

Avarim; for all thy lovers are crushed.

|21| I spoke unto thee in thy security; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy derech from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not My kol (voice).

|22| The ruach shall eat up all thy ro'im (rulers), and thy lovers shall go into captivity [*in the Golus*]; surely then shalt thou be ashamed and humiliated because of all thy wickedness.

|23| O inhabitant of the Levanon, that makest thy ken (nest) in the arazim (cedars), how shalt thou groan when chavalim (birth pangs) come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail!

|24| As I live, saith Hashem, though Coniyahu [Yehoiakhin, Yechonyahu] Ben Yhoyakim Melech Yehudah were the chotam (signet ring) upon Yad Yemini (My right Hand), yet would I pluck thee from there [*2Kgs 23:33-34*].

|25| And I will give thee into the yad of them that seek thy nefesh, and into the yad of them of whom thou art afraid, even into the yad of Nevuchadretzar Melech Babylon, and into the yad of the Kasdim.

|26| And I will cast thee out, and immecha that bore thee, into ha'aretz acheret (another country), where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.

|27| But to HaAretz whereunto they desire to return, to these shall they not return.

|28| Is this man Coniyahu a despised broken etzev (image, statue)? Is he a vessel wherein is no chefet? Why are they cast out, he and his zera, and are cast into ha'aretz which they know not?

|29| O eretz, eretz, eretz, hear the Devar Hashem.

|30| Thus saith Hashem, Write ye this ish ariri (childless, *stripped of the honor that progeny bestows*), a gever (man) who shall not prosper in his days; for none of his zera shall prosper, sitting upon the kisse Dovid, or moshel od (rule anymore) in Yehudah.

23 Woe be unto the ro'im that destroy and scatter the tzon of My pasture! saith Hashem.

|2| Therefore thus saith Hashem Elohei Yisroel against the ro'im that shepherd My people; Ye have scattered My tzon, and driven them away, and have not attended to them; hineni, I will attend to you for the rah of your doings, saith Hashem.

|3| And I will gather the she'erit (remnant) of My tzon out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

|4| And I will set up ro'im (shepherds) over them which shall shepherd them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith Hashem.

|5| Hinei, the days come, saith Hashem, that I will raise up unto Dovid a Tzemach Tzaddik [*i.e., Moshiach Ben Dovid Yehoshua, see 30:9; 33:15; Zech 3:8 Ezra 3:8; Zech 6:11-12; Mt 2:23; Isa 4:2; 9:2-7; 11:1-12; 53:2,11; Moshiach the new "Joshua" Isa 49:8*], and a Melech shall reign and act wisely, and shall execute mishpat and tzedakah in ha'aretz.

|6| In his days Yehudah shall be saved, and Yisroel shall dwell safely; and this is Shmo whereby he shall be called Adonoi Tzidkeinu.

|7| Therefore, hinei, the days are coming, saith Hashem,

that they shall no more say, Hashem liveth, which brought up the Bnei Yisroel out of Eretz Mitzrayim;

|8| But, Hashem liveth, which brought up and which led the zera Bais Yisroel out of the eretz tzafonah, and from all countries to where I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

|9| Mine lev within me is broken because of the nevi'im; all my atzmot shake; I am like an ish shikkor, and like a gever (man) whom yayin hath overcome, because of Hashem, and because of Divrei Kadsho (His Holy Devarim).

|10| For ha'aretz is full of mena'afim; for because of a curse ha'aretz mourneth; the pleasant places of the midbar are dried up, and their course is ra'ah, and their gevurah is not right.

|11| For both navi and kohen are profane; indeed, in My Beis have I found their wickedness, saith Hashem.

|12| Therefore their derech shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall therein; for I will bring ra'ah upon them, even the year of their visitation [*for punishment*], saith Hashem.

|13| And I have seen a repulsive thing in the nevi'im of Shomron; they prophesied by Ba'al, and caused My people Yisroel to err.

|14| I have seen also in the nevi'im of Yerushalayim a horrible thing; they commit ni'uf and walk in sheker; they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth turn back from his wickedness; they are all of them unto Me as Sodom and the inhabitants thereof as Amora (Gomorrhah).

|15| Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os concerning the nevi'im;