

YESHAYAH

along with the Yehudim and the Kasdim that were with him at Mitzpah.

|26| And kol haAm, both katon and gadol, and the officers of the armies, arose, and went to Mitzrayim; for they were afraid of the Kasdim.

|27| And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the Golus of Y'hoyakhin Melech Yehudah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Eveel-Merodach Melech Bavel in the year that he began to reign [562 B.C.E.] did lift up the head of Y'hoyakhin Melech Yehudah out of the bais hakeleh;

|28| And he spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the kisse of the melachim that were with him in Babylon;

|29| And changed his prison garments; and he did eat lechem continually before him all the days of his life.

|30| And his allowance was a continual allowance given him of the Melech, a daily portion for every day, all the days of his life.

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1 The chazon (vision) of Yeshayah ben Amotz, which he saw concerning Yehudah and Yerushalayim in the yamim of Uziyahu, Yotam, Achaz, and Yechizkiyahu, melachim of Yehudah.

|2| Hear, O Shomayim, and give ear, O Eretz, for Hashem hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up banim, and they have rebelled against Me [*i.e., willfully flouted My authority. See Yeshayah 53:5,8*].

|3| The ox knoweth his owner, and the donkey his master's manger; but Yisroel doth not know, My people doth not consider.

|4| Ah, goy choteh (sinful nation), a people weighed down with avon (guilt, iniquity), zera of evildoers, banim of corruption; they forsook Hashem, they have spurned the Kadosh Yisroel (the Holy One of Yisroel), they have turned their back on Him.

[*T.N. Here we see it is 'My people' (Ex 6:6-7) who are stricken, whereas in Yeshayah 53:8 it is Moshiach Ben Dovid who is stricken for My people.*]

|5| Why, seeing that ye will be stricken again, will ye rebel stubbornly again? The kol rosh is sick, and the kol levav faint.

|6| From the sole of the regel even unto the rosh there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither soothed with shemen.

|7| Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with eish; your land, zarim devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by zarim.

|8| And the Bat Tziyon (*i.e., Yerushalayim*) is left as a sukkah in a kerem (vineyard), as a shack in a cucumber field, as an ir (city) under siege.

|9| Except Hashem Tzva'os had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Amora (Gomorra).

|10| Hear the Devar Hashem, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the Torat Eloheinu, ye people of Amora (Gomorra).

|11| To what purpose is the multitude of your zevakhim unto Me? saith Hashem; I am

fed up of the olot (burnt offerings) of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the dahm of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

|12| When ye come to appear before Me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample khatzerai (My courts)?

|13| Bring no more futile minchot; ketoret is an abomination unto Me; Rosh Chodesh (New Moon) and Shabbos (the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure aven (wickedness) and atzarah (solemn convocation).

|14| Your Rosh Chodesh and your Mo'adim My Nefesh hateth; they are a burden unto Me; I am weary to bear them.

|15| And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide Mine eyes from you; yea, when ye make many tefillah, I will not hear; your hands are full of dahmim.

|16| Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes; cease to do evil;

|17| Learn to do good; seek mishpat, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the almanah.

|18| Come now, and let us reason together, saith Hashem; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

|19| If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of ha'aretz;

|20| But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the cherev; for the mouth of Hashem hath spoken.

|21| How is the Kiryah Ne'emanah (Faithful City, *i.e., Yerushalayim*) become a zonah (harlot)! It was full of mishpat; tzedek lodged in it; but now murderers.