

| 10| Ro'im rabbim (many shepherds) have destroyed My kerem (vineyard), they have trodden My chelek under foot, they have made My chelet chemdat (portion desired) a desolate midbar.

| 11| They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto Me; kol HaAretz is made desolate, but no ish taketh it to heart.

| 12| The plunderers are come upon all barren heights in the midbar; for the Cherev Hashem shall devour from the one end of the Eretz even to the other end of HaAretz; no basar shall have shalom.

| 13| They have sown chittim (wheat), but shall reap kotzim (thorns); they have tired themselves out, but shall not profit; and they shall be ashamed of your harvests because of the Charon Af Hashem (burning furious wrath of Hashem).

| 14| Thus saith Hashem: Concerning all Mine evil shchenim (neighbors), that touch the nachalah which I have caused My people Yisroel to inherit: See, I will uproot them out of their adamah, and uproot the Bais Yehudah from among them.

| 15| And it shall come to pass, after that I uproot them I will return, and have rachamim (compassion) on them, and will bring them back again, every ish to his nachalah, and every ish to his eretz.

| 16| And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the darkhei Ami (ways of My people [*i.e.*, *Israel's Biblical faith*]), to swear in My Shem, As Hashem liveth; even as they taught My people to make avowal in Ba'al; then shall they be built up in the midst of My People.

| 17| But if they will not obey, I will utterly uproot and

destroy that Goy (Nation), saith Hashem.

13 Thus saith Hashem unto me, Go and buy thee a linen [*i.e.*, *priestly*] ezor (belt) and put it around thy waist, and put it not in mayim.

| 2| So I bought the ezor (belt) according to the Devar Hashem, and put it around my waist.

| 3| And the Devar Hashem came unto me the second time, saying,

| 4| Take the ezor that thou hast bought, which is around thy waist, and arise, go to Parah (*Josh 18:23 [Hebrew for Euphrates is Perat]*), and hide it there in a cleft of the rock.

| 5| So I went, and hid it in Parah, as Hashem commanded me.

| 6| And it came to pass at the end of yamim rabbim, that Hashem said unto me, Arise, go to Parah, and take the ezor from there, which I commanded thee to hide there.

| 7| Then I went to Parah, and dug, and took the ezor from the makom where I had hid it; and, hinei, the ezor was marred, it was profitable for nothing.

| 8| Then the Devar Hashem came unto me, saying,

| 9| Thus saith Hashem, After this manner will I mar the ga'on Yehudah (pride of Judah), and the great ga'on of Yerushalayim.

| 10| This evil people, which refuse to listen to My words, which walk in the sherirut (stubbornness) of their lev, and walk after elohim acharim, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this ezor, which is good for nothing.

| 11| For as the ezor has deveykus with the waist of an ish, so have I caused to have deveykus unto Me kol Bais

Yisroel and kol Bais Yehudah, saith Hashem; that they might be unto Me for a People, and for Shem, and for Tehillah, and for Teferet: but they would not hear.

| 12| Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this Davar; Thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel, Every wine jar shall be filled with yayin; and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every wine jar shall be filled with yayin?

| 13| Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Hashem, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of HaAretz Hazot, even the melachim that sit upon the kisse Dovid, and the Kohanim, and the Nevi'im, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, with shikkaron (drunkenness).

| 14| And I will dash them one against another, even the avot and the banim together, saith Hashem; I will not pity, nor spare, nor have rachamim, but destroy them.

| 15| Hear ye, and give ozen (ear); be not proud: for Hashem hath spoken.

| 16| Give kavod to Hashem Eloheichem, before He cause darkness, and before your raglayim stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for ohr, He turn it into the tzalmavet (shadow of death), and make it gross darkness.

| 17| But if ye will not listen, my nefesh shall weep in secret places for your ga'avah (pride); and mine eye shall weep profusely, and run down with tears, because the Eder Hashem (Flock of Hashem) is carried away captive.

| 18| Say unto HaMelech and to the Gevirah (Queen mother), Humble yourselves, sit down; for your rule shall come down, even the ateret (crown) of your tiferet (glory).