

|63| Behold their sitting down, and their rising up; Ani (I) am their mocking song.

|64| Render unto them a gemul (recompence), Hashem, according to the work of their hands.

|65| Give them hardness of lev as thy curse unto them.

|66| Pursue in anger and destroy them from under HaShomayim of Hashem.

4 How has the zahav lost its luster! How is the most fine gold changed! The avnei kodesh are poured out on every street corner.

|2| The precious Bnei Tziyon, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the yotzer (potter)!

|3| Even the jackals offer the breast; they nurse their young ones; the Bat Ami is become heartless, like the ostriches in the midbar.

|4| The leshon of the nursing infant cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst; the olalim beg for lechem, and no man giveth it unto them.

|5| They that did feed delicately are destitute in the chutzot; they that were brought up in purple lie on dunghills.

|6| For the punishment of the iniquity of the Bat Ami is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands helped her.

|7| Her nobles were purer than snow; they were whiter than cholov, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their appearance was of sapphire;

|8| Their visage is blacker than soot; they are not known in the streets; their skin cleaveth to their atzmot; it is dried up, it is become like a stick.

|9| They that are slain with the cherev are better than they that are slain with hunger; for these pine away, being pierced for want of the increase of the sadeh.

|10| The hands of the pitiful nashim have cooked their own yeladim; they were their meat in the destruction of the Bat Ami.

|11| Hashem hath accomplished His fury; He hath poured out His charon af, and hath kindled an eish in Tziyon, and it hath devoured the yesodot thereof.

|12| The malkhei erez, and all the inhabitants of the tevel (world), would not have believed that the adversary and the oyev should have entered into the sha'arei Yerushalayim.

|13| For the sins of her Nevi'im, and the iniquities of her Kohanim, that have shed the dahm of the Tzaddikim in the midst of her,

|14| They have groped about like ivrim (blind men) in the streets; they have defiled themselves with dahm, so that men dare not touch their garments.

|15| They cried unto them, Go away; tamei (unclean)! Depart, depart, touch not; so they fled away and wandered. They said among the Goyim, They shall no more sojourn there.

|16| The anger of Hashem hath scattered them; He will no more regard them; they respected not the persons of the Kohanim; they showed no favor to the Zekenim.

|17| As for us, our eyes failed looking in vain for ezratenu (our help); from our towers we have watched for a nation that could not save us.

|18| They stalk our steps, that we cannot go in our streets; kitzeinu (our end) is near, our

yamim are numbered; for kitzeinu is come.

|19| Our pursuers are swifter than the eagles of Shomayim; they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the midbar.

|20| The Moshiach of Hashem, who was our very life, was taken in their traps, of whom we said, Under his shadow [of protection] we shall live among the Goyim.

|21| Rejoice and be glad, O Bat Edom, that dwellest in Eretz Uz; the kos (cup) also shall pass unto thee; thou shalt be drunk, and shalt be stripped naked.

|22| The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O Bat Tziyon; He will no more prolong your Golus; He will visit thine iniquity, O Bat Edom; He will expose thy sins.

5 Remember, Hashem, what is come upon us; consider, and behold our reproach.

|2| Our nachalah is turned over to zarim, our batim (houses) to foreigners.

|3| We are yetomim and fatherless, immoteinu are like almanot.

|4| We must pay kesef for our own mayim; our wood is sold unto us.

|5| Our necks are under persecution; we are weary, and have no rest.

|6| We have submitted to the Mitzrayim, and to the Assyrians, to get enough lechem.

|7| Avoteinu have sinned, and are no more; and we have borne their iniquities.

|8| Avadim have ruled over us; there is none that doth deliver us out of their yad.

|9| We get our lechem with the peril of our lives because of the cherev of the midbar.