

|17| Yisroel is a seh pezurah (scattered sheep); the aryot (lions) have driven him away; first Melech Ashur (King of Assyria) hath devoured him; and last this Nevuchadretzar Melech Bavel hath broken his atzmot.

|18| Therefore thus saith Hashem Tzva'os Elohei Yisroel: Hineni, I will punish Melech Bavel and his land, as I have punished Melech Ashur.

|19| And I will bring Yisroel back to his naveh (habitation), and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his nefesh shall be satisfied upon Har Ephrayim and Gil'ad.

|20| In those yamim, and at that time, saith Hashem, the avon Yisroel shall be searched for, and there shall be none; and the chattot Yehudah, and they shall not be found; for I will pardon them whom I preserve as remnant.

|21| Go up against Eretz Meratayim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod; lay waste and utterly destroy after them, saith Hashem, and do according to all that I have commanded thee.

|22| A sound of milchamah is in ha'aretz, and of shever gadol (great destruction).

|23| How is the patish (hammer) of kol ha'aretz (the whole earth) shattered and broken! How is Bavel become a desolation among the Goyim!

|24| I have laid a trap for thee, and thou art indeed caught, O Bavel, and thou wast not aware; thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against Hashem.

|25| Hashem hath opened His armory, and hath brought forth the weapons of His indignation; for this is the

work of Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os in Eretz Kasdim.

|26| Come against her from afar, open her storehouses; pile her up like heaps of grain, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be she'erit (remnant).

|27| Slay all her bulls; let them go down latevach (to the slaughter; *see Isaiah 53:7*); woe unto them! For their day is come, the time of their visitation [*for punishment*].

|28| The voice of them that flee and escape as fugitives out of Eretz Bavel, to declare in Tziyon the vengeance of Hashem Eloheinu, the vengeance of His Heikhal.

|29| Call together the archers against Bavel; all ye that bend the keshet, encamp against it all around; let none thereof escape; repay her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her; for she hath arrogantly defied Hashem Kadosh Yisroel.

|30| Therefore shall her bochorim fall in the streets, and all her anshei milchamah shall be destroyed in that day, saith Hashem.

|31| Hineni, I am against thee, O thou zadon (proud one), saith Adonoi Hashem Tzva'os; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee [*for punishment*].

|32| And the zadon shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up; and I will kindle an eish in his towns, and it shall devour all around him.

|33| Thus saith Hashem Tzva'os; The Bnei Yisroel and the Bnei Yehudah were oppressed together; and all that took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go.

|34| Their Go'el is chazak (strong), Hashem Tzva'os Shmo: He shall thoroughly defend their cause, so that He

may bring rest to ha'aretz, and disquiet the inhabitants of Bavel.

|35| A cherev is upon the Kasdim (Chaldeans), saith Hashem, and upon the inhabitants of Bavel, and upon her sarim, and upon her chachamim.

|36| A cherev is upon the diviners [*false prophets who practice divination*]; and they shall become fools; a cherev is upon her gibborim; and they shall be dismayed.

|37| A cherev is upon their susim, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mixed rabble that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as nashim; a cherev is upon her otzarot; and they shall be plundered.

|38| A chorev (drought) is upon her mayim; and they shall be dried up; for it is the eretz pesalim (land of idols), and they go mad over idols.

|39| Therefore the wild animals of the desert with the hyenas shall dwell in her [*Babylon*], and the ostriches shall dwell therein; and it shall be no more inhabited lanetzach (forever); neither shall it be dwelt in from dor vador.

|40| As Elohim overthrew Sodom and Amora (Gomorra) and the neighboring towns thereof, saith Hashem; so shall no ish abide there, neither shall any ben adam dwell therein.

|41| Hinei, an am (people, army) shall come from the tzafon (north), and a Goy Gadol, and melachim rabbim shall be stirred up from the ends of the earth.

|42| They shall wield keshet and spear; they are cruel, and shall show no rachamim; their voice shall roar like the yam, and they shall ride upon susim, every one put in array, like an ish for the