

and her stature towered above the thick branches, and she was seen in her height amid the dense branches.

|12| But she was uprooted in chemah (fury), she was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her p'ri; her strong branches were broken and withered; the eish consumed them.

|13| And now she is planted in the midbar, in a dry and thirsty eretz.

|14| And eish is gone out of a rod of her branches, which hath devoured her p'ri, so that she hath no strong branch to be a shevet (sceptre) to rule. This is a kinah lament, and shall be for a funeral dirge.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain anashim of the zekenim of Yisroel came to inquire of Hashem, and sat before me.

|2| Then came the Devar Hashem unto me, saying,

|3| Ben adam, speak unto the zekenim of Yisroel, and say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: Are ye come to inquire of Me? As I live, saith Adonoi Hashem, I will not be inquired of by you.

|4| Wilt thou judge them, ben adam, wilt thou judge them? Cause them to know the to'avot of their avot.

|5| And say unto them, Thus saith Adonoi Hashem: In the day when I chose Yisroel, and lifted up Mine yad [*i.e., took a shevua*] unto the zera Bais Ya'akov, and made Myself known unto them in Eretz Mitzrayim, when I lifted up Mine yad unto them, saying, I am Hashem Eloheichem;

|6| In the day that I lifted up Mine yad unto them, to bring them forth from Eretz Mitzrayim into a land that I

had searched out for them, zavav cholov udevash, which is the most beautiful of all lands;

|7| Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every ish the shikkutzim before his eynayim, and make not yourselves tameh with the gillulim (idols) of Mitzrayim; I am Hashem Eloheichem.

|8| But they rebelled against Me, and would not pay heed unto Me; they did not every ish cast away the shikkutzim from before their eynayim, neither did they forsake the gillulim (idols) of Mitzrayim; then I said, I will pour out My chemah (wrath) upon them, to vent My anger against them in the midst of Eretz Mitzrayim.

|9| But I acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the Goyim, among whom they were living. In bringing them forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, in their sight I made Myself [*publicly*] known unto them.

|10| Therefore I caused them to go forth out of Eretz Mitzrayim, and brought them into the midbar.

|11| And I gave them My chukkot, and made known to them My mishpatim, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them.

|12| Moreover also I gave them My Shabbatot, to be an Ot between Me and them, that they might know that I am Hashem that set them apart as kodesh.

|13| But Bais Yisroel rebelled against Me in the midbar; they walked not in My chukkot, and they despised My mishpatim, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them; and My Shabbatot they greatly defiled; then I said, I would pour out My chemah (wrath) upon them in the midbar, to consume them.

|14| But I acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the Goyim, in whose sight I brought them out.

|15| Yet also I lifted up My Yad unto them in the midbar, that I would not bring them into ha'aretz which I had given them, zavav cholov udevash, the most beautiful of all lands; |16| Because they despised My mishpatim, and walked not in My chukkot, but profaned My Shabbatot; for their lev went after their gillulim (idols).

|17| Nevertheless since Mine eye spared them from destroying them, I did not make an end of them in the midbar.

|18| But I said unto their banim in the midbar, Walk ye not in the chukkot of avoteichem, neither be shomer over their mishpatim, nor make yourselves tameh with their gillulim (idols).

|19| I am Hashem Eloheichem; walk in My chukkot, and be shomer over My mishpatim, and do them; |20| And be shomer shabbos over My Shabbatot, keeping them kodesh; and they shall be an Ot between Me and you, that ye may know that I am Hashem Eloheichem .

|21| Notwithstanding, the banim rebelled against Me; they walked not in My chukkot, neither were shomer over My mishpatim to do them, which if ha'adam does, he shall even live in them; they profaned My Shabbatot; then I said, I would pour out My chemah (wrath) upon them, to accomplish My anger against them in the midbar.

|22| Nevertheless, I withdrew Mine yad, and acted for My Name's sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the Goyim, in