

makkat bilti sarah (a continual stroke), which ruled the Goyim in anger, with unrestrained aggression.

|7| Kol ha'aretz is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into rinnah (joyful shouts).

|8| Indeed, the cypress trees rejoice over thee, and the cedars of Levanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no hakoret ([forest] cutter) is come up against us.

|9| Sheol from beneath is astir for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up the refa'im for thee, even all the attudei aretz (he-goat world leaders); it hath raised up from their kise'ot (thrones) all the melachim of the Goyim.

|10| Kullam (all of them) shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? Art thou become like unto us?

|11| Thy ga'on (pomp, pride) is brought down to Sheol, and the noise of thy nevalim (harps); the rimmah (grave-worm) is spread out under thee, and the tola'at (worm) covers thee.

|12| How art thou fallen from Shomayim, O Heilel Ben Shachar (Bright One of the Dawn, Day Star, Lucifer)! How art thou cast down to the earth, thou, which hast laid low the Goyim!

|13| For thou hast said in thine lev, I will ascend into Shomayim, I will exalt my kisse above the kokhavim (stars) of El (G-d); I will sit also upon the har mo'ed (mount of assembly), on yarketei Tzafon (on the heights of Tzafon);

|14| I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like Elyon (the Most High).

|15| Yet thou shalt be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the bor (pit).

|16| They that see thee shall gaze at thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the ish (man) that made ha'aretz to tremble, that did shake mamlechet (kingdoms);

|17| That made the tevel (world) like a midbar (desert), and overthrew the towns thereof; that would not release his prisoners to go home?

|18| Kol melachim (all kings) of the Goyim, even all of them, lie in kavod, every one in his own bais (house, *i.e.*, tomb).

|19| But thou art cast out of thy kever like a rejected netzer (branch, *see Mt 2:23*); and your raiment is those that are slain, thrust through with a cherev, that go down to the stones of the bor (pit); as a peger (corpse) trodden under feet.

|20| Thou shalt not be joined with them in keverah (burial), because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people; the zera of ra'im (evildoers) shall never be renowned.

|21| Prepare the matbe'ach (slaughterhouse) for his banim for the avon (iniquity) of their avot; that they do not rise, nor inherit eretz, nor cover the surface of the tevel (earth) with towns.

|22| For I will rise up against them, saith Hashem Tzva'os, and I will cut off from Bavel the shem, and she'ar (remainder), and offspring, and posterity, saith Hashem.

|23| I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and swamps of mayim; and I will sweep it with the mat'ate (broom) of shmad (destruction), saith Hashem Tzva'os.

|24| Hashem Tzva'os hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have intended, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand;

|25| That I will break Ashur (the Assyrian) in My land, and

upon My harim (mountains) trample him under foot; then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden be removed from off their shekhem (shoulder).

|26| This is the etzah (plan) that is purposed upon kol ha'aretz; and this is the Yad (hand) that is stretched out over kol HaGoyim (all the nations).

|27| For Hashem Tzva'os hath purposed, and who shall annul it? And His Yad is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

|28| In the year of the mot HaMelech Achaz came this massa (burden, oracle);

|29| Rejoice not thou, all ye of Peleshet (Philistia), because the shevet (rod) of him that struck thee is broken; for out of the shoresh nachash (snake's root) shall spring up a viper, and its pri (fruit) shall be a fiery flying serpent.

|30| And the bechorei dalim (the firstborn of the poor ones) shall eat, and the evyonim (needy ones) shall lie down in safety; and I will kill thy shoresh (root) with ra'av (famine), and it shall slay thy she'erit (remnant, survivors).

|31| Wail, O sha'ar (gate); howl, O ir; all ye of Peleshet, melt away; for there shall come from the tzafon (north) an ashan (smoke), and none shall be a straggler in his ranks.

|32| What shall one then answer the malachim (messengers) of the nation? That Hashem hath established Tziyon, and the afflicted of His people shall take refuge in her.