

at the Hisgalus (Revelation, Apocalypse) of Moshiach Yehoshua.

| 14| As Bnei Mishma'at (Children of Obedience 1:2), not conforming yourselves to your former ta'avot (lusts), when you lacked da'as (personal, saving knowledge),

| 15| But, als (since) the One who bestows on you the kri'ah (calling) is KADOSH HU (TEHILLIM 99:5), so also yourselves become Kadoshim in hitnahagut (conduct),

| 16| Because it says in the Torah, KEDOSHIM TIHYU KI KADOSH ANI ("You must be holy ones for I am holy" VAYIKRA 19:2).

| 17| And if you call upon as 'Avinu' [Mt.6:9] the One who is the impartial Shofet (Shofet kol ha'aretz) of each man LISH K'MA'ASEIHU ("To each according to his deeds" TEHILLIM 62:13), then conduct yourself with yirat Shomayim during your time in the Golus of the Olam Hazeh,

| 18| Having da'as that the padut nafsheyenu (redemption ransom of our souls) was not with perishable things such as silver or gold when your Geulah (Redemption) was purchased from the Derech HaHevel (empty way of life) handed down to you from your Avot.

| 19| No, it was the precious DAHM (VAYIKRA 17:11) as of a SEH TAMIM UMUM ("lamb unblemished and unspotted" SHEMOT 12:5; VAYIKRA 22:20; YESHAYAH 53:7,9), the DAHM of Moshiach (Mt.26:28)

| 20| Who, on the one hand, having been foreknown lifnei hivvased tevel (before the foundation of the world), but, on the other hand, having been manifested [5:4] at the Ketz Hayamim (End of

Days) because of you.

| 21| Through him [*Moshiach*] you have emunah in Hashem, the One who brought forth the Techiyas HaMoshiach from HaMesim (the dead ones) and gave him Kavod. And so your emunah and your tikvah [1:13] are in Hashem.

| 22| Having purified your nefashot (souls) by mishma'at (obedience 1:2) to HaEmes, resulting in ahavah shel achvah (brotherly love) without tzevi'ut (hypocrisy), have fervent ahavah (agape) for one another, from a lev tahor.

| 23| You have been given a new birth [Yn 3:3], not from perishable zerah (seed), but zerah that is without shachat (corruption TEHILLIM 16:10), through the Dvar Hashem who is Chai v'Nitzav l'Olam (living and remaining firm forever).

| 24| For, "All flesh is grass and all of [mankind's] glory is like the flower: the grass withers, the flower falls,

| 25| But the Word of our G-d stands forever" YESHAYAH 40:6-8). And this is the Dvar proclaimed to you as the Besuras HaGeulah [*in Moshiach*].

[*T.N. On the word mevaserim 1K 1:12 see Isaiah 40:9.*]

2 Therefore, having put away all rishus (malice), all remiyah (guile, fraud, deceit) and tzevi'ut (hypocrisy) and kin'ah (envy) and all lashon hora,

| 2| As new born olalim (infants), desire the pure cholov ruchani (spiritual milk), that by it you may grow into Yeshu'at Eloheyenu,

| 3| Now that you have tasted KI TOV Hashem ("that the L-rd is good," TEHILLIM 34:9).

| 4| Come to him [*Moshiach*], to that "Even Chayyah" ("Living Stone"), CHADAL ISHIM

("rejected by men"

YESHAYAH 53:3; TEHILLIM 118:22; YESHAYAH 28:16) but BECHIR ("Chosen" YESHAYAH 42:1 [1:1]), and precious in the sight of Hashem.

| 5| You also, like avanim chayyot (living stones [2:24]), are being built up for a Bayit Ruchani (a Spiritual Beis, House) for a kehunnat kodesh (holy priesthood) to offer up zivchei ruach (sacrifices of the spirit) acceptable to Hashem through Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach Yehoshua.

| 6| For it stands written in the Kitvei HaKodesh, HINENI YISSAD BTZION EVEN PINNAT YIKRAT ("Behold, I place in Zion a precious corner stone" YESHAYAH 28:16; TEHILLIM 118:22; DANIEL 2:34-35), chosen, and HAMMA'AMIN LO YACHISH ("the one believing [on him, on Moshiach] never will be dismayed, ashamed YESHAYAH 28:16).

| 7| Therefore, to you who are the ma'aminim [*in Moshiach*] this EVEN ("Stone") is YIKRAT ("precious" YESHAYAH 28:16), but to the Apikorosim (Unbelievers): EVEN MA'ASU HABONIM HAYTAH LEROSH PINAH ("The Stone which the ones building rejected became the head of the corner" TEHILLIM 118:22 [YESHAYAH 53:3]).

| 8| And EVEN NEGEF U'LTZUR MICHSHOL ("a stone for stumbling over and a rock for falling over" YESHAYAH 8:14). They stumble because they have no mishma'at (obedience 1:2,14,22; 4:17) to the Dvar Hashem which is also what they were appointed for [2K 2:9,12,17; Yd 1:4; Ro 9:14-24].

| 9| But you are an AM NIVCHAR ("a chosen people" YESHAYAH 43:20; SHEMOT 6:7), a MAMLECHET