

machshevot than your machshevot.

| 10| For as the geshem cometh down, and the sheleg (snow) from Shomayim, and returneth not to there, but watereth ha'aretz, and maketh it yield forth v'hitzmicha (and sprout, spring up; *Tzemach*), that it may give zera to the zore'a (sower), and lechem to the eater;

| 11| So shall My Davar (the Word of Hashem) be that goeth forth out of My mouth; He shall not return unto Me reikam (empty, void) but He [*the Davar Hashem, see Yn 1:1, 14*] shall do that which I please, and He [*the Davar Hashem*] shall accomplish the purpose whereto I sent Him.

| 12| For ye shall go out with simcha, and be led back with shalom; the harim and the geva'ot (hills) shall break forth into singing before you, and kol atzei hasadeh shall clap their hands.

| 13| Instead of the thornbush shall come up the cypress, and instead of the sirpad (nettle, prickly herb) shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to Hashem for a Shem, for an ot olam lo yikaret (everlasting sign that shall not be cut off). [*See Daniel 9:26*]

56 Thus saith Hashem, Be shomer over mishpat, and do tzedakah (righteousness); for My Yeshuah (salvation) is near to come, and My tzedakah to be revealed.

| 2| Ashrei enosh that doeth this, and the ben adam that layeth hold on it; that is shomer Shabbos avoiding chillul Shabbos, and is shomer to keep his yad from doing kol rah.

| 3| Neither let the ben hanekhar, that hath joined himself to Hashem, speak, saying, Hashem hath utterly

separated me from His people; neither let the saris say, See, I am an etz yavesh (dry tree).

| 4| For thus saith Hashem unto the sarisim that are shomer Shabbos over My Shabbatot, and choose the things that please Me, and hold fast to My Brit;

| 5| Even unto them will I give in Mine Bais [*HaMikdash*] within My chomot a yad vashem tov better than of banim and of banot; I will give them a Shem Olam, that shall not be yikaret (cut off).

| 6| Also the bnei hanekhar, that join themselves to Hashem to minister unto Him, and l'ahavah es Shem Hashem, to be His avadim, every one that is shomer Shabbos avoiding chillul Shabbos, and holding fast to My Brit;

| 7| Even them will I bring to My Har Kodesh, and make them have simcha in My Bais Tefillah; their olot and their zevakhim shall be accepted upon Mine Mizbe'ach; for Mine Bais shall be called Bais Tefillah l'khol HaAmim (House of Prayer for All Nations).

| 8| Thus says Adonoi Hashem, Who gathereth the Nidchei Yisroel (the outcasts of Israel, *i.e., those being divinely gathered back from the Golus*), Yet will I gather others, besides those that are already gathered [*See Yn 10:16*].

| 9| All ye animals of the wild, come to devour, yes, all ye animals in the ya'ar (forest).

| 10| His tzof (watchmen, sentinels, nevi'im) are ivrim (blind); they all lack da'as, they are all kelavim illemim (mute watchdogs) that cannot bark; lying around dreaming, they love to slumber [*See Jer 6:17; Ezek 3:17 by contrast*].

| 11| Yes, they are kelavim azei nefesh (hungry dogs)

never satisfied, and they are ro'im (shepherds) with no da'as; they all look to their own way [*See Isa 53:6*], every one having his end fixated on his own gain.

| 12| Come ye, say they, I will get yayin, and we will fill ourselves with shekhar (strong drink); and makhar (tomorrow) shall be like this day, and gadol yeter me'od (and even much better).

57 The tzaddik perisheth, and no ish layeth it to lev; and anshei chesed are taken away, none considering that the tzaddik is taken away from the ra'ah (evil, calamity) to come.

| 2| He shall enter into shalom; they shall rest in their mishkevot (couches, *i.e., tombs*), each one walking in his nekhochah (uprightness, integrity, honesty).

| 3| But draw near to here, ye bnei onenah (you children of a sorceress), zera mena'ef (offspring of an adulterer) and she who plays the zonah.

| 4| At whom are you sneering? Against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the leshon? Are ye not yeledim of peysha (rebellion), zera sheker?

| 5| Enflaming yourselves among [*cult prostitution and Ba'al sympathetic magic in worshipping fertility*] elim (oaks, big trees) under every spreading tree, slaughtering the yeladim in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks?

| 6| Among the smooth stones of the wadi is thy chelek; they are thy goral; even to them [*the stone idols; see Jer. 3:9*] hast thou poured nesekh, thou hast offered minchah. For these [*provocations*], should I relent?

| 7| Upon a lofty and high har hast thou set