in the midst of the earth, and the height thereof was great. |11 (4:8)| The etz grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto Shomayim, and visibility thereof extended to the end of kol ha'aretz; |12 (4:9)| The leaves thereof

| 12 (4:9)| The leaves thereof were lovely, and the p'ri thereof abundant, and in it was food for all; the beasts of the field found shade under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and kol basar was fed of it. | 13 (4:10)| I saw in the chazonot of my head upon my bed, and, hinei, an ir (watcher, messenger), a malach hakodesh, came down from Shomayim.

|14 (4:11)| He cried with strength, and said thus, Chop down the tree, and cut off his branches, strip off his leaves, and scatter his p'ri; let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from his branches.

| 15 (4:12)| Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him partake with the beasts in the grass of ha'aretz; | 16 (4:13) | Let his lev (heart) be changed from man's, and let a beast's lev be given unto him; and let seven times (seasons, years) pass over him. |17 (4:14)| This matter is by the decree of the irin (watchers), and the demand by the word of the Kadoshim (holy ones), to the intent that the living may have da'as that Elyon (Most High) ruleth in the malchut haAdam, and giveth it to whomsoever He will, and setteth up over it the basest of

|18(4:15)| This chalom (dream) I, king

Nevuchadnetzar, have seen.
Now thou, O Beltshatzar,
declare the pesher
(interpretation,
explanation) thereof,
forasmuch as all the
chachamim of my malchut
are not able to make known
unto me the pesher
(interpretation, explanation);
but thou art able; for the
Ruach Elohin Kadishin
(Ruach Elohim HaKadosh) is
in thee.

| 19 (4:16)| Then Daniel,
whose name was Beltshatzar,
was perplexed for a time, and
his thoughts troubled him.
The king spoke, and said,
Beltshatzar, let not the chalom
(dream), or the pesher
(interpretation, explanation)
thereof, trouble thee.
Beltshatzar answered and
said, Mari (my master), if only
the chalom (dream) concerned
them that hate thee, and the
pesher (interpretation,
explanation) thereof thine

|20 (4:17)| The etz that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto Shomayim, and the visibility thereof extended to kol ha'aretz;

enemies.

|21 (4:18)| Whose leaves were lovely, and the p'ri thereof abundant, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of heaven had their habitation; |22 (4:19)| It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto Shomayim, and thy dominion to the end of ha'aretz. |23 (4:20)| And whereas the king saw an ir (watcher), a malach hakodesh, come down from Shomavim, and saving, Chop the etz down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of

iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let him partake with the beasts of the field, till seven times (seasons, years) pass over him.

|24 (4:21)| This is the pesher (interpretation, explanation), O king, and this is the decree of Elyon (Most High), which is come upon mari (my master) the king;

|25(4:22)| That they shall drive thee from anashim, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times (seasons, years) shall pass over thee, till thou have da'as that Elvon (Most High) ruleth in the malchut haAdam, and giveth it to whomsoever He will. |26 (4:23)| And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the etz with its roots, thy malchut shall be assured unto thee, after that thou shalt have da'as that Shomayim (G-d) does rule. |27 (4:24)| Wherefore, O king,

|27 (4:24)| Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by tzedek (righteousness), and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a prolonging of thy tranquillity.

|28 (4:25)| All this came upon

the king Nevuchadnetzar. |29 (4:26)| At the end of twelve months he walked about the heikhal of the malchut of Babylon. |30 (4:27)| The melech spoke, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty? |31 (4:28)| While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from Shomayim,