

shall be the noise of a cry from Sha'ar HaDagim, and a wail from the Second Quarter of the city, and a loud crash from the hills.

| 11| Howl, ye inhabitants of HaMakhtesh [*a locality in Yerushalayim*], for all the merchants are cut down; all they that weigh out kesef are cut off.

| 12| And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Yerushalayim with nerot (lamps), and visit to punish the [*proud*] men that are [*complacently*] settled on their lees [*wine dregs*]; that say in their lev, Hashem will not do tov, neither will Hashem do rah.

| 13| Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their batim a desolation; they shall also build batim, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant kramim (vineyards), but not drink the yayin thereof.

| 14| The Yom Hashem HaGadol is near, near and hastening quickly; the sound of the Yom Hashem is mar (bitter); there the gibbor (mighty man, warrior) cries aloud.

| 15| That Yom is a Yom Evrah (day of wrath), a Yom Tzarah and Metzukah (a day of trouble and distress, pressure), a Yom of Sho'ah (catastrophe) and Meshoah (desolation), a Yom of Choshech and Afelah (gloom), a Yom of Anan and Arafel (thick darkness),

| 16| A Yom of the Shofar and Teruah (battle cry) against the fortified cities, and against the high battlements.

| 17| And I will bring distress upon adam, that they shall walk like ivrim, because they have sinned against Hashem; and their dahm shall be poured out like dust, and their bowels like dung.

| 18| Neither their kesef nor their zahav shall be able to save them in the Yom Evrat Hashem (Day of Hashem's Wrath); but kol ha'aretz (the whole earth) shall be devoured by the eish of Hashem's kina (jealousy, zeal, passion); for He shall make a complete end, a terrible end, of kol yoshvei ha'aretz (all them that dwell on the earth).

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O shameful nation;

| 2| Before the decree brings forth, before the day passes like the chaff, before the charon af Hashem comes upon you, before the Yom Af Hashem (Day of Hashem's Anger) comes upon you;

| 3| Seek ye Hashem, all ye anvei ha'aretz (humble of the land), which have wrought His mishpat; seek tzedek, seek anavah (meekness, humility); it may be ye shall be hid in the Yom Af Hashem.

| 4| For Azah (Gaza) shall be abandoned, and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod in broad day, and Ekron shall be uprooted.

| 5| Hoy (Woe) unto the inhabitants of the seacoast, the nation of the Keretim (Cretans)! The Devar Hashem is against you, O Kena'an, erez of the Pelishtim (Philistines). I will even destroy thee, that there no inhabitant remains.

| 6| And the seacoast shall be dwellings and meadows for ro'im (shepherds), and pens for tzon.

| 7| And the coast shall be for the she'erit Bais Yehudah; they shall feed thereupon; in the batim (houses) of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the erev; for Hashem Eloheichem shall visit them, and restore their fortunes.

| 8| I have heard the reproach of Moav, and the revilings of the Bnei Ammon, whereby they have reproached My nation, and magnified themselves against their territory.

| 9| Therefore as I live, saith Hashem Tzva'os, Elohei Yisroel, Surely Moav shall be as Sodom, and the Bnei Ammon as Amora

(Gomorra), a place of weeds and salt pits, and desolation ad olam; the She'erit Ami shall plunder them, and the remnant of My nation shall possess them.

| 10| This shall they have in return for their ga'on (pride), because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the Am Hashem Tzva'os.

| 11| Hashem will be terrible unto them; for He will reduce to nothing all the elohei ha'aretz (g-ds of the land); and men shall worship Hashem, everyone from his place, even all the coasts and islands of the Goyim.

| 12| Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by My cherev.

| 13| And Hashem will stretch out His hand against the tzafon (north), and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, a dry waste like a midbar.

| 14| And herds shall lie down in the midst of it, all the beasts of the Goyim; both the desert owl and the screech owl will roost on her columns; their voice shall hoot in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds; the beams of cedar will be exposed.

| 15| This is HaIr HaAlizah (the rejoicing city) that dwelt carelessly, that said in her lev, I am, and there is none beside me; how is she become a desolation, a place for