

city rejoiceth, and when the resha'im perish, there is rinnah (joyful shouting).

| 11| By the birkat yesharim the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the peh (mouth) of the resha'im.

| 12| He that is devoid of lev [*of understanding*] despiseth his re'a, but an ish tevunot holdeth his peace.

| 13| A bringer of rekhil (gossip, *rekhlut*) revealeth sod (secrets, confidences), but he that is of a ne'eman ruach concealeth the matter.

| 14| Where no strategic policy is, the nation falls, but in the multitude of yoetz (counsellors, advisors) there is teshu'ah (victory, safety).

| 15| He that is guaranty for a zar shall suffer for it, and he that hateth pledging collateral is secure.

| 16| An eshet chen retaineth kavod (honor, respect), but ruthless men retain osher.

| 17| The ish chesed (merciful man) doeth good to his own nefesh, but he that is cruel harmeth his own self.

| 18| The reshah worketh a wage of sheker, but to him that soweth tzedakah (righteousness) shall be a sachar emes (sure reward).

| 19| As tzedakah (righteousness) leadeth to Chayyim, so he that pursueth ra'ah pursueth it to his own mot (death).

| 20| They that are of a perverse lev are an abomination to Hashem, but such as are upright in their derech are His delight.

| 21| Though yad join in yad, the rah shall not go unpunished, but the zera of the tzaddikim shall be delivered.

| 22| As a ring of zahav in the snout of a chazir, so is an isha yafah which is without ta'am (judgment, discretion).

| 23| The ta'avat tzaddikim is only tov, but the tikveh of the resha'im is wrath.

| 24| There is that which scattereth, and yet increaseth more; and there is that which withholdeth more than is yosher, but it leadeth to machsor (want, need, poverty).

| 25| The nefesh berakhah (generous person) shall be made to prosper, and he that watereth shall be refreshed also himself.

| 26| He that withholdeth grain, the people shall curse him, but berakhah shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.

| 27| He that diligently seeketh tov procureth ratzon, but he that seeketh ra'ah, it shall come unto him.

| 28| He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the tzaddik shall flourish like the green leaf.

| 29| He that troubleth his own bais shall inherit the ruach (wind), and the fool shall be eved to the chacham lev.

| 30| The p'ri tzedek is Etz Chayyim, and he that winneth nefashot is chacham (wise).

| 31| If the tzaddik are recompensed on ha'aretz (the earth), much more the rashah and the choteh (sinner).

12 He who loveth musar loveth da'as, but he that hateth tokhakhath (reproof, correction) is ba'ar (a boorish, ignorant person).

| 2| A tov (good man) obtaineth ratzon (favor) from Hashem, but an ish mezimor (a man of crafty devices) will He condemn.

| 3| An adam shall not be made secure by resha, but the shoreshtzaddikim (root of the righteous ones) shall not be moved. [*T.N. Cf 12:4 and 31:10.*]

| 4| An aishes chayil (a woman of valor, an excellent wife) is an ateret to her ba'al, but she that bringeth shame is like rottenness in his atzmot.

| 5| The thoughts of the tzaddikim are right, but the tachbulot (guidance) of the resha'im are mirmah (deceitful).

| 6| The devarim of the resha'im are to lie in wait for dahm, but the peh (mouth) of the yesharim (upright ones) shall deliver them.

| 7| The resha'im are overthrown, and are no more, but the bais tzaddikim shall stand.

| 8| An ish shall be commended according to his seichel, but he that is of a perverse mind shall be despised.

| 9| He that is lightly esteemed, and hath an eved, is better than he that honoreth himself, and lacketh lechem.

| 10| A tzaddik regardeth the nefesh (life) of his behemah (beast), but the compassion of the rashah is cruel.

| 11| He that worketh his adamah shall be satisfied with lechem, but he that chaseth after worthless persons is devoid of lev [*of understanding*].

| 12| The resha coveteth the catch of ra'im (evil men), but the shoreshtzaddikim yieldeth fruit.

| 13| The rah is ensnared by the peysha (transgression) of his sfatayim (lips), but the tzaddik shall escape from tzoros.

| 14| An ish shall be filled with tov by the fruit of his peh (mouth), and the recompense of the hands of adam shall be rendered unto him.

| 15| The derech of a fool is yashar (right) in his own eynayim, but he that payeth heed unto etzah is chacham (wise).