

much people. Shall he prosper? Shall he escape that doeth such things? Or shall he break the brit (covenant), and be delivered?

|16| As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, surely in the makom where the melech dwelleth that made him melech, whose oath he despised, whose brit he broke, even with him in the midst of Bavel he shall die.

|17| Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great kahal do anything for him in the milchamah, by casting up siege mounds, and building siegework, to cut off many nefashot.

|18| Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the brit, when, hinei, he had given his yad [*i.e., promised by oath*], and still did all these things, he shall not escape.

|19| Therefore thus saith Adonoi Hashem; As I live, surely Mine oath that he hath despised, and My Brit (covenant) that he hath broken, even it will I repay upon his own rosh.

|20| And I will spread My net upon him, and he shall be caught in My snare, and I will bring him to Bavel, and will execute justice on him there for his ma'al (unfaithfulness) that he hath been unfaithful against Me.

|21| And all his fugitives with all his troops shall fall by the cherev, and they that survive and remain shall be scattered toward kol ruach (all winds); and ye shall know that I Hashem have spoken it.

|22| Thus saith Adonoi Hashem; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will plant it; I will break off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high mountain and prominent;

|23| On the high mountain of Yisroel will I plant it; and it

shall bring forth boughs, and bear p'ri (fruit), and be a majestic cedar; and under it shall dwell kol tzippor (every bird) of every wing; in the tzel (shadow) of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

|24| And all the trees of the sadeh shall know that I Hashem have brought down the high etz (tree), have exalted the low etz (tree), have dried up the green etz (tree), and have made the etz yavesh (dry tree) to flourish. I Hashem have spoken and have done it.

18 The Devar Hashem came unto me again, saying,

|2| What mean ye, that ye use this mashal concerning Admat Yisroel, saying, Avot have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the banim are set on edge?

|3| As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this mashal in Yisroel.

|4| Behold, all nefashot are Mine; as the nefesh of the av, so also the nefesh of the ben is Mine; the nefesh that sinneth, it shall die.

|5| But if an ish be tzaddik, and do that which is mishpat and tzedakah,

|6| And hath not eaten [*sacrifices of gillulim, idols*] upon the harim, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the gillulim of Bais Yisroel, neither hath made tameh the isha of his neighbor, neither hath come near to an isha niddah,

|7| And hath not oppressed any ish, but hath restored to the debtor his chavolah (pledge, collateral), hath spoiled none by a robber's violence, hath given his lechem to the hungry, and hath covered the eirom (naked) with a garment;

|8| He that hath not loaned gelt on neshekh, neither hath taken any tarbit (interest, usury), that hath withdrawn his yad from iniquity, hath executed mishpat emes between ish and ish,

|9| Hath walked in My chukkot, and hath been shomer over My mishpatim, to do emes; he is tzaddik, he shall surely live, saith Adonoi Hashem.

|10| If he father a ben-paritz shofech dahm (a violent son who sheds blood), and that doeth the like to his brother, |11| Though he [the av] doeth none of these; he [the ben] hath eaten [*sacrifices to idols*] upon the harim, and made tameh the isha of his neighbor,

|12| Hath oppressed the oni and evyon, hath spoiled by a robber's violence, hath not restored the chavol (pledge), and hath lifted up his eyes to the gillulim, hath committed to'evah (abomination),

|13| Hath loaned gelt upon neshekh (usury), and hath taken tarbit (interest); shall he then live? He shall not live; he hath done all these to'evot; he shall surely die; his dahm shall be upon him.

|14| Now, hinei, if he father a ben, that seeth all the chattot aviv which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not like such,

|15| That hath not eaten [*sacrifices to idols*] upon the harim, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the gillulim of Bais Yisroel, hath not made tameh the isha of his neighbor,

|16| Neither hath oppressed any ish, hath not withheld the chavol (pledge), neither hath spoiled by a robber's violence, but hath given his lechem to the hungry, and hath covered the eirom (naked) with a garment,