, throw) all their sins into the depths of the yam.

|20| Thou wilt give emes to Ya'akov, and chesed to Avraham, as Thou hast sworn unto avoteinu from days of long ago.

[T. N. Notice that Moshiach, in spite of his humble birth is not a mere human being, as it says of Moshiach that the One who shall come forth unto Me [Hashem] that is to be Moshel Yisroel; whose goings forth (i.e. origins) have been mikedem, (from everlasting; see Chabakuk 1:12), mimei olam (from the days of eternity).

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1 The burden concerning Nineveh. The sefer chazon (book of the vision) of Nachum of Elkosh. |2| A jealous G-d and taking vengeance is Hashem; an avenger is Hashem, Ba'al Chemah (L-rd of Wrathful Fury); Hashem will take vengeance on His adversaries, and He reserveth wrath for His enemies.

|3| Hashem is slow to anger, and great in ko'ach, and will not at all leave the guilty unpunished; Hashem hath His way in the whirlwind and in the tempest, and the anan (clouds) are the dust of His feet.

|4| Hashem rebuketh the yam, and drieth it up, and maketh all the neharot (rivers) run dry; Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of the Levanon fadeth.

|5| The mountains quake before Hashem, and the hills melt away, and ha'aretz heaveth at His presence, yea, tevel (the world), and all that dwell therein.

|6| Who can stand before Hashem's fury? And who can endure His charon af (burning anger, *see Ro 1:18*)? His chemah (wrath) is poured out like eish (fire) and the tzurim (rocks) are rent in pieces before Him.

|7| Hashem is tov, a maoz (stronghold) in the Yom Tzarah; and Hashem knoweth them that take refuge in Him.

|8| But with an overwhelming flood He will make an utter end of her [*Nineveh's*] site, and Hashem shall pursue His enemies into choshech.