

seest thou? And I said, I see a makel SHAQED (a branch of an almond tree).

| 12| Then said Hashem unto me, Thou hast well seen: for SHOQED (WATCHING) I am over My Devar to carry it out.

| 13| And the Devar Hashem came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a SIYR NAFUACH (A BOILING CAULDRON) tipping over from the north.

| 14| Then Hashem said unto me, From the north hara'ah (the evil, disaster) TIPATACH (SHALL BE Poured OUT) upon all the inhabitants of HaAretz.

| 15| For, hineni, I am now summoning all the mishpekhhot mamlechet of the north, saith Hashem; they shall come, they shall set every one his kisse at the petach Sha'arei Yerushalayim, and against all the surrounding chomot thereof, against all the towns of Yehudah.

| 16| And I will pronounce My mishpatim against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken Me, and have burned ketoret unto Elohim acherim, and worshiped the works of their own hands.

| 17| Thou therefore tighten thy gartel of readiness, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee; be not fearful before them, lest I make thee fearful before them.

| 18| For, hinei, I have made thee today an ir mivtzar (a fortified city), and an ammud barzel, and a chomat nechochet against kol HaAretz, against the melachim of Yehudah, against the sarim thereof, against the kohanim thereof, and against the am ha'aretz.

| 19| And they shall make war against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am

with thee, saith Hashem, to deliver thee.

**2** Moreover the Devar Hashem came to me, saying,

| 2| Go and cry, shouting in the ears of Yerushalayim, saying, Thus saith Hashem; I remember thee, the chesed of thy ne'urim, the ahavas of thy days as a kallah, when thou wentest after Me in midbar, in an eretz that was not sown.

| 3| Yisroel was Kodesh unto Hashem, and the reshith (firstfruit) of his tevu'ah (crop): all that devour him are held guilty; ra'ah shall overtake them, saith Hashem.

| 4| Hear ye the Devar Hashem, O Beis Ya'akov, and all the mishpekhhot of Bais Yisroel:

| 5| Thus saith Hashem, What avel (wrong, fault) have avoteichem found in Me, that they are strayed far from Me, and have walked after hevel (vain, empty delusion), and are become deluded?

| 6| Neither did they ask, Where is Hashem that brought us up out of Eretz Mitzrayim, that led us through the midbar, through an eretz of deserts and pits, through an eretz tziyyah (land of drought) and tzalmavet, through eretz that no ish passed through, where no adam dwelt?

| 7| And I brought you into an eretz hacarmel, to eat the pri thereof and the tovah thereof; but when ye entered, ye made My land tameh, and made My nachalah a to'evah.

| 8| The Kohanim asked not, Where is Hashem? And they that handle the Torah had no da'as of Me; the ro'im also rebelled against Me, and the nevi'im prophesied by Ba'al, and walked after worthless things.

| 9| Therefore I will yet bring lawsuit against you, saith Hashem, and against bnei

beneichem will I bring lawsuit.

| 10| For pass over to the isles of Kittim, and look; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there has ever been anything like this.

| 11| Hath ever a nation changed Elohim, and these no Elohim at all? But My people have exchanged their kavod for that which is worthless.

| 12| Be appalled, O ye Shomayim, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith Hashem.

| 13| For Ami have committed shtayim ra'ot (two evils); they have forsaken Me, the fountain of Mayim Chayim, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no mayim.

| 14| Is Yisroel an eved? Is he a homeborn slave? Why has he become plunder?

| 15| The young lions roared upon him, and growled, and they made his [Israel/s] Eretz waste; his towns are burned without inhabitant.

| 16| Also the Bnei Noph and Tachpanhes have broken the crown of thy head.

| 17| Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken Hashem Eloheicha, when He led thee by the derech?

| 18| And now what hast thou to do in the derech Mitzrayim, to drink the waters of the Shichor [[Nile] River]? Or what hast thou to do in the derech Ashur (Assyria), to drink the waters of the Euphrates [River]?

| 19| Thine own ra'ah shall correct thee, and thy meshuvot (backslidings) shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and mar (bitter), that thou hast forsaken Hashem Eloheicha, and that My pachad is not in thee, saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os.